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The Editor's Corner

The temperatures have finally cooled down a little and wind has not been as bad as it was in the spring so I hope that many of you have been able to make it out to the field for some flying.

Our Toys for Tots was a great success again this year. With the donation of the 1.2M T-28 by Hobby RC, the UMX I donated and the Culvers Custard coupons from Greg Masters we were able to sell lots of raffle tickets and were able to donate \$1000 and 26 toys to the program this year.

We had several visitors at the open house and the Toys for Tots that expressed interest in getting into the hobby and also several folks stopping by that seemed very interested. We have had numerous introductory flights with both adults and younger folks. These are keeping our instructors busy and have resulted in several new club members.

When you see someone new at the field please introduce your self and welcome them to the club and ask them if they need any help. We have information sheets in the shed explaining our club and AMA so if there is someone interested in joining please offer them this information.

Our final club flying event is Saturday, September 24. This is our annual electric flyin/fun fly and swap meet. We have 3 great raffle prizes and just in case you will not be able to make the event we will be selling tickets at the Sept club meeting.

Be well and stay healthy—see you at the field,
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Meeting Minutes August 2022

Presidents Corner

Event Calendar

Club meeting— Tuesday 6 September— 7pm at the Club field

Minutes from the Indianapolis RC Modelers Meeting 1 August 2022

Meeting was opened at the field at 1900—21 members present

Minutes of July meeting approved as read.

Treasurers report approved

Discussion topics

Open house—we had a good turnout and got in several introductory flights. Several people seemed interested in continuing the program

Tom Shores reported on having the AMA trailer at the Greenfield and New Palestine farmers markets. Good interest—we expect to see several of the people out at the field.

Reminders on safety at the field. When getting ready to take off ask the other pilots in the air if you can take off. When calling your landing do it before you are on final approach—give the other pilots a heads up on your last lap before landing. The north and south flight stations are 150 feet apart so when you are calling out takeoffs/landings use a loud voice so the other pilots can hear you. Stand behind flight stations when flying. Check that your throttle cut and Fail Safe conditions are working properly.

Vern presented a proposal for increasing the club dues for 2023. (note: I sent out the proposal details in an email a couple weeks go). We will vote on the proposal at the September meeting.

Tony Stillman reported that AMA had a good discussion with the FAA management folks at Oshkosh. The specifications for the remote ID devices has not yet been approved so it is anticipated that the implementation of remote ID will be delayed.

Meeting closed at 1945.

September 2022 at IRCMC – ¾ of the Year!

Hello everyone! It is hard to believe that we are about through the summer flying season of 2022. I hope all have had a chance by now to fly their latest project aircraft and get them all tuned-in and flying well.

There continues to be a considerable amount of training and introduction flights. This is a good sign. I'm also enthused about the number of younger pilots getting involved who are interested in careers in aerospace. RC started me into an almost 35-year career in aerospace! Hopefully they become aviation professionals in some form in the future.

It continues to be important that we strive to evolve our good club environment and culture to great. We are really benefitting from being a very welcoming club and purposely inviting onlookers to get a closer look and even an introductory flight. Several of you take the time to introduce yourselves to newcomers and genuinely show that you are glad they stopped by. This will pay off for years to come and I am grateful for all your genuine efforts.

One way we can become even more welcoming is to be sure to be a club who displays an "Encouraging Culture." Student pilots and new members are watching all of us and how we treat each other. They hear both good and bad comments. We can improve ourselves by making sure we only state encouraging comments. I cringe when a pilot has a goofed-up landing, and someone shouts out from the pits a loud, negative comment. Think about that, the pilot who just damaged their airplane is already feeling bad and a bit embarrassed, then there is a negative shout from the pits. Not good. I've had student pilots who were ready to fly, change their mind after this type of scenario and decide not to fly and I believe that they were afraid they will be called -out for an error. Let's improve ourselves a bit.

My suggestion is to make sure we clap or call-out, "Nice Flight", or, "Nice Landing" when we can. If someone goofs up a landing and damages the airplane, they may need help quickly clearing the runway of some parts, so help them. Meet them on the way back and see if they need any hardware or anything to help fix their airplane at the field. If they did something unsafe and it needs addressed, please address it one-on-one with them calmly, quietly, and with positive intent. This will make a long-lasting, positive impression on new members that will also continue to pay off for years to come.

I'm happy with how 2022 has gone. The runway and edges are being worked and the runway will be rolled again on the morning of September 3rd if the weather holds. This is in preparation for late year flying and our big, September 24th All-Electric Fly-In, Fun-Fly and Swap Meet. Come and join us on the 24th for some fun times and 3 wonderful airplane drawing prizes! There is even a trophy for the top fun-fly scoring person this year (we need to win it back from Danville!)

Keep them flying! Jeff

RC Activities 2022 – as of 1 Sept 2022

- Sep 6- **IRCM** Club meeting at the field
- Sep 9-10 Ft Wayne Flying Circuits Monster Mash
- Sep 10– Johnson Cty RC Club Never Forget Fly-in
- Sep 24—**IRCM** All Electric/Fun Fly and Swap
- Sep 24—Ft Wayne Flying Circuits Hoosier Heli Hangout
- Oct 1—Ft Wayne Flying Circuits—Flight at Night
- Oct 3—**IRCM** Club meeting at Church in Greenfield
- Oct 8—Indy South Ticket Fly at JCRC field
- Oct 8—Ft Wayne Flying Circuits Sailplane LOFT Event
- Oct 15—Danville Club—Warbird Event
- Oct 22—Ft Wayne Toys for Tots
- Nov 7—**IRCM** Club meeting at Church in Greenfield
- Dec 5- **IRCM** Club meeting at Church in Greenfield



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