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The Editors Corner

What a crazy spring—March and April was warm then cold and rainy and windy for May. I think I went 3 weeks without making it to the field.

I have been out the last 2 Sundays and have had 2 new potential members show up with trainer planes. One had a new electric Apprentice—it was way too windy to fly but we got him setup and gave him a membership application. On race day Sunday a guy brought out a Tower glow trainer that was complete except for a RX battery and TX. I checked out the plane and we fired up the motor and all looks good. He said he will be getting a TX and battery and be back in a couple of weeks to join the club and start training.

Steve Woods and I have been working with a new member, Steve Russell, who is learning on an Apprentice. He is doing well and should be ready to solo in the next couple of weeks.

When I arrived at the field on Tuesday Norm Warfield was finishing up mowing. When he got done we started talking and he said that the wife of the gentlemen that owns the property where they were planning to build the Tree House Resort stopped at his place and told him that they have reconsidered and will not support the developer in building the resort and the project is now DEAD.

This is good news but we still need to keep our flying pattern well to the south of the tree line as the property is still posted as no trespassing and we don't want to be putting a plane into the trees.

We have a lot of club activities coming up over the next 3 months including the club picnic/campout this Saturday and the 4H Maiden day on June 11. We will need lots of club members to come and help get the 4H kids planes completed and test flown on the 11th. The field will be closed until the 4H event is complete which will be about 3pm

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The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 6th at the field

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Minutes of Meeting— May 2, 2016

Meeting opened at 7:05pm at the church

Minutes and Treasurers reports accepted as read

Current membership—54 members—20 members present

Electric Flyin was postponed because of weather— it is rescheduled for July 23, 2016

Discussed the visit of the Shelbyville Park board members to our field. They will be developing an ordinance concerning flying RC in the parks and will be asking for our assistance.

We had a field work day on April 16th—put blacktop millings under the shelters, replaced rotten fence boards, fixed flower bed frame, replaced and moved signs, installed new club info box.

Upcoming club events—4H program, club picnic /flyin/campout—June 4, CAF show at Mt. Comfort—June 18, Club air show Jul 9

At the Club picnic on June 4 the club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns and condiments. Member should bring drinks and a dish to share. Grill will get fired up about noon.

Training—Steve Woods will be the lead instructor for the club and plans to be at the field on Wednesday evenings and Saturdays weather permitting.

We had another visit from the developer of the Tree house resort complaining about our planes flying too close to the tree line. Please follow the club rules and keep away from the tree line.

Meeting was closed at 7:55pm

Prez Sez

We are finally getting past the spring rain and winds (mostly) and are getting in some decent flying weather. The new geotextile runway seems to be a fairly popular addition to the field and has been christened with a few prop strikes and the like with a couple of patches already applied. Hopefully it will continue to work out well and stands up over time. There is a small puddle that forms in the SW corner after a rain. We will have to keep an eye on that to see if we need to fill a bit under that area or what. There have already been some discussions of adding to it... some want a bit wider, some a bit longer. We can discuss as the year goes on.

Several events are coming up quick with our Spring Picnic and camp out scheduled for June 4th, the meeting at the field on the 6th, 4H maiden day on the 11th and a few members will be displaying and representing the club at the CAF Warbird Expo at Indianapolis Regional (Mt. Comfort) on the 18th.

In July we have the Air Show scheduled for the 9th and the postponed electric fly on the 23rd. For the airshow this year we plan to have a shorter public air show (maybe 2 hours) and then an open fly to follow so that RC guys can get more air time that day if they desire and of course the public is welcome to stay and hang out with us for that part of the program as well. We will need the usual large turnout from the club to make this event successful. I hope you will all attend and at least display your fleet and get some flying in after the official close of the show. Rumor has it that we are going to have some full scale aerobatics performed at some point during the day! That alone will be worth the trip. Please contact Corey or myself to let us know how you would like to help.

Lastly, and most importantly, we need to do what we can to increase our membership. We are not in any sort of financial crisis. I think we could survive 5 years just maintaining our current roster but adding 20 more folks would pretty much make any budget issues go away. It's nice to have a buffer in the form of a healthy bank account in case we should have to move or some other unexpected expense occurs. So please remember to be a good ambassador of our club and our hobby. If anyone asks about the club or our hobby, have a positive attitude and share your enthusiasm. Most of all, be safe and enjoy!!

2016 Events

All Club activities are on the Indy RC Modelers website

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

4H Maiden day—IRCM field—June 11

CAF Warbird Expo at Mt. Comfort Airport—June 18

Brownsburg Blacksheep Club Flyin—June 25

IRCM Airshow and flyin— July 9

Johnson County RC Club Warbird Flyin—Jul 16

IRCM All Electric flyin—July 23

Ft Wayne RC Club Electric Flyin—Aug 6

Ft Wayne RC Club Monster Mash—Aug 13

Toys for Tots flyin—IRCM field—Aug 27

Johnson County RC club Heartnut Festival flyin—Sept 10

ADA Event—Indy South—Sept 17





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