



Eagles' News

President's Column

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Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday November 6th at St. James Church at 7:30pm.**

The moon is up, it's getting late, let's get ready to celebrate. It's pajama time. Oh, wait a minute, that's just some runoff from story-time with my son. It is getting late though and I haven't received anything from Bruce yet for this month's newsletter so I thought I'd wing it. I don't know if we'll hear from him for the next month or so, now that the Patriots win streak is over.

I wasn't able to make it to this year's Toys for Tots event due to a wedding that I needed to attend. Trust me though, I would have had a much better time out flying than making feeble attempts to enjoy myself at a wedding where I didn't know anybody and which was also held during game 1 of the World Series with the Red Sox playing. With 86 prior years, they had to pick this one to get married. I did manage to speak with Joe Marrone about the event though when I was at the shop a few days ago and he had mentioned that the weather was pretty good for the event which was surprising being that the day before was an incredibly windy and groggy day. He had also mentioned that the club had collected in the range of \$300+ dollars during the event as well. Going back to last year's newsletter I am happy to report that is three times what we were able to

collect last year. Maybe the economy is doing better. Maybe I do have more money than I thought in my checking account that my wife is hiding from me. Maybe I will be getting a new plane for Christmas this year!

As a final note, don't forget to vote in the election on Tuesday. In case you forget, that's the day that your kids are at home screaming in your ear since they don't have school.

Speaking of elections, I also noticed a reminder in last year's newsletter at this time to remember club elections as well. It's still a couple of months away, but we've got several positions where the incumbent has been on for

several years now and a couple of new faces would probably give some of us a break. Personally, I feel like I'm getting worse at this newsletter every month. Maybe it's just me though. I haven't heard any complaints in almost a year now even though I feel like I'm on a bad streak with getting it out late. Those receiving by email probably don't notice it since technology gives me a day or two leeway. It's those that rely on my stamping and running down to the copy shop that really suffer!

Time for me to hit the hay...hope to see you at the field if I ever get there myself.

Mark

What's Happening This Month:

- 3rd Club Meeting 7:30 pm at the church
- 7th Eagles Cup "Surprise Event" 10am at the field
- 14th CRRC Auction 12:00pm in Natick, MA
- 21st Central MA RC Auction 10:00pm @ VFW in Oxford, MA



October Eagles Cup "Egg Drop"

By: Dave Beach

Ask Dick Stuke or Mark Devins about the friggin gigantic moose that snuck up behind them last Friday.

It was a beautiful October morning. The air was crisp but not too cold. There was a steady breeze coming from the North. The Eagles Cup competition was "Egg Drop" and the competitors were ready. The field was already littered with egg shells (and pieces of a Twist?) from countless practice drops done by eager competitors just the day before.

Put a cup on your plane with popsicle sticks and rubber bands. Take off, make a 180 degree turn, drop your egg on the spot. How hard could that be? Well, the spot was 'protected' by about 15 feet of PVC pipe to discourage low-level attacks. And the spot was placed a bit further from the flight line than was apparently expected (based on the practice sessions). And then you had to deal with a bright sun in the eyes!

Jay Francis was first up. He had a very competitive practice drop earlier in the morning, but jitters of his first competition apparently passed on to transmitter sticks because his cup was empty when it got over the target.

Next up was Brian Redmond, who nonchalantly dropped his egg near the target and landed in a cool 42 seconds. A good showing, but 'beatable' by prior Eagles Cup standards. It wasn't close enough to the target to get the crowd buzzing, but as it turned out, it was close enough to take first place that day.

Brian Henderson was next with his new Cessna. As with Jay, no one saw the egg leave the plane but nor did one pop out on his ejection maneuver. Brian landed his plane at the one minute and two seconds mark, only to find the egg still in the cup!

I was up next, flying the 'old' club trainer (thanks again, Bruce). The egg popped out when I wanted, but just outside of Brian Redmond's mark.

Then comes Bruce... I guess Bruce's plane was fitted with a high altitude bomb site. The egg popped out while the plane was quite high and well past the end of the field, but in the near endless free-fall the egg found it's way toward the target and landed on the field. Bruce successfully landed in exactly one minute, and completed all aspects of the competition. Well done!

Contestant	Points	Distance	Time
Brian Redmond	10	Tape + 8	:42
David Beach	9	Tape + 12	:44
Bruce Gruenbaum	7	Tape + 72	:49
Bob Terry	8	Tape + 14	1:00
Brian Henderson	6		1:02
Jay Francis	5		1:51

Contestant	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Top 6	Total
Dave Beach	9	10	8	7	10	3	10	6	9			56	72
Bob Terry	6	9	10	5	7	8	9	9	8			53	71
Brian Henderson	8	8	5	6	0				6			33	33
Chris Frost	3	7	6	10	5	9	8					45	48
Duane Mallows	10	6										16	16
Brian Redmond	5	3	7	8	8	6			10			39	47
Joe Burdzy			9	9	9	10		7				44	44
Dave Majchrzak	6	2			7	4						19	19
Tom Ayres	4	4			3	7						18	18
Jim Burns	7											7	7
Mark Duckworth			5									5	5
Bob Sylvester			5									5	5
Bruce Gruenbaum		5				5	7	8	7			32	32
Jerry Leach					5							5	5
Dorian Goden								10				10	10

October Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:29pm by Bruce Gruenbaum

Approximately 22 members present.

