

# THRUSTLINES

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## The Editor's Corner

As we approach the slowing of the outdoor flying season we hope that we will have lots of indoor flying this winter season. It is also time to start looking at any potential winter build projects or re-work to existing planes. We often have great flying days in the fall and on through mid December. For our new members keep Saturday Jan 1, 2022 set aside for our annual Freeze fly at the field. We have -20 weather and +40 temps and fog and snow. It is always a great time to see who (usually Jack) will be the first in the air and first to crash in the new year.

Now is also the time to pay your club dues for 2022. You can pay at the club meeting or mail a check to Vern at the address here in the newsletter. Remember that you need to have you AMA paid through 31 Dec 2022 before Vern will issue you a club card.

We have a work day at the field scheduled for Saturday Oct 2 (rain date Oct 9) The primary task will be moving the angle runway to extend the north end of the primary runway. We will also be staining the new work tables and cleaning out the shed on the south end of the field. This will be a big task and will require help from lots of club members and will result in a great new asset for the club to attract new members in 2022.

Next club meeting is Monday, Oct 4 at the church. Indoor flying at 5pm with meeting at 7pm in the gym. Park in the rear of the building and come in those rear doors.

See you at the field Saturday for the work day.



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**The next meeting will be held on Monday, 4 Oct at the church at 7pm**

## **Moving Forward into Fall**

Hello everyone and I hope you have had some chances to enjoy some of the past nice days of flying weather we have had. Sadly, nightfall is coming noticeably sooner now and that evening calm time is getting shorter and shorter.

We had four good events this year and I wanted to thank all who did their part in both hosting the events as well as those who participated in the events. Please make sure to attend some flying events at other clubs throughout the year (still some in October) as this will grow our future club events. As a reminder, our club events accomplish the following.

Promotes RC aircraft to the public

Allows other non-member RC enthusiasts in the area to try our facility and possibly join

Contributes funds to charitable causes, or, to our club

We now turn some attention to reconfiguring the flying field and doing some late year maintenance. This will be a minor inconvenience as there will be no flying while the field work is going on, but there will be flying before (early morning sun can be tough) and after the work is done. We unanimously agreed by all meeting participants at the September club meeting to move the crosswind runway to the North end of the main runway and will be doing this early in the day on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will also be staining and sealing the workbenches under the canopies and cleaning up the storage shed. Everyone is invited to come and help and continue to develop our facilities to be one of the best RC flying experiences in Indiana. Due to upcoming freeze and thaw events associated with the seasons, we will hold-off rolling the field until 2022 after the freezing subsides.

There is still time to get new airplanes completed and have some test flying done. I'm just now finishing up a twin 80mm EDF SR-71 airplane to test fly soon. It is 72" long and 46" span and is under 10lbs so far with batteries and all installed! I'm waiting for the corn to be removed and plan to test fly it prior to fully covering it. This is my most ambitious and unique self-designed project airplane! See below.



Take care of yourselves, have a heart for others and keep building and flying airplanes!

Jeff Thomas

## **Minutes from the Indianapolis RC Modelers Meeting 6 September 2021**

Meeting was opened at 7pm with 22 members in attendance

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved

Treasurers Report—We made a donation of \$1006.08 to the Toys for Tots program. As of tonight we have 73 members.. 2020 membership was 65

Discussion items:

Members had discussions during the last month about the wind sock position. Further discussion and it was agreed to have it directly across from the shelter on the far east side of the runway. We will have a tall pole to get it above the crops in the summer and then lower it for the winter.

Further discussion on the need to have allow 72mhz radio systems. It was moved and passed that we will only allow 2.4ghz radio systems at the field in the future. The new sign being made will have 2 rows of slots for membership cards and will note that only 2.4ghz radios are allowed.

Rolling the field will cost about \$600. We will wait and do this in the spring.

We will have a field work day on Saturday 2 Oct with a rain date of 9 Oct. We will move the cross runway to the north that day, stain the work tables and a few other projects.

Reminder of the Electric Flyin/Fun Fly on Sept 25

We will also have the combat planes flying again after the work day on 2 Oct.

October meeting will be at the church because the sun will be setting earlier.

Meeting closed at 7:41

## **RC Activities 2021 – as of 30 Sep 2021**

- Oct 2—**IRCM** Club work day at the field
- 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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