



June 2017

Michael Rapuano - Editor

## GENERAL CLUB INFORMATION

### NEXT CLUB MEETING

July 20 – 1900 at Valparaiso  
Public Library, Room 3

### UPCOMING EVENTS – July/August 2017

**June 24**

Scale Fly-In - Glen McCardle

**July 1**

Glider Social – Craig Deyerle

**July 4**

Family Picnic and Swap Meet

**TBD**

Youth Event

**July 20**

Club Meeting - Rob Campbell

**August 5**

Glider Social – Craig Deyerle

**August 17**

Club Meeting

## 2017 EAM CLUB OFFICERS

**President:**

Rob Campbell 850-499-7095

**Vice President:**

Phil Conner 850-217-5526

**Treasurer:**

Robert Pacheco

**Secretary:**

Ron Van Putte 850-243-0207

**Member at Large:**

Craig Deyerle

## Message from the President

By Robert Campbell

Hello Everyone:

It's hard to believe 2017 is almost half over. Ron van Putte, Curt Oberg, John Fuqua and I just got back from the Peach Pattern Classic in Andersonville, Georgia. I was thrilled with the feedback I received from Phil Conner and Mike Holderness on the Eglin Connects event. Ten club members showed and handed out about 200 flyers with info for the club and the scale fly-in and there are at least two serious prospects for new members. All of this is extremely good news. I wish I could have attended, but I committed to serve as contest director for the Peach contest almost a year before we received word about Eglin Connects.

Even though the year is half finished, we have plenty of activities on the books for the rest of the year. Coming up immediately is the Fourth-of-July family Picnic and Tailgate Swap Meet. The format this year is potluck. The club will provide drinks. However, unfortunately, the club can't afford to provide any more than that this year. We lost about 50 members from 2016 going into 2017, which represents a loss of income from dues of about \$2,000. I encourage everyone to come out, bring food, and let's have fun, despite the budget shortfall.

Another event I need to mention this month is the upcoming swap meet. If you missed the May meeting, the club approved a swap meet for Saturday, November 18th. The location is the Niceville Community Center, on Partin drive, in the city complex, between the library and the children's park. Chirrs Mikles and I went over the layout with the community center staff and it looks like we can get 41 tables. Chris has done a lot of groundwork, but he can't make this happen by himself. We are going to need club members to help execute the event. First off, we need one or two people to serve as the primary points-of-contact to answer phone calls and e-mails on the event. We need someone to track reservations and payments. And, on the day of the event, we need club members to work shifts collecting admission fees and collecting donations. Chris and I believe if we can sell all the tables and get a good draw from up to a 3-hour drive, we can make a good profit and help the club's finances for 2018. The membership voted unanimously for this event at the May meeting. Chris

and I have things about 90% planned. Now, it's up to the members to support it. If this goes off as well as we suspect, we should be able to restore full funding to our activities next year and not have to ask for an increase in the club dues. So, please support this and let's get the club well financially for 2018.

See you at the field.

Rob

## **Eglin Aero Modellers Regular Monthly Meeting Meeting Minutes**

**By Ron Van Putte**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by the president, Rob Campbell, with 19 present.

There were no visitors.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved as published on the club's website.

The club treasury contains \$7821.34. Robert Pacheco presented the Treasurer's report, which was approved as presented.

Craig Deyerle discussed the Counter sUAS testing which was conducted 11-18 May.

Volunteers were sought for the Team Eglin Connect event at the Foster Stadium area at Eglin AFB on 1 June. Rob encouraged club members to

apply for AMA contest director positions, in order to have a bigger base of contest directors within the club.

Chris Mikles recommended having a swap meet in the fall. It was moved, seconded and passed to hold a swap meet at the Niceville Civic Center on November 19th, if the date was open.

The Scale Flying will be on 24 June. Glen McCardle will be heading it up.

It was agreed that a tailgate swap meet will be included in the July 4th picnic.

Ray Seip alerted the club members about FAA's FAR 107.

Robert Pacheco announced that Boy Scout aviation merit badge event will be held on 5 August NWFS.

An incident regarding sUAS flying at the club flying field and subsequent contact with Site and Base representatives regarding it was reported.

Fred Carnes demonstrated his Mentor control line aircraft.

The sole Model of the Month candidate was Joe Shearer (World Models Frontier Senior). He WON!

