

Eastern Idaho Aeromodelers

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We are an AMA chartered R/C model aviation club located west of Pocatello near the Pocatello Regional Airport. Our flying field officially named Geisler Field is on an eight acre parcel which includes a 400 X 44 foot paved runway surrounded by lawn turf on both sides. Eastern Idaho Aeromodelers club meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month at the Marshal Public Library, 113 S. Garfield, Pocatello at 7 PM except during summer months the meetings are held at our club's flying site, Geisler Field. Visiting spectators and AMA R/C pilots in good standing are welcomed at our flying site.

Dear EIAM Members,

Recently, the EIAM Board met and made the decision to suspend monthly meetings until further notice. I am disappointed to report this, however, it is felt it will be the safest thing to do for our members. Now that I have the bad news over, I am excited to report several new positive developments in the club. First and foremost, we finally have a working EIAM website and Facebook page! Our heartfelt thanks to Scott Elliott and his staff at Color Box Media LLC for donating their time and resources to make this happen. This is a project that has finally come to fruition and will help us immensely in furthering the hobby in this area. Like any website, we have to make sure we keep it current with content. Newsletter Editor Dave Leffler will explain how we will accomplish that in this month's newsletter. Dave will be giving you the links to view the site.

As most everyone is aware, a new asphalt runway will cost too much money, therefore, we will continue to maintain it to the best of our ability. Last Fall, we spent approximately \$1400 dollars to seal gaping cracks that were damaging landing gears. We will continue to do this kind of maintenance as needed. Although it is showing wear, we are fortunate to have this great runway to enjoy our hobby. Our next challenge is to maintain the lawn turf to allow for soft belly and larger scale landings. Like our runway, we have this great turf to use and it also needs maintenance. We have not seen any vole damage this year, so hopefully, we can fill the existing vole burrows this spring to make for a smoother landing surface. To help with this, we are trying to get AMA grant

funding for an improved sprinkler system. The AMA Flying Site Improvement Grant has been submitted for draft review and I should hear from AMA this week concerning our FSIG grant application and how to improve it. We will then put the final polish on it and submit it to AMA for final submission. This grant is to obtain funding to significantly improve the sprinkler system at the field. If funded, we will add two more sprinkler stations for more efficient irrigation. We will also replace the current valve box with a more sturdy and rodent proof system. We should hear from AMA in April whether we were award grant funding. Keep your fingers crossed!

As everyone realizes, our field is crucial to our club's existence. I will prioritize it's maintenance so all of us can continue to have a great experience at the EIAM Don Geisler Field. Thanks and please contact me if you have any ideas in making our club a greater organization.

Ed Gygli
President
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As Ed was saying we now have a working Web Page at PocatelloRC.com. This is one of two web address available to us and the public, once all efforts are complete the second web address will be EasternIdahoAeromodelers.com of witch will be the official club web address. Both websites will take you to the same web page. The new website and Eastern Idaho Aeromodelers Facebook page are linked together. Also as Ed mentioned, we are looking for the club's photos of finished and unfinished projects as well as field activities be posted on the web photo page to inspire new comers and to entice current pilots to stop and visit our field. If you are willing to have any of your photos published please email them to me or any club officers and we will get them onto the website. If you see any changes that could help with the use of the web page please let one of the club officers know.

With not having any meetings until we can hold them outside, please check the "Calendar of Events" on the website to stay current on any new events listed.

Thanks

Dave