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## The Editors Corner

The indoor flying season has just about come to a close. The last session at the Anderson Airport was this past Saturday with great flying and fun.

Our outdoor flying season is just around the corner— have you completed your winter maintenance checks on your planes? Check hinges, check servo screws, how about fuel lines, (gas lines need replaced about every 3 or 4 years), does the clunk still clunk, are edges of the covering coming up, any holes need repaired, how old are your batteries, when is the last time you cycled them (if you don't have a cyler Barb at Hobby RC can help) and don't forget the transmitter batteries

My annual trek to the big boy toy store, aka Toledo show is this weekend. If you have never been to this show it is worth your time and money. Most of the major vendors and mom and pop shops are there so you can talk with and ask your questions to the people in the know. There is also a display area with some of the best models you have ever seen on display. The main floor of the convention center is filled with booths and displays and the upstairs area is filled with swap shop booths.

We will be starting our Club 4-H program with 15 kids from Hancock County in April. Steve Howard and I will kick it off on Wed April 13 and Sat April 16 with our introduction to aviation classroom session. If you have a flight simulator on a laptop that we can borrow for these sessions please let me know. Also, if you have any old RC/Aviation magazines around that you want to get rid of please bring them to the meeting or drop them off at Hobby RC and we will give them to the kids at our first session of this 4-H program

See you 23 April at the field on "Maiden Day".

Ted Brindle, Editor



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# Prez Sez

The flying season is just around the corner, now is the time to make sure that your 2011 AMA dues are paid along with your club dues. Vern has done a Great job on keeping me updated on paid members and it appears that we have several past members that need still need to mail in their 2011 dues.

We have several requests for volunteers this year for club functions, field clean up, flower bed replanting, rolling the field, shelter and storage unit repair along with IMAC, Air Show, Toys for Tots events that require planning and a large volunteer group to make these events successful. If you were not able to attend any of these events last year, 2011 might be your year to attend, your help as a club member is appreciated by the person or persons that spend many hours planning these events that benefit the club.

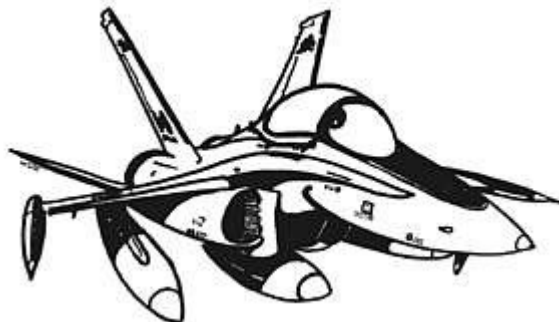
Safety will continue to be a priority this year along with those who want to improve their flying skills. Steve Howard is your Safety Officer this year, if you have any concerns or questions please contact Steve. If you are interested in improving your flying skills please contact me and I will make the arrangements to get you to the right Instructor. Newsletter items should be brought to the attention of Ted Brindle. Air Show request or ideas Jack or myself are open to suggestions, if there is an event that you would like to host, contact either myself or Mike Karnes.

Remember that your plane or planes have probably set all winter and a maintenance check list should be performed prior your first flight along with your transmitter.

Again this year we will be holding our club meetings at the field (weather providing) during the months of June, July, Aug and Sept. Hot Dogs/Brats plus drinks will be available.

Next Meeting is April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Bill



## Club Meeting Minutes—March, 2011

The meeting was called to order by president Bill Gentry. I counted 32 members and 2 guests present. The minutes from the January meeting were read and accepted. (There was no February meeting.) Vern gave the treasurers report. We took in dues for 5 family and 4 single members. That makes 7 family and 47 single members.

Bill recognized Rick Wells as a guest and new member and Mike Beech from the South Side Club.

Roy Wilson reported that 14 kids +1 adult have signed up for the 4-H program. The cost for each is \$85. Doug Faubion has offered his facility as a work shop for putting the kits together. They will be picked up at Barb's. The kids are mostly 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders. Work shops are April 15<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Maiden day will be April 23<sup>rd</sup> (weather permitting)

Paul Peterson will start the training program April 6<sup>th</sup> and it will run thru Oct. He may be working the first few sessions, but will make sure someone is there to help a newcomer. He is also available for instruction by appointment. Paul showed some business cards and a poster he got free on the internet at vista print.com. They even have tee shirts.

Norm Warfield will take care of getting the roller somewhere near the end of the month. Bill said it takes about an hour to roll the field. He will need some help doing it. Steve Howard volunteered to help. The field will need spraying. Ron Cassell can get the chemicals we need for both spring and later applications. Roy Wilson has sprayer and Norm Warfield has access to another large sprayer. Plans are to spray soon before the grass starts growing and then again later for the broad leaf weeds.

Gene Brooks will head up the Toys for Tots fly in again this year. It is scheduled for August 22<sup>nd</sup> with a rain date of Sept 24<sup>th</sup>. Gene will handle getting the donations as he did last year. Jack Sallade will need help at the air show. Norm Warfield will head up the float for the Derby Day's parade.

Ted Brindle talked about the Indy Air Show at Mt. Comfort.

Frank

Adams, from the South Side Club, will be heading up the RC display tent again this year. Let Frank know if you would like to display Saturday or Sunday or both. Displaying in the tent entitles you to free admission and a parking place. The featured act this year is the Blue Angles. There are also many new acts this year.

There is planned a radio controlled demo flight for both Saturday and Sunday. These flights would be about 30 minutes. Ted needs about 8 flyers. Mark Fadley will be supplying some helicopter pilots. Billy Thompson will be flying a large WWI plane. Anything could be flown. (Even a trainer.) Main thing is to fly safe. The dates for the show are May 13-15<sup>th</sup>. There might be some displays of some of the large planes at the Indy Jet Hangar.

As safety officer, Steve Howard suggested that when you land your aircraft, you kill engine at flight station. You may taxi out for take off.

Mike Karnes has been asked to host another IMAC event. This would be a qualifier for Clover Creek. The dates would be July 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. This event will bring in the top guys and make some more money for the club. Every 2 years the regional changes the location. That will be next year and we might be asked to host that. The extra money made on this event could make up for lack of new members. Volunteers will be needed to run the meet. Mike received approval (as long as he runs it).

Gene says we need new lock at the field. It has rusted. The field needs a good clean up. Paul says he can put a new hasp on the gate.

Ted gave a list of the upcoming events. Indoor fly at Anderson and Weak Signals show in Toledo, swap meet in Columbus.

As we all know, the club lost a very dear member: Tim Mills. The end of the meeting was dedicated to testimonials about Tim. Some stated that Tim was the reason they joined the club. Most thought of Tim as a brother. He made everyone feel like family. He was a mentor and teacher for a lot of us. We all agreed not many people influence and touch so many people in so many ways. Tim did!!

The club voted to name the Derby Days air show "Tim Mills Memorial Air Show". It was also suggested that the flag fly at half mast in his honor. He is now flying with the angles.

Meeting adjourned.

There was no show and tell.  
There was a fifty/fifty drawing.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Middleton



## **Coming Events**