The sole SAD patch nominee was Mark Pfeiffer (Ugly Stick 40). He WON!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Ron Van Putte, secretary

### **Meeting Attendees**

Rob Campbell  
Keith Stephens  
Robert Pacheco  
Chris Milkes  
Ron Van Putte  
Joe Shearer  
Romeo Wright  
Mark Pfeiffer  
Roger Gilman  
Herb Hardwick  
Ray Seip  
Paul Doman  
Chris Kime  
Ron Spaid  
Phil Conner  
Craig Deyerle  
Glen McCardle

### **Recognition Model-of-the- Month**

**By Robert Pacheco**

Joe Shearer – World Models Frontier Senior.

### **SAD Patch By Robert Pacheco**

Mark Pfeiffer – Ugly Stick 40.

June 10, 2017 Don Hollfelder Memorial Saturday Sailplane Social  
by Craig Deyerle

Six fliers showed up for the social. Lance Ropke was under the weather and Buddy Bradley chose to attend his daughter's wedding, since he was paying for it, rather than hang around with us. Go figure! The wind forecast was 7-9 mph from the east at the start going to southeast toward midday. So, we set the turn-around to the southeast. Early on the wind was light from the ENE, so we launched in a bit of a downwind. Later the wind did move around the southeast as promised. The sky had puffy cumulous clouds.

The club winch worked great. We had one line break on the first launch (it actually came untied from the bearing).

I'm not going to discuss round by round because I really don't remember. I flew my Xplorer 4.0 on a practice flight at 0845 and maxed, with 75 landing points. It was my second-best flight of the day. After we finished, I launched and flew for 15 minutes, including inverted, loops, rolls, and then forced it down. I only make 50 points. Alas, the flights in-between during the actual social, lacked a certain something.

There was good air. Jerry Baxter generally flew west and north, drifting downwind in lift. Larry Pitts tended to work south, then west. Mark Owens flew, like me, south, southeast, and east. Unlike me, he found lift. I didn't see where Robert flew as I was flying my machine while he was airborne.

It is with sorrow I must note that Jim Hartley, in the first round, flew southeast, then drifted back over the trees between the launch point and the taxiway. I noted his location and was about to yell "trees" when he stalled and dipped below line of sight. I saw the aircraft through branched in a right bank, headed north. The impact was audible to all. Jim retired to look for his aircraft while the rest of us flew. We stopped flying after the fourth round and all of us went looking. We had a good bearing, 045 from the launch site, and estimated it was in the vicinity of the taxiway. After a 30-minute search, Mark found the aircraft six feet up in the tree, 15 yards east of the taxiway, just south of the bearing we had. The fuselage was split in two half way between the wing trailing edge and the tail. The right-wing tip panel had a four-inch divot taken out of the leading edge. It is fixable.

There is a theory that the Jim's crash was Lance and/or Buddy's fault. Mark was timing for Jim. We are convinced that had Lance or Buddy been timing, that they would never have let Jim get so low over the trees.

Despite Jim's unfortunate encounter, it was a good day. Get a sailplane and come on out!

Name	Aircraft	Round 1				Round 2			
		min	sec	land	score	min	sec	land	score
Jerry Baxter	Shadow 2 3.6m	7	0	0	420	7	1	90	509
Mark Owens	MAXA	7	3	75	492	7	3	95	512
Larry Pitts	Espada RL	3	28	0	208	5	43	20	363
Craig Deyerle	Xplorer X1 3.5m	3	27	0	207	4	29	15	284
Robert Pacheco	Xplorer X2.5 3.5m	1	40	75	175	6	50	25	435
Jim Hartley	Xplorer XZ 3.5m	2	45	0	165	DNF			0

Name	Aircraft	Round 3				Round 4				Total	Place	Flight Time (sec)
		min	sec	land	score	min	sec	land	score			
Jerry Baxter	Shadow 2 3.6m	7	2	0	418	4	34	0	274	1621	1	1531
Mark Owens	MAXA	2	23	0	143	7	5	0	415	1562	2	1392
Larry Pitts	Espada RL	7	1	40	459	7	8	0	412	1442	3	1382
Craig Deyerle	Xplorer X1 3.5m	3	25	80	285	6	36	50	446	1222	4	1077
Robert Pacheco	Xplorer X2.5 3.5m	2	28	0	148	5	17	50	367	1125	5	975
Jim Hartley	Xplorer XZ 3.5m	DNF			0	DNF			0	165	6	165