

# THRUSTLINES

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## The Editor's Corner

Rain Rain go away—Ted wants to come out and play!! Sure has been a rainy and cool February. So—remember that there are several locations in Central Indiana where they are doing indoor flying. A group of us went downtown to the YMCA and flew in their facility. They have 3 gyms side by side making for a good size place to fly. This is sponsored by Indy South club and is held on 2 Sunday evenings a month. Cost is \$15 for 3 hours of flying. Also, at the new Hobby RC facility they are doing Night Vapor flying or Mini Drone flying each Monday. Check with Bill at Hobby RC for dates and times.

Now is a great time to get out you planes and look them over to make sure everything is ready to flying season. Make sure the control surfaces are tight, servos working properly and all the fittings are tight. When is the last time you replaced the TX and RX battery? If it has been 4 years you should probably consider replacing if it is a Nicad or NiMh.

Do you have some RC items that you are no longer using or needing? If you have something to sell or trade email me the information and I will forward on to our club members and the club contacts for all the clubs in central Indiana.

Because of safety reasons the Church doors will be locked at 7pm so if you are late getting to the meeting call Steve (317-460-9985)/Ted (317-797-8502) on our cell phones and we will come and open the door.

Ted



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The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 5 at the Church

Minutes from the Indianapolis RC Modelers Meeting  
5 Feb 2018

Meeting opened at 7pm by Pres Steve Woods

21 members present—41 total members have paid 2018 dues

Steve Howard will continue as Safety Officer

Field—If anyone knows someone that has a large roller for the field that we could borrow please let Steve know.

Discussion was held on club events for 2018 (dates listed later in this newsletter)

Air Show—Corey Lucas said he would chair the Air Show this year. We will do the show this year in conjunction with Derby Days on Sunday July 29

Gene Crider asked that member save the tabs from their cans and bring them to the meetings—these help support the Ronald McDonald house at Riley Hospital

Jack Sallade did a show and tell of 2 different EDS foam jets

## President's Corner

Well March is approaching and it is getting warmer now. Daylight is getting longer and it is time check your plane/planes before your first flight: Check the batteries making sure they are in good condition and are holding a charge, fuel lines in good shape, control surfaces properly hinged, the plane is not damaged in any way etc. so, we can have a great flying season. The website is showing signs of life, thanks Tim

I figured it is time to go over our Field Procedures and Safety Rules.

These are the Main rules that I can remember:

1) All flyers must be current members of a national modeling organization offering liability insurance, and all flying must be in strict accordance with respective current national model aircraft safety codes.

2) Each flyer must strictly adhere to current frequency control rules and procedures. The frequency control board must be used by each flyer by placing you club card in the slot. Visitors are only allowed 3 times visiting before they need to join the club as full members.

3) Pilots should stand within one of the four flight stations with safety barriers. Do not fly over the pavilion, pit or spectator areas. Takeoffs and landings should be into the wind.

4) No spectators are allowed on field side (east) of the fence unless for special exceptions

5) A maximum of four planes shall be in the air at any one time unless a special event is occurring.

6) Carefully preflight aircraft mechanical and electrical functions before flying, including checks of control surface operations. Don't forget to range check your radio.

7) Verbal calls shall be loudly made to announce intentions and include:

- a. "Dead Stick" - #1 landing priority
- c. "Landing " - #2 landing priority (call ~when starting your approach)
- d. "Touch and Go" - #3 landing priority
- e. "On the Runway" - any time a person goes on or crosses the runway to retrieve a plane. No landings or takeoffs until runway is clear.
- f. "Runway Clear" - as soon as person is clear of the runway. Make retrieval expeditiously so that takeoffs and landings may be resumed.
- g. "On the Runway" - before taxiing onto runway.

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8) Alcoholic beverages shall not be consumed by pilots prior to, nor during participation in any model operations.

9) Helicopters/quads are considered fixed wing planes

a. Helicopters/quads will abide by all fixed wing rules.

b. If a helicopter is flying by itself and another plane is ready to take off or land, the helicopter must accommodate the other plane (move out of the way).

c. No extended hovering directly in front of you over the runway if any other plane is flying.

If I forgot something bring it up at the meeting

### FBI Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) Outreach

This article was reprinted from the AMA's Government Relations BLOG webpage.

We have a strong FBI presence in our area, and I found this article interesting. As you know, we have been enjoying our great hobby safely and responsibly for over 80 years. Unfortunately, there is now some concern that extremist groups could use drones to inflict harm and cause serious damage? The FBI has contacted AMA as part of their routine community outreach to ask for our help in staying ahead of this threat. We are honored to assist in the FBI efforts and, in fact, our hobby has a strong history of helping them in the past.

To learn more about our hobby, and help identify the good guys from the bad guys, FBI agents may visit some local AMA clubs. We encourage you to welcome any FBI agents that you may encounter and answer their questions.

We also want to help the FBI learn more about our hobby and AMA's commitment to safety. [As such, if you are approached by the FBI, be welcoming and if appropriate consider offering flight time with a model trainer and AMA instructor.] This is a good opportunity to show someone new to the hobby the basics of RC flying. We highly encourage you to give the FBI an overview of our safety guidelines. In addition, the FBI has asked for AMA members to be vigilant and help identify any unusual behavior. If you feel someone or something is in immediate danger, call 911; if the threat is not imminent, call 855-TELL-FBI. Please refer to this link: [FBI brochure](#) for more information and contact phone numbers.

Steve Woods, President

## **RC and Aviation Events 2018**

- March 5 – Club meeting at the Church
- April 2 – Club meeting at the Church
- April 6-8 – Toledo RC Show
- April 14 – Maiden Day at Field
- May 5 – Spring Fling RC Event in Avon
- May 7 – Club meeting at the Field
- May 20 – Spring Club Picnic/Flyin at the Field
- June 3 – Float Fly at Roy Wilson's Farm
- June 4 – Club meeting at the Field
- June 9 – All Electric Flyin at Field (open to all AMA members)
- June 22-24 – National Electric Flyin at the AMA site
- July 2 – Club meeting at the Field
- July 14 – Fly Anything Flyin at the Field (open to all AMA members)
- July 21 – Johnson County Warbird Flyin
- July 28 – Derby Day Parade
- July 29 – Annual Tim Mills Derby Day Airshow at club field
- Aug 6 – Club meeting at the Field
- Aug 18-19—Full Scale Air Show at Terre Haute (Blue Angels)
- Aug 25 – Toys for Tots Flyin (open to all AMA members)
- Sept 3 – Club meeting at the Field
- Sept 4-8 – IMAC World Championship at AMA site
- Sept 30 – Fall club Picnic/Flyin at the Field
- Oct 1 – Club meeting at the Field
- Oct 6-7—Red Bull Air Races at Indy 500 Track
- Oct 7 – Float Flyin at Roy Wilson's Farm
- Nov 5 – Club meeting at the Church
- Dec 3 – Club meeting at the Church



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