

# THRUSTLINES

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## The Editor's Corner

Welcome to the 2021 flying season. Vern Doty was our only participant for January 1 Freeze Flyin because of the rain but some of us participated in an online Real Flight session that morning. January 2 weather was much better and we had about 9 pilots taking advantage of some good flying. We have had a few decent days for flying at the field and several club members have gone down to Columbus, IN for indoor flying. There are 3 more indoor sessions—see the schedule on the last page of this newsletter.

At the last meeting it was suggested that we should apply to AMA for Leader Club status. I filled out the form and submitted it to AMA for approval. One of the requirements to be a Leader Club is to review the AMA safety guidelines at a club meeting. I forward the AMA document along with other AMA safety related documents and our updated Club Constitution/field rules to members last week. Please review these prior to our February 1 online club meeting and we will review them at the meeting. I have looked into the AMA Takeoff and Grow program and will review that at our February meeting to see if the club wants to get involved.

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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**The next meeting will be held on Monday, Feb 1 Virtual**

## **Minutes from the Indianapolis RC Modelers Meeting 4 Jan 2021**

The online meeting was opened at 7:06pm with 15 members participating either via computer or phone.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved

As of 4 Jan we have 42 paid members for 2021. The lease payment of \$2200 for 2021 has been paid and AMA fees of \$200 has been paid

Discussion was held on potential field improvements for 2021. Jeff is working a resubmittal of a grant from AMA to help fund projects. Items discussed are the addition of the 5th flight station. 2 additional picnic tables and replacement of starting stands. Jeff will add these items to the grant submission.

Tony Stillman suggested that the club file the paperwork for the becoming a Leader Club and also look at getting into the AMA Takeoff and Grow program. Ted is taking this for action

Discussion was held concerning the Southside club losing their field this spring. It was agreed that we would allow paid southside club members to fly at our field for free after they lose their field. Only concern was related to making sure these members are covered under AMA and that they understand and follow our club safety rules. It appears that they will be able to continue to use their field until May or June. Our club officers will work with Chuck Baker and the southside officers to work out the details.

Meeting was closed at 7:55pm

# From our Club President

## *Hello and Happy February!*

It is hard to believe that we are heading into the second month of 2021 so soon. I am an “all-weather” flier (except rain...I do not like that), and honestly, we have been lucky throughout most of December and January, and some of us have only missed one or two weekends of flying through these coldest of months. On January 24th, I could not wait to “re-test” my new A-10 twin EDF with the new aileron throws, flight mode settings, and larger, non-spark QS8 connectors replacing my EC5’s. The runway was all snow-covered from earlier that Sunday morning, but the temperature was a balmy 34 degrees F, and the wind was only about three mph, so it was quite nice! It turns out, a quarter-inch of snow on the runway is no problem for a 60” wingspan A-10 with high mounted fans up and away from the fluffy stuff! And I can report no flight issues, no trimming was needed, and all was good – until more snowfall came in. If you can be outside, and the wind is down, I encourage you to try some winter flying as I find it quite nice as long as I don’t have to work on the airplanes very much.

I bring this up not to brag, but to continue to be thankful for aviation overall and this wonderful hobby, which looks well-seated for the long-term. I am also again thankful for our flying site and the excellent facilities we have. Many of you may have received Ted’s note with the .pdf attachment, which showed our updated AMA Flying Site Improvement Grant submittal. Hopefully, we can leverage some of the AMA Grant funds to build the best RC Club Flying Experience in Indiana. We will need some new ideas soon so start thinking about what could be done to make the “great” into the “superb.” Almost anything is worth raising; the worst that could happen is that we cannot do it, so let’s start hearing some ideas for site improvements, please.

Finally, it won’t be too long until the spring weather starts to appear! At the rate January 2021 went by for many of us, it will be the end of February shortly, and then comes March! [Hint to all...Do Not Forget Valentine’s Day on February 14<sup>th</sup>!!] Flying season is coming soon!

I look forward to seeing everyone’s new airplanes and projects soon and lots of successful test flights.

Please stay healthy and safe so we can fly together soon.

Jeff Thomas

## RC Activities 2021 – as of 31 Jan 2021

Feb 1 – **IRCM** Club meeting at the church  
Feb 7—Indoor Flying St Peters Church Columbus  
Feb 27—Anderson Club Swap meet  
Feb 27—Monroe Cty Club Swap meet  
Feb 28—Indoor Flying St Peters Church Columbus  
Mar 1 – **IRCM** Club meeting at the church  
Mar 7—Indoor Flying St Peters Church Columbus  
Apr 5 – **IRCM** Club meeting at the church  
Apr 23,24—Dayton Modelrama Swap meet  
May 3 – **IRCM** Club meeting at the Field  
Jun 4-5—USAF Thunderbirds at Ft Wayne Air Show  
Jun 7 – **IRCM** Club meeting at the Field  
Jun 12—**IRCM** Cubs and Floaty Flyers Flyin  
Jul 5 – **IRCM** Club meeting at the Field  
Jul 10—**IRCM** Fly Anything RC Flyin  
Jul 17—Johnson Cty Warbird Flyin  
Jul 30,31 Aug 1—National Fun Flyin at AMA in Muncie  
Aug 2 – **IRCM** Club meeting at the Field  
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 11—Johnson Cty Heartnut Festival Flying  
Sep 18—Indy RC South ADA event  
Sep 25—**IRCM** All Electric Flyin and Swap Meet  
Oct 4 – **IRCM** Club meeting at the church  
Oct 16—Blacksheep Squadron Warbird Flyin in Danville  
Nov 1– **IRCM** Club meeting at the church  
Dec 6 – **IRCM** Club meeting at the church



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