

# THRUSTLINES

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## The Editor's Corner

Big thanks to Tom Shores on working with local businesses on the program to raise funds for the club by selling advertising banners that we can put up at the field. Hobby RC has just joined as a club sponsor and you will see their banner at the field soon. Please see our sponsors information later in this news letter.

Is this cold rain and wind ever going to end??? Now that it is officially spring we should be seeing some warmer weather and more opportunity for good days of flying at the field.

For the April 3 meeting Tony Stillman will be continuing the educational session on setting up your planes by discussing what does Dual Rate and Expo really mean and why should I use these features when flying. Hope to see everyone at our April 3 meeting.

The Common Club Airplane Program is underway with 20 club members taking delivery of there new 1.1M T-28s. Several have already had their maiden flight and some are being repainted for better visibility when flying in groups. Details on events and dates will be coming soon.

The Center Grove Student Aviation group is sponsoring a Swap meet and indoor flyin at Center Grove High School on Saturday April 8. Swap meet from 8am to noon and flying from noon to 4pm. For details contact the club sponsor Brent Schulz at schulzb@centergrove.k12.in.us

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**Club meeting— Monday April 3 at 7pm at the Club Field**

## *April 2023 Pres-Sez Note to Members – Flight Ready!*

Hello everyone. It's an exciting time coming into the good flying weather. We had 20 members purchase the E-Flite 1.1M T-28's for the Common Club Airplane Program, which should mean about 23 to 25 people able to compete (including those who already had those airplanes) in fun, club-only events. Please watch the kickoff/introduction event announcement coming soon. We also have several pilots getting EDF jets all spruced-up, tuned up, and test flown for the inaugural EDF Jet Day event at the Morristown field. Here are some pictures of the airplanes I know of (some online pictures used...so maybe not your exact airplane.)



As the April weather clears up, we should see some interesting test flights. Let's be sure to give maiden flights time/room and the right of way as much as we can. Also, (learned this the hard way) take a minute or two to have a friend or associate cross-check your airplane and flight control directions, etc. Several times a "fresh eye" can save a very expensive and simple mistake!

Also, it is a good time to refresh yourselves on the AMA safety rules for proper flight operations and our own club field safety rules. This includes checking for the required motor cut-off switch operation, and proper radio failsafe operation (using the test stands/airplane holders.) I find I most often forget to check this on airplanes I have been flying regularly throughout the winter. Certainly not my best practice, so I'll be re-testing several of my airplanes just to make sure all is how I think I left it! This is also very important, along with a range check, if there were any major repairs, radio work, transmitter change or re-binding of the airplane to the transmitter. To refresh people on these items we'll be covering the AMA and IRCMC safety rules at the end of our April Club meeting as required to maintain our AMA Gold Club status (which is a great rating and award to have.) We will then be covering how to range check, motor cut-off test, and fail-safe test (and help anyone who may need help with these safety settings) at the end of our May meeting at the field. So, keep flying safely and helping each other cordially. Be ready to enjoy an exciting flying season this year! I look forward to seeing you at the field.

**Thank you for your membership and keep flying!**

*Jeff*

## Minutes from the Indianapolis RC Modelers Meeting

Date: March 6, 2023

Location: Trinity Park Church

Recorder Name: Jeff Thomas

Qty of Members Present: 26

Time of Start: 7:01

Time of End: 7:28

**Opening, Nice Welcome to all – Thank People for Coming. Recognize new members.**

New Members: None

Reviewing/Reading minutes from last meeting. Any Questions/Changes/Updates? Accepted/  
Approved? Referenced Ted's minutes sent via e-mail. No minutes on-hand to be read.  
Asked if any issues were noted or needed raised, no objections. \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer's Report. Any Questions/Changes/Updates? Accepted/Approved? YES

Vern gave an overview that with all items were paid including the annual lease we were in very good shape and had 65 members paid this year already with more coming.

Old Business (Any old business items needing follow-up or actioned)?

Update on Adopt-a-stand. Reminded the last two needed to get started.