New Members: 0

Visitors: Jim (Dave B's friend)

Officers Reports

President : Bruce Gruenbaum

- Container: Shane McCoughlin (sp?) consulted. Looks like container company is renegeing. Shane to call the container company. Asked club to find out what happened at container delivery time. We got a backhoe to put container in place. Recommended to settle out of court. Bank check will be held onto until resolution.
- Bruce read Joel's Float fly report: 14 registrants. Spent \$90 on trophies. ~\$30 in miscellaneous expenses. No 50/50 raffle. Event report will be going to AMA Joel recommended to re-elect Don Krafft.
- Our website received a very positive review in a local paper.
- Toys for Tots is on Oct 17. Bob Brodeur to get in touch with Great Planes for donation.
- Dec Meeting is the Yankee swap.
- Frozen Finger Fun Fly is set for Jan 9th. Dave Beach said he submitted CD paperwork. Its currently waiting for Don Krafft's approval. Event registration has been sent in.
- Club Dinner at the Ground Round on Jan 30th. Jim Austin mentioned that GR is not scheduling that far in advance yet. Same buffet as last year.

VP : Dave Beach

- Eagles Cup ranking in newsletter is in error. Corrections to be made on website.
- Thanks to the instructors. Nick Joyce has solo'd.

Treasurer : Jim Austin

- Treasury reported. 93 members, 87 gallons of fuel.
- Today's raffle is for a wing jig
- Please submit 2004 expenses ASAP.
- AMA renewals for 2005 are being processed. Renew you club membership when your AMA card comes in

Secretary : Dave Majchrzak

- Charles River Auction on.
- Central Mass RC Auction on.
- TFT donations: 3x \$10 from Tower Hobbies, 2x Vortech spinners from Dave Brown Products, 3x 30% off coupons from Robart. 9x 1 year subscriptions from Air Age Media. Sig said no. Great planes said we need a dealers sponsorship.
- TFT ads have shown up in Merrimack Journal, Merrimack News connection and should show up in Nashua Telegraph and Manchester Union Leader.
- Jerry Leach mentioned that the Marines prefer cash over toys. KBToys gives the Marines a discount.

Field Marshall: Gary Aubin

- This Sunday : field cleanup at 10am

Safety Tip of the Month

Land your plane immediately if you sense control surface flutter

TOP TEN REALLY STUPID EXCUSES TO TELL YOUR WIFE WHY YOU'RE GOING FLYING ON YOUR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY...

- #10 - "Well Hon, it's the Summer Solstice and the longest day of the year..."
- #9 - "Awe Honey, there'll be other Silver Wedding Anniversaries..."
- #8 - "Look, I'll come back from the field early and we'll do McDonalds, okay?"
- #7 - "Now you know this is my usual flying day..."
- #6 - "I'll make it up to you next year, honest. Just remind me a week before..."
- #5 - "But heck Honey, it's Top Gun!"
- #4 - "It's not that I don't love you, dear, it's just that I haven't got this damn engine set up right yet..."
- #3 - "Of course you guys are the center of my life. You, the kids, and the Extra 230..."
- #2 - "Well, you know, I never said anything before, but that one's really your plane, and I want to make sure it flies okay... yeah, yeah, that's the ticket..."
- #1 - "Well, you can come with me! I need someone to hold the plane..."

TOP TEN IMPOSSIBLE CHRISTMAS WISH LIST FOR 1995...

- #10 - Peace on Earth and Quiet Pipes on all Ducted Fans.
- #9 - A fuel pump that doesn't need replacing every six months.
- #8 - A Virtual Reality headset with a camera in the plane.
- #7 - Multi-cylinder engines that cost a hundred bucks.
- #6 - JPX gives me a free jet engine to review for the Penguin.
- #5 - Brakes on all my planes.
- #4 - The R/C Faerie installs scale landing lights on all my planes while I sleep.
- #3 - A 1/4 Scale B-17 with original nude nose art.
- #2 - The Girl who posed for the B-17 nose art.
- #1 - All the girls from Baywatch come by the airfield and think my models and I are ever so cute.

CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2004

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Minutes Cont'd

Safety Officer: Chris Frost

- Please be careful of flightline violations
- Eagles Cup: Bob Terry is CDing Balloon Bust Slalom. Volunteers for next year needed.

Newsletter Editor : Mark Devins

- Absent

Old Business

- Al Fischer: Please bring in VHS tapes
- Jerry Leach: Toys for Tots: Volunteers needed for the day at the TX impound, food, instructors, setup. Marines have been contacted. Tables and chairs to be picked up at Wasserman park on Friday. Bob LaCroix to get the sound truck. Jim Reath (RA Cores) might not be coming.

New Business

- Stratton Gatzimos: Presented information on a portable wind sock to the club.
- Officers meeting at Jim Austin's house

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Flying Eagles On the 'Net

Web site: www.snhflyingeagles.org

Group email: groups.yahoo.com/group/snhflyingeagles
(click the "Join this group!" link)

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P.S.

Jim would like to mention that all receipts for reimbursement for the current year should be presented to him prior to the end of the year. In the past, he has allowed flexibility in this matter, but it has always been a hassle for him to reconcile. This year, he would appreciate it if everyone who needs to be reimbursed would do so ASAP.

Gary would also like to thank everyone who helped with the Fall cleanup prior to the Toys for Tots Fly In.

Yippeee for the Red Sox, let's have a party.

Thanks and hope to see you at the field,
Mark