

# The Monthly Newsletter of the Eugene RC Aeronauts Flying Club



# RC AEROGRAM

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Next Club Meeting – Tues, January 21, 2025  
at River Road Abby's Pizza.

## From Our President



Notice from our Landowner:

Hi Guys, recently I have had issues with people driving past the runway and moving the pallets blocking the road. I didn't really feel it was an R/C Aeronauts issue. Sunday, I caught someone down there and he informed me that he was shooting his new KELTEC. He then proceeded to tell me that he was on BLM Land. I assure you I addressed this entire situation

and wasn't nice about it. No BLM land out here. He then informed me that he flies airplanes out here. I asked if he was a member, and he said he flies with a friend who is a member. That told me, no, he is not a member. I never got a name during my tirade at him. He quickly got out of there! Cars beyond the gravel in the mud makes me start twitching. 🤨

In the summer no big deal. But not in the winter.

I think the bigger deal was the firearm without my permission. You all know I'm a gun nut. But I'm a shotgun guy as a rule. Shooting pistols and rifles is another story. The ground is so flat and there is no backdrop and the bullets carry a longer ways. The new neighbor behind me has fenced in the pasture and has cattle to boot. Probably the complete lack of respect is what bothers me the most. I really don't believe it's a current member. I encourage you to take pictures of any vehicle that goes down there and send it to me. I will also be installing trail cameras down at the roads end. I will be keeping an eye out for a newer silver Ford Crew Cab with plates 17076. I also encourage everyone to make sure you are flying with actual members.

Thank you for your help and understanding.

Mike Burgess

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# Secretary and Treasurers report

Martin Booth

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## ERCA Members 2025

### Officers:

**President: Roger Dahl**

**Vice President: Al Barrington**

**Secretary/Treasurer: Martin Booth**

**Safety Officer: Brian Ostlind**

As of January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025: 29 Members renewed

Bell, Cecil	Hansen, Donnel	Rawson, Paul
Berger, Andrew	Hoard, Wayne	Risbrough, John
Burgess, Mike	Leavitt, Lester	Sinclair, Dan
Carlstrom, Dave	Lutz, Jeff	Thomas, Dave
Corbett, James	Mattox, Monty	Thomas, James
Edwards, Warren	McClellan, Gary	Von Moos, Larry
Fenner, Dave	Milbrett, Ken	Winz, Roger
Firth, Peter	Petrie, John	Yarbrough, GERALD
Graham, Mel		

The following members from 2024 have not renewed for 2025 (38):

Anderson, Wally	Goracke, Carl	Shay, Tristan
Bailey, Aaron	Gutierrez, Samar	Smith, Gary
Bergeron, Rick	Hansen, Augustus	Stuart, Jim
Blain, Frank	Hiatt, Sam	Thompson, AJ
Bruckner, Cale	Hiner, Kurt	Webster, Wade
Carmichael, Jesse	Hokenson, Ron	Werneth, Brad
Clark, Jefferson	Johnston, Gerald	Williams, Dale
Clark, Shaun	Lee, Mike	Willis, Hudson
Cook, Doyle	Madison, Rod	Willis, Oliver
Dalebout, Anthony	Monsen, Samuel	Willis, Pat
Funk, Brian	O'Donnell, Chuck	Wilson, Kyle
Funk, Robert	Ostlind, Ben	Wilson, Sean
Giessen, Mark	Schiltz, Don	

- We can move to creating membership badges and mailing them out on receipt of member dues.

## Treasurers Report January 2025

Balance:	December 7th, 2024	\$7,546.20
Expenses:	Jim - Field Supplies Q4 2024	\$145.01
	Swap meet insurance	\$30.00
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$175.01</b>
Income:	2025 Dues & new member fees	\$639.96
	Swap meet table fees	\$299.17
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$939.13</b>
Balance:	January 11th, 2025	\$8,310.32

Hello fellow flyers,

Hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year.