Discussed the status of the Common Club Airplane Program – Final call for order payments to Chris Kimmey by Friday 10 March. If not paid – even if signed up, your airplane will not be ordered unless you make arrangements with Chris directly.

April 22<sup>nd</sup> field work day highlighted. Discussed possibility of shaving off sod/grass along ends and edges as it makes an abrupt lip which damages some landing gear. Clearly differing opinions on what could be done. Needs more research and discussion.

Training: New Intro flight log sheet on the back, center, line shack wall. Please log in any new Intro flights.

New Business (Topics to raise, reminders, AMA inputs, votes/decisions/elections)?

Showed an example of a new Club Logo for shirts/etc. Allen Laflamme has software and equipment to make logos, shirts, hats, etc. He will work logo ideas up for coming meetings (color / advertising, as well as monochrome view and options.)

Talked about planning for new shirts to be ordered in the May timeframe. May need a new shirt supplier – Allen Laflamme may be willing to help (TBD).

Talked about getting the AMA Sim trailer to the Indy airshow; confusion in the discussion as AMA already has the Sim trailer scheduled to be at the airshow in Oct. We told Tony we would like to be the club which supports them and has a table and some airplanes – Tony said AMA would love that help and will connect us with the AMA leads.

Need to get a new First Aid kit at the field; someone bled all into the current one. A new club member said he could get these easily and at a good price and was approved.

Upcoming Events and Reminders (Ted's list; reinforce IRCMC events coming)

Read through March/April coming events from Ted's list.

Other member topics or questions? All agreed next meeting at the field April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Any Show and Tell? Jack presented and talked about his first 3D printed whole airplane.

Motion to Close Meeting? Accepted/Approved? YES – Closed 7:28

Tony Stillman then held a round table discussion on servos and mechanical linkages and making sure servos match up and slop is out of linkages for easier trimming and better flights with less fighting the airplane and more enjoyment.

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## **RC Activities 2023 – as of 31 March 2023**

Apr 3 - **IRCM** Club meeting at the Club field

Apr 8—Indoor flying/Swap meet at Center Grove HS

Apr 14-15—Toledo Swap Meet

Apr 14-16—National Electric Flyin—AMA Muncie

May 1—**IRCM** Club meeting at the field

May 6—Avon Spring Fling—Avon, Indiana

**May 20—IRCM EDF Flyin/Fun Fly at club field Event Director William Brewer**

May 20– Ft Wayne Flying Circuits Fun Fly and Swap meet

May 27—Ft Wayne Flying Circuits Vintage Fun Fly

**Jun 5—IRCM** Club meeting at the field

**Jun 10—IRCM Cubs and Floaty Flyers event at club field Event Director Jack Sallade**

Jun 23-25—AMA National Fun Fly at AMA

July 1—Ft Wayne Flying Circuits Antique and Warbird

Jul 3—**IRCM** Club meeting at the field

**Jul 8—IRCM Fly Anything RC event at club field Event Director Ted Brindle**

Jul 15—Johnson Cty RC Warbird Flyin at JCRC field

Aug 4-5—Ft Wayne Flying Circuits Electric Flyin

Aug 7—**IRCM** Club meeting at the field

**Aug 19—IRCM Toys for Tots Event as club field Event Director Tony Stillman**

Aug 12—Johnson Cty RC National Aviation Day Flyin

Aug 12—Blacksheep Club Event to support Hoosier Veterans

Aug 31 to Sep 2—Air Power over IAC (AMA site)

Sep 8-9—Ft Wayne Flying Circuits Monster Mash

Sep 9—Johnson Cty RC Never Forget Flyin

Sep 11—**IRCM** Club meeting at the field

**Sep 16—IRCM All Electric Fun Fly and Swap meet at the field Event Director Jeff Thomas**

Sep 22-24—Ft Wayne Flying Circuits Heli Hangout

Oct 2—**IRCM** Club meeting at Church in Greenfield

Oct 14-16—Blacksheep Squadron—Warbirds and Classics

Nov 4—Ft Wayne Flying Circuits Toys for Tots

Nov 6—**IRCM** Club meeting at Church in Greenfield

Dec 4—**IRCM** Club meeting at Church in Greenfield

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