

# THRUSTLINES

Indianapolis R/C Modelers Chapter 288

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## The Editor's Corner

Even with the threat of rain we ended up with a good day of flying for our Fly Anything RC event with 20 registered pilots. Our next event is our annual Gene Brooks Memorial Toys for Tots flyin. Landing fee is \$15 or a \$15 toy and we have several good raffle prizes and lots of pilot prizes. All the proceeds go to the program.

With all the rain we could probably have had a float fly at the field this month. There has been some great flying days between the storms. We have had several new members join the club and potential members trying out our hobby using our club Aero Sport Trainers. We have had over 50 flight on these so far. If you haven't flown in a while and want a couple of training flights to get your fingers moving in the right direction just let Jeff Thomas, Ted Brindle, Jack Sallade, Tony Stillman or Tom Shores know and we can get you up on one of the Aero Scouts to get the rust off those flying skills.

We have had a number of planes going down in the corn this year. Please do a good preflight on your planes to make sure that all is good with your plane before takeoff to minimize the landings in the corn. If you do have to go into to the corn please minimize any damage to the crop. We need to keep a good relationship with our landlord.

Dues for 2021 need to be paid now. 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



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**The next meeting will be held on Monday, 2 Aug at the field a 7pm**

## **Minutes from the Indianapolis RC Modelers Meeting 5 Jul 2021**

Meeting was opened at 1900 at the field—20 member present

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved

Treasurers report approved as presented—63 current paid members

Old business:

Thanked Ted Brindle, Tom Shores, John Pangburn, Vern Doty and Rob Clark for assembling the new picnic tables.

Reviewed the current status of our TAG program

New business:

Tony Stillman reviewed that FAA TRUST test that is available through the AMA website. It is recommended that all members take the test (it is easy and simple and you can't fail) but it is not mandatory by the AMA or our club

Discussed the upcoming Fly Anything RC event that the club is hosting on July 10. We have an Eflite PT17 as a raffle prize.

Discussed that we are looking into making Paypal available as a way to pay club dues and adding a fill in the blank club application on the club website.

Show and tell:

Rick Taylor showed a high energy power bank for charging at the field that could take the place of a generator.

Meeting closed at 1935

## **The Summer of 2021 – It is Here Already!**

Hello IRCMC Club Members and friends. We hope you are enjoying a great year of flying. The weather has been quite lovely throughout July, and we hope August continues, with maybe a bit less rain.

I want to thank everyone who has helped so much to bring forward improvements at the field.

Mark Moriarty and Sandy for putting a new roof on the field house.

Thanks to Tom Shores and Ted Brindle, John Pangburn, Vern Doty and Rob Clard for building the new picnic tables.

Thanks to instructors Ted Brindle, Tom Shores, Jack Sallade, Tony Stillman, and Steve Howard for openly welcoming newcomers and providing introductory flights and initial training to visitors.

Thanks to Vern Doty for spending two days hosting FAI pattern / aerobatic competitors' practice sessions.

Continued thanks to Gary Bow for all the mowing, spraying, trimming, and flying site upkeep.

A genuine appreciation for all who pitch in to help with our special events when we host other RC enthusiasts and visitors.

Your efforts inspire me and make a difference. Others I did not mention, my apologies, but your efforts and contributions are appreciated. It takes effort to keep a good volunteer organization going, and all make it happen quite nicely. Thank you!

We are already halfway through our 2021 flying event calendar! Wow. There is just the August 21<sup>st</sup> Toys for Tots benefit event, and our All-Electric Fly-In, Fun-Fly, and Swap meet event on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Please make every effort to support each of these either as a participant, a helper/worker, or a bit of both! One is a great community benefit. The other is a large, fun event, a good fundraiser for the club, and has excellent airplane prizes!

The other note is how well our introductory flight efforts are going with the Takeoff and Grow Grant purchased aircraft and systems. These safe, easy introductions are getting 2 – 4 people per week flying and probably about four people per month joining the club! And we are just getting started! That is outstanding and exciting.

That's all for now. Would you please continue to practice safe airplane operations? Also, remember to say hello to observers and spectators as creating an open, welcomed, and friendly flying site makes a difference and attracts new members. Have a great, safe and healthy summer!

Jeff Thomas

## Pattern Pilots visit our field for Practice

On July 19 and 20 we had some old friends from California join us at the field to get in some practice time before then go to Muncie to compete in the AMA National Championships in Pattern. Jerry Budd, Derek Emmett and Chris Fitzsimmons. They have done this in years past and it was good to see them again at our field with their exotic aircraft. These are not you every day knock around planes. They are designed and built specifically for pattern competition with price tags in the thousands of dollars. They enjoyed their time at our field and made a substantial donation to help our club. We hope to see them again in 2022.









## **RC Activities 2021 – as of 29 July 2021**

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 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 Never Forget Flyin  
Sep 18—Bartholomew Cty Cheer Fund flyin  
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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