- 25 members have renewed for 2025 so far. With our 4 club officers, that gives us a membership count of 29 people. 38 members from 2024 have not yet renewed. Andy Berger joined ERCA at the end of December. Welcome to the club Andy!
- The club officers and event manager (Ken) have put together a schedule for 2025 events. (See **coming events**) in this newsletter.
- Martin has put together a summary of the club's income and expenses for 2024. If anyone wants to dig in deeper or has any specific questions, please let Martin know.
- Martin is proposing a change to the club's bylaws to move membership to 12-month annual membership, rather than the current calendar year-based model. See the details below. This has several advantages:
  - It reduces the workload for processing membership renewals, as they will not all happen in the same couple of months each year.
  - We can investigate things like multi-year membership renewals (like the AMA offers).
  - We do not have to prorate membership at all.
  - Members could renew their club membership at the same time as they renew their AMA membership if they wish.

A couple of members have asked about why we do calendar year-based membership when many organizations (including the AMA) have moved to membership based on enrollment date.

I am considering proposing at the January meeting that we move to membership based on 12 months from enrollment date.

All existing members would still have a renewal date of 12/31 but for new members moving forwards we can have their membership go from the date they enroll for a whole 12 months. For example, someone joining on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025, would have their membership renewal on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026. This would reduce the renewal workload at the end of the calendar year and will mean we will not need to pro-rate the first year for new members who join in the middle of the year. That's always felt a little odd to me.

Our membership rules are enshrined in the by-laws, so this would require amending the by-laws. I wanted to run my proposed changes to the by-laws past the club officers before proposing them at the January meeting.

If they look okay, I can announce the proposal at the January and February meetings, and then we can go for a vote at the March meeting. The rules for changing the By-laws are details in Article X of the By-Laws:

### ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

Section 1: No part of these By-Laws shall be repealed, altered, annulled or amended, unless a proposition, in writing, be made at two regular meetings prior to the time of its being acted upon. If two-thirds of the members present vote in favor of such proposed amendment, it shall be adopted.

My proposed changes are detailed in the attached document, highlighted in yellow.

I would also propose to move to having the membership expiry date on the membership card (rather than the current approach of putting the year on the card).

Let me know what you guys think. Is this a suitable change? Is there anything unclear in the proposed new wording for the by-laws? Thanks, Martin

**From our Safety Officer:** Please confirm your AMA membership is current for 2025. Thank you. **Brian Ostlind**



## Field Maintenance Jim Corbett

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Field care/News: **WINTER FLYING RULES**

During November, December, January and February on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays no flying is allowed prior to NOON  
**DO NOT ARRIVE AT THE FIELD BEFORE NOON**

*My thanks to last year's watering and mowing crew: David Fenner, Jeff Lutz, Dave Carlstrom, Martin Booth, Dave Thomas, Wayne Hoard, Al Barrington, Brad Werneth, Don Schiltz, Roger Dahl and Les Leavitt. We could use a couple more volunteers for the morning put away crew.*

*We have had a visit from the local Elk herd, use caution where you land with small wheels.*

### Coming Events: Save these dates

- **Tue Jan 21** - Club meeting (At Abby's)
- **February 15th** - Swap Meet  
- Venue: Irving Grange
- **Tue Feb 18** - Club meeting (At Abby's)
- **Tue Mar 18** - Club meeting (At Abby's)
- **Sat Apr 19** - Club meeting (At the airfield)
- **Sat May 17** - Club meeting (At the airfield)
- **Mon May 26** - Memorial Day fun fly
- **Sat Jun 21** - Club meeting (At the airfield)
- **Fri Jul 4** - Warbird fly in
- **Sat Jul 19** - Club meeting (At the airfield)
- **Sat Aug 16** - Club meeting (At the airfield)
- **Aug 22-24** - MonsterFest
- **Mon Sep 1** - Labor Day fun fly
- **Sat Sep 20** - Club meeting (At the airfield)
- **Sat Oct 18** - Club meeting (At the airfield)
- **Tue Nov 18** - Club meeting (At Abby's)
- **(No December Club meeting)**

There are **not** a lot of tables left for the **Swap Meet, Feb 15th**. If anyone wants one, contact me quickly to reserve one.  
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Thanks,  
Ken

**Happy Birthday!**  
**To all members born in the month of January**

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