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The Editors Corner

We have had a nice warm early spring but mother nature sure has brought the winds along. The field looks in good shape and the new Geotex runway section held up fine over the winter. You will see in the minutes of the March meeting that the club approved allowing AMA Park Pilot member to join the club. This has already resulted in one new member, Steve Russell. He has a park flyer and has flown it a couple of time at the field. He is in the process of upgrading to a full AMA member and has purchased an Apprentice electric plane and will start working on his level 2 in April.

The annual right of spring in RC Modeling is coming up April 1-3 in Toledo, Ohio. This is the largest RC model expo in the USA. All the manufacturers are present to show off the latest and greatest and there is a big display of expertly built aircraft. It is about a 4 hour drive via Ft. Wayne. If you have never been it needs to be on your bucket list. You can see all about the show on their website www.toledoshow.com.

We have several club events coming up. We are going to host an All electric flyin on April 30. We also have the 4H program starting and need support for many club members for this event. We are bringing back the Air Show for 2016 with a new date and a new format with the Air Show in the morning and open flying in the afternoon. We also have a Toys for Tots event in August. The Indiana Wing of the Commemorative Air Force is hosting a Warbird Expo at Mt. Comfort Airport June 17/18 (www.warbirdexpo.com) and we have been asked to setup a display of our aircraft. This will be a good opportunity to promote the club.

We will be doing the indoor flying at the church again before the April 4th meeting at 6pm

If you have any new projects please bring them to the club meeting to show the members.

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The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 4th at Trinity Park Church

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Minutes of Meeting—March 7, 2016

Meeting was opened by Pres Jack Sallade at 7:05—21 members present

Treasurer's report—Currently have 39 paid members—2015 final membership was 63

Vice president report—George gave update on the “Tree house project”. Owner will return plane when he is back in town. He is trying to purchase the house north of his property. Has an agreement with the town on a contractor for design of the sewers.

President report—Jack and George met with the Shelby County Parks board concerning flying “Drones” in Shelby County parks. They are looking to our club to help with establishing rules and possibly certifying Drone pilots prior to allowing them fly in county parks. This is just in the early stages.

A proposal was made to modify the field rules that would allow AMA Park Pilot members to join the club and after successfully performing a check flight with a “Park flyer plane” and a review of the applicable AMA and club rules with any club officer or instructor they would be allowed to fly at the field without an instructor. This proposal was approved by a unanimous vote of the members present at the meeting.

Review of upcoming events— see events section of the newsletter

Discussion on potential projects at the field: need to replace some of the wood around the flower bed and a few top rails on the safety fence, need to update new member packet, replace sign over flower bed, move sign on US52.

Discussion on having name tags for members—Steve Howard will look into cost.

Show and tell: -Steve Howard had a 101” wingspan motor glider with fiberglass fuselage ; Jack Sallade showed an Aeroworks BD-5 electric

Meeting was closed at 8:15

Prez Sez

New Field Rules, Instructors needed, and Cleanup needed

With increasing membership always top of mind, I recently requested the standing committee take up the issue of allowing AMA park flyer pilots to fly at our field and also to allow all members to fly such aircraft even before the member has met the requirements for the level 2 achievement. To that end, I drafted a suggestion for a field rules change and the committee met shortly before the March meeting to discuss. What came out of that was then presented to the membership at the March club meeting and adopted by the club.

The rule change is in Section B of the ByLaws, rule 13. It is updated on the website in case you want to read for yourself but the intent is as follows. All members can fly park flyer aircraft as defined by AMA (basically 2lbs flying weight or less and maximum speed of 60mph) even before reaching level 2 once an instructor or club officer has determined they know the rules and can keep their aircraft in front of the flight stations!

This allows new members who are AMA Open members to get more stick time while they are working toward their level 2 designation and in many cases continue what they are already doing (flying their park flyer aircraft) except now they can do so at our field.

It also means that Park Flyer AMA pilots can join our club and fly their park flyer qualified aircraft as full members. Hopefully this removes any perceived barriers to these folks joining and enjoying our club. In theory they could even advance through the levels while maintaining their park flyer status.

On another topic, it's finally warming up and flying season is just about to swing into gear (if we can ever get some dry days with sub 20mph winds!). With the start of the new season we already have a couple of new members who need some assistance. Can you help? Please let me know if you have an interest in instructing. You remember the guys who gave up their flying time to help you make those first flights, right? Can you make some time to help out?

Finally, we will soon start our annual spring cleanup at the field. We have a number of small projects that need to be accomplished in order to keep the field looking good. Please watch your email for information on when we will be having a "field day". Please help if you can. I'd like to have the field cleanup done before our first event coming up on April 30th. I'm hoping we will have a few visitors at that event and every visitor is a potential member so we want to have the field in top shape. Thanks in advance for your help.

See you at the field soon.

Jack Sallade

President, IRCM

Do you have a DX Series Spektrum Transmitter?

If you have one of the DX series transmitters then you need to look at the forum on RCgroups that has over 36,000 posts concerning this series transmitters. There is a huge amount of information about programming and many very experienced people to answer questions. The programmer for the Airware software, Andy Kunz, is a regular contributor to this forum. If you have not updated to the latest version of firmware and voice prompts you are missing a lot of new features. Spektrum keeps adding new features all the time and this forum keeps you up on these updates or any issues. You can find the link below:

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=1967153>

From our VP

Work continues on the "Tree House" project to the north of our field. We need to really consider this area as a NO-FLY zone and stay well south from that area. We need to keep a good relationship with our neighbor to the north.

AMA has this quote concerning getting and keeping flying sites.

"Actually you keep a flying site in the same way you keep a friend. The land, its owner, and your neighbors are your friends and should be treated as such. One should never abuse the privilege of friendship but should always strive to maintain good personal and public relations with a friend. In short, treat a friend like a friend!"

2016 Events

All Club activities are on the Indy RC Modelers website

Toledo Weak Signals Expo—April 1-3

Electric flyin— IRCM field—April 30th

4H Workshop 1—Hancock Cty Ext Office—May 11

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4H Workshop 2—Eastern Hancock HS—May 18

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Spring flyin/picnic/campout— IRCM field— June 4

4H Maiden day—IRCM field—June 9

CAF Warbird Expo at Mt. Comfort Airport—June 17/18

IRCM Airshow and flyin— July 9

Toys for Tots flyin—IRCM field—Aug 27

ADA Event—Indy South—Sept 17





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