

# THRUSTLINES

Indianapolis R/C Modelers Chapter 288

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## The Editor's Corner

We have a new roof on the shed! Thanks to a couple club members that donated materials for replacing the roof on the shed and a BIG thanks to Mark and Sandy to installing the roof on the hottest day of the year.

As was announced at the May meeting the club was awarded the Take Off and Grow Grant by AMA. This grant is to purchase trainer plane(s) and equipment to help introduce the public to our hobby and to grow our club membership. The program is well underway with the purchase of 2 Aero Scout planes, a TX, batteries. More information on this is in the Presidents column and we will discuss and explain further at the June club meeting. If you would like to try out one of these planes contact Jeff Thomas, Ted Brindle, Jack Sal-lade, Steve Howard, Tony Stillman or Tom Shores.

We also were awarded the Flying Site grant that we submitted to AMA so we now have some funds for further enhancements to the field. We will be discussing these projects at the June club meeting.

The Indy South Club got a little extension on the use of there field through the end of July and are having 4 more Ticket fly-ins—see the event sheet for dates.

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 up-dated AMA today. Be well and stay healthy and safe - Ted



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

## **Minutes from the Indianapolis RC Modelers Meeting 3 May 2021**

Because of weather the meeting was held at the church

Meeting opened at 7:05pm—19 members present

Minutes of April meeting read and approved as read

Treasurers report approved as read— 57 paid members at this time

Discussion about needed to replace the roof on the shed

Discussion on rolling the runway and Geotex as it is getting a little lumpy from the winter freeze and thaw—Ted will send out an email to see if anyone has a roller that the club can use.

The club was awarded a Take Off and Grow Grant (TAG) from AMA in the amount of \$910. This is to be used to purchase trainer plane(s) and associated equipment and advertising to promote our hobby and to grow club membership. Tony Stillman suggested the Eflite Aero Scout as a good plane for this program and will borrow one from AMA and bring to the field so club members to try it out.

Discussion on a new APP called UASidekick that supports our hobby.

Upcoming area events were announced.

Meeting closed at 7:45PM

# From our Club President

## Flying Season Has Started, and Growth Grants are Underway!

Hello IRCMC Club Members, potential members, friends, and associates.

The flying season has started, and we are now in full-force mode with our Cubs and Floaty Things Fly-In just around the corner.

I recommend that you attend and participate (and help if possible) with Club events. Also, take time to support some other area events to meet others and have some fun while supporting their RC flying club.

We have had great success in 2021 with have been blessed by being awarded two AMA grants. The Takeoff and Grow Grant and the Flying Site Improvement Grant. We have the funds in the bank now and are working to properly spend and allocate these funds as we denoted to the AMA and accomplish two key goals that we envisioned in 2020.

To improve our flying site facility to be one of the best RC experiences in Indiana  
To reinvigorate our club training program and AMA Introductory Flight program

We are well on the way to accomplishing these two goals and, as many have seen, are working hard to get item #2 above finalized quickly (nearly there already!)

For those with "Rusty Thumbs/Fingers" or who want a refresher flight – the club trainers are available to you to fly. Please see one of the instructors to get one out and to get some help. These are aimed at newcomers and introductory flights, but we can also help club members with them, and they are EXCELLENT flying airplanes that work well in all sorts of winds.

**With the flying season getting more active please take time to review the field flying operations and safety rules.** We still regularly have people running up propeller engines/motors on the shelter tables which can be a real safety issue. If you see this remind the member that this is against our safety rules and could injure a member and/or visitor. Please run any engines up on the run stands or East of the fence. Also, lets work to make our low and fast passes no closer than the runway centerline. I have had a couple of overhead haircuts! I don't have all that much hair! If you are unsure of how close you are, aim to be over the grass on the East side of the runway to give that extra safety room for winds, mistakes, and equipment issues/failures. As a reference the orange cones at each end of the field mark the centerline of the Geotex runway. I am also not perfect and sometimes forget myself, so please make sure to nicely remind me if I am not complying as we all have a part in safe flying and fun. We don't need to be publicly yelling or shouting at members, a quiet 1 on 1 reminder is all we need.

Thanks to all who continue to pitch in, donate equipment, time, money, and effort! I am proud of the progress we have and are making and proud of our members' generosity.

Fair Skies Favorable Winds!

Jeff Thomas

## RC Activities 2021 – as of 3 June 2021

Jun 5—BCRCF Joe Grubbs Memorial Flyin  
Jun 6—Indy South ticket flyin #4  
Jun 7 – **IRCM** Club meeting at the Field  
Jun 12—**IRCM** Cubs and Floaty Flyers Flyin  
Jun 19—Indy South ticket flyin #5  
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 11—Indy South ticket flyin #6  
Jul 17—Johnson Cty Warbird Flyin  
Jul 17—Ft Wayne Flying Circuits Aviation Day open house  
Jul 24—Indy South ticket flyin #7  
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 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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