

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 Pocatello Air Terminal 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,

Last Friday, I was contacted by Allen Evans, Pocatello Municipal Airport Manager. Allen told me Morton Buildings of Morton, Illinois is constructing a steel building manufacturing plant close to our field. The plant will be located on Boeing Avenue, between the Pocatello Trap Club and the EIAM Field. Currently, the Morton Buildings plant complex is far enough away from our field that we should not have any problem with flying over Morton buildings. However, the Morton Plant requires a power line which will be constructed on Boeing Avenue. This Idaho Power line will be constructed on an easement that is on the north side of Boeing Avenue. Please see the attached photo depicting the proposed route of the power line for reference. This power line will be a single line similar to the power line on the south end of our field, by the grain pile. The line will be 45 feet high. In other words, we will have a power line to navigate under on the north side of the runway. It is unclear where the power poles will be located, however, Allen Evans and I will be communicating with Idaho Power to hopefully deter the placement of these poles directly in the approach at the end of the runway.

My first reaction to this news was grim. I inquired about the possibility of an underground line and was told it is too cost prohibitive. After giving it much thought, I am going to be positive about this development. Of course, we would all prefer this power line to not be constructed, however, we have no control over this.

All this being said, if the poles are placed in a manner to not obstruct our flight approach, I think we will all adapt to this development.

I'm sorry to deliver this news to you. I will keep you apprised of developments as they occur.

Ed Gygli

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As with each year we do not have a December club meeting so we hope to see you at the January meeting. I expect it to be at the Pocatello Air Terminal, I will update the meeting location in the January newsletter.

Marry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year.

Dave