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## The Editors Corner

From what I saw on the weather reports there were many good flying days here in Indiana while we were gone to the Caribbean in February. I got out to the field about 10 days ago and had a great day in the 60 degree temps with lite winds.

As Jack outlines in his Prez Says now is the time to check over your aircraft and make sure all is good to go for the 2017 flying season. If you are using Nicad or NiMh batteries in your planes when is the last time they were replaced. If they are more than 3 years old you might want to consider replacing them. I new \$25 battery could save you a plane.

The annual Toledo RC show is coming up on April 7-9. This has to be on the bucket list for all RC pilots. All the major manufacturers are there to talk to and see all the "new stuff" for 2017. There is also the display area where you can see some of the best looking scale aircraft you have ever seen. This year they are also having mini drone racing in the hall. There are supposed to be 147 vendors on the main floor and there is also an extensive Swap Shop area. It is about a 4 1/2 hour drive from Indy. There may be some club members going so you can car pool.

We have 3 events scheduled for the field so far in 2017. May 20 is our All Electric flyin, June 3 we have a Fly what you bring for all AMA members and on Aug 26th we will have the "Gene Brooks Toys for Tots" flyin.

Remember if you have anything RC related that you want to sell let me know and I can get it out to our club members and also the area clubs. Recently Tom Shores sent me a notice for 2 planes he was selling. I put it out to our membership and also the area clubs and Tom ended up selling them to a guy from the Ft. Wayne flying circuits.

Meeting Monday April 3 and Jack says we will be out in time to get home for the NCAA final game.

See you at the field.

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**The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 3rd at Trinity Park Church**

# Minutes Indy RC Modelers Meeting

## 6 March 2017

Meeting was opened at 7:08 at the Church in Greenfield by Jack Sallade.

18 members were present.

Treasurers Report:

36 Members have paid their dues to date.

The rent check has been cashed.

The members voted to accept the report

As Jack noted last month, the member contributions for the geotec extension of the runway are now sufficient to cover the costs.

The fabric is ordered.

We again discussed dates for our summer schedule.

After much discussion we determined that we would hold the air show on July 8<sup>th</sup> from noon to 2:30. Cory will coordinate.

Cory again volunteered to use his truck to display our float in the Derby Days parade.

We set a start time of 2:00pm for the start of the float fly's at Roy's pond on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Roy has confirmed that the current field lease ends in February of 2018.

By general discussion we requested that Roy handle the new lease negotiations.

George noted that in Gene's absence the Pastor opened the gym for us to fly in tonight. Several members enjoyed the flying tonight.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50,

## Prez Sez

Fellow members,

As flying season approaches at last, it is time to get all your favorite aircraft ready for the new season. There are many checks that should be done before that first flight; from freedom of motion for all the control surfaces, battery health, reliable engine performance, health of the prop, etc... etc.. etc. There are a plethora of check lists out there to help with this process. Please keep in mind that while these checks are helpful to keep the airplane performing well, the most important consideration is that keeping the airplane under control aids in keeping yourself and others safe. A failure on board the aircraft (or in the radio) can result in a loss of control and your airplane quickly becomes a totally unguided missile. So, for safeties sake, please check over your aircraft carefully before the first flight and again periodically during the season. Another excellent idea, is to trade off with one of your flying buddies and look over his plane while he looks over yours. Remember, when you are looking over his plane, be picky! Question anything that looks even remotely off to you. This is not the time to be "a nice guy" and overlook loose covering or even something as minor as a missing clamp on a fuel line if you would normally have used one. The owner can always decide it isn't an issue, they need to address. But, it could also be the issue the owner overlooked that would have resulted in a destroyed airplane if not addressed. You will be surprised what a fresh set of eyes may see! The seemingly minor could save someone an airplane or even avoid injury!

In field news, we have now acquired the material needed to extend our Geo-textile runway. We will essentially double the length to somewhere around 240 feet. A few of our larger and heavier aircraft with smaller wheels (often those with retracts) were hard pressed to land on our current runway. For some of these, running off the runway into the grass risks damage to the aircraft. Thanks to the interest and generosity of many of our members, we are accomplishing this without expense to the club. It appears we will have enough in contributions to pay for the material, cover fuel expenses to Corey Lucas (who singlehandedly took care of delivery) and likely cover a cookout on the day of install for all the volunteers. This new addition should be sufficient for most any aircraft and hopefully this will aid in our continuing recruitment of members, especially amongst the ever-growing market of electric powered aircraft. Thanks again to all those who have and will contribute to this effort, whether financially or by assisting with installation.

I hope to see you all out at the field soon.

Jack Sallade

President, IRCM

## 2017 Events

All Club activities are on the Indy RC Modelers website

Toledo RC Show—Seagate Center Toledo—April 7-9

Electric flyin— IRCM field—May 20

IRCM All aircraft flyin— IRCM field— June 3

CAF Warbird Expo at Mt. Comfort Airport—June 16/17

Toys for Tots flyin—IRCM field—Aug 26





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