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Indianapolis R/C Modelers Chapter 288

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The Editor's Corner

May is just around the corner with lots of activity coming as the weather gets better. Our club meeting is Monday, May 3 at the field and will sunset not until 8:41pm we should have lots of flying after the meeting is over. The Southside club is having what will probably be the final event at the Greenwood location on Saturday, May 15 so if you are available please try and support this event. The last I talked to Chuck Baker they have not identified a new location so will probably be seeing some new faces and planes at the field by the end of May. Please welcome these southside members and be aware that they area not totally familiar with our flying site or some of our safety rules. They are not used to flying with flight stations for pilot protection Please be helpful and supportive when reminding these folks of our rules. Remember to put your club card in the boar when you come to the field to fly.

Several of us attended the Modelrama event in Dayton. They had about 300 tables with all kinds of RC items for sale. For the Glow folks there were 2 vendors selling fuel for \$20 a gallon. Lots of RC Stuff that we can't live without and I came home with a few items that I needed for the shop. I am guessing from the turnout and talking with a couple of the members of the club that put it on that this will happen again next year.

Dues for 2021 need to be paid as soon as possible. You can send a check to Vern (address on this page) . Dues for single are \$85, junior \$42.50 (18 and under) and family \$115 . Put your AMA number on the check. Include a self addressed stamped envelope and Vern will mail you your 2021 club card with the new combination for the lock on the gate and building. Remember that Vern will not mail you your card unless your AMA is valid through 31 Dec 2021 so if you have not renewed your AMA either call them or go online and pay for your updated AMA today. Be well and stay healthy and safe - Ted



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Meeting Minutes April 2021

President News

Event Calendar

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 3 at the field

Minutes from the Indianapolis RC Modelers Meeting 5 April 2021

Meeting was opened at the field at 7:03 with 27 members present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved as read

Treasurers report approved as presented—we currently have 52 paid members

Steve Howard, reviewed some of the club safety rules for flying at the field including having fail safe and throttle cut set on your TX, Maximum 5 flying at one time, No props or turbines turning west of the pit fence, no props or turbines turning returning to the pits after you pass the flight stations. Fly the pattern—either left hand or right hand as established by the first person in the air.

The first 2021 session for the “Tony Stillman Combat planes” is scheduled for Saturday April 17 at high noon.

Reviewed upcoming events

Gary said he will normally be mowing the field on Friday Mornings from about 10am to noon depending on weather. There is no flying while the field is being mowed.

Meeting closed at 7:32

From our Club President

Flying Season, Newcomers, and Reviewing Safety

Hello everyone. It is hard to believe that May is upon us already. Now that April showers (and snow) are gone, and May flowers are here, the flying should be better.

There have been a few lovely, somewhat breezy, days of flying here at the end of April, and I had a few thoughts to send to you.

I have been trying to be more promotional lately and watch for cars and people pulling into the parking area. While more purposefully looking for people slowing on the road, stopping in, and watching the flying, I've noticed that there have been about two cars each of 2 people every week that I'm able to meet who are new or interested in RC aircraft and possibly learning to fly. Here are some efforts put into place which have worked well for me lately.

When a car is slowed considerably on the road and watching the airplanes, I circle my arm, indicating that they "come on in!" About half the time so far, it works!

I make sure to take the time to take a nice walk over to a spectator car (best with an airplane in hand) and say a friendly "hello." Then talk with them about the hobby and invite them to feel free to come out and take a closer look.

Work to make sure to get them invited to Wednesday evening after 5:30 or Saturday (weather permitting) coming by to try it out. I need to give away "Instruction Day / Flight Try-It and Training" cards made as this would be handy. Lately, the Wednesday evenings have not been perfect for training, but that will change.

My last thought was to renew and review safe practices. We all catch ourselves and need to remember to please run-up airplanes (EDF's, propellers, etc.) only in front of the fence, not in the pit areas. Make sure to range-check new airplanes, repaired airplanes, and airplanes with new radios, altered systems, or recent radio work. Finally, get back to the basics of calling for going onto runways for takeoff (landing airplanes and dead-sticks ALWAYS have the right of way – please wait) and call out your intentions to land and if you have an emergency landing. With new airplane test flights, some clubs have an excellent rule that when there is a break in regular action, the test flight pilot gets the runway to themselves until they give the OK to have others go up. I think this is a good courtesy to consider, while not a rule. Sometimes test flights can be quite a handful. I have also gone out to someone with their hands full and asked if they needed me to help run some trims for them while keeping their hands on the sticks. All good ideas, even if not rules.

Take care, have fun, and safe flying! Jeff Thomas

RC Activities 2021 – as of 27 April 2021

May 3 – **IRCM** Club meeting at the Field
May 15—Indy RC South—Last Chance Flyin 11am
May 22—Ft Wayne Flying Circuits—Fun Fly and Swap
Jun 5—BCRCF Joe Grubbs Memorial Flyin
Jun 7 – **IRCM** Club meeting at the Field
Jun 12—**IRCM** Cubs and Floaty Flyers Flyin
Jun 25-26—Ft Wayne Flying Circuits Warbird and Classic
Jul 4—Anderson Extreme Flyers Flyin
Jul 5 – **IRCM** Club meeting at the Field
Jul 10—**IRCM** Fly Anything RC Flyin
Jul 17—Johnson Cty Warbird Flyin
Jul 17—Ft Wayne Flying Circuits Aviation Day open house
Jul 30-31 Ft Wayne Flying Circuits Electri-Fly
Jul 30,31 Aug 1—National Fun Flyin at AMA in Muncie
Aug 2 – **IRCM** Club meeting at the Field
Aug 7—BCRCF—Columbus Firemans Cheer Fund
Aug 8– Monroe County Club—Nothing but Cubs
Aug 12-14 Dawn Patrol, Rosewood, IN
Aug 14—Johnson Cty National Aviation Day flyin
Aug 14—Blacksheep Squadron Natl Aviation Day flyin
Aug 21—**IRCM** Toys for Tots flyin
Aug 27-29—National Electric Flyin at AMA in Muncie
Aug 27-29—Hoosier Dawn Patrol at AMA in Muncie
Sep 2-4—Indiana Warbird Campaign at AMA in Muncie
Sep 6 – **IRCM** Club meeting at the Field
Sep 10-11 Ft Wayne Flying Circuits Monster Mash
Sep 11—Johnson Cty Heartnut Festival Flying
Sep 18—Indy RC South ADA event
Sep 25—**IRCM** All Electric Flyin and Swap Meet
Oct 2—Ft Wayne Flying Circuits at Night
Oct 4 – **IRCM** Club meeting at the church
Oct 16—Blacksheep Squadron Warbird Flyin in Danville
Oct 17—BCRCF—Swap Meet Columbus Fair Grounds
Oct 23—Ft Wayne Flying Circuits Toys for Tots
Nov 1– **IRCM** Club meeting at the church
Dec 6 – **IRCM** Club meeting at the church



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