

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,

Hi, Everyone. Little has changed since our last EIAM Meeting at the Pocatello Regional Airport, with exception of a meeting with Morton Buildings. Justin Reyburn and Richard Hinman, Morton Buildings Project Managers met with Colin Jackson and I regarding Geisler Field. We were able to show them how, what, and where we fly at Geisler Field. I felt it was a positive meeting and it alleviated any anguish on Morton Buildings behalf. We will continue to have frequent interaction with Mr Reyburn and Hinman, keeping the lines of communication open.

As a result, I think we will still be able to fly over the Morton Buildings property line similar to where we have in the past. More on this will be released soon when Morton Buildings Legal Department reviews our various FAA letters of agreement, City Lease, and club by-laws.

After the installation of the new Idaho Power line in March, we are unable to fly gas airplanes at Geisler Field. We are also unable to fly any model aircraft in close proximity to the new power line. Close proximity will most likely be defined as under, over, and around the power line. We will still be able to fly 400' AGL over the line. Until the new power line goes in, please feel free to fly as we have always done in the past.

At our last meeting, I invited anyone who is interested in finding an alternate field in the Bannock/Power County area to contact me. Those interested will most likely be involved in working with government and/or private landowners to locate and build a new field. Please call me if you are interested.

In the meantime, we will be working at developing the Annex Field on MacDonaldville Road in Bingham County. This field will require us to work with Bingham County and the Bureau of Land Management as we make improvements at this field. The immediate improvements will most likely be:

- Runway striping
- Runway Surface Maintenance
- Fence Repair
- Access road reroute
- Starter tables
- Signage
- Naming the Field
- Flight Operations/Rules

Please be thinking of how we can improve this field. Depending on weather, most likely, March's meeting will be held on a weekend with a site visit to the Annex Field. More on that to follow.

With the recent developments at Geisler Field, The Annex Field has quickly become front and center in allowing our members to continue gas flight. I am excited for it's potential. It is an AMA insured field.

In regard to February's meeting, I will be out of state until March 1 and won't be able to attend. I would like to cancel the February meeting until we can plan a site visit to MacDonaldville Field in early March.

In conclusion, I want to remain optimistic and thank all of you for your positive attitudes. I will continue to keep you apprised of developments.

Sincerely,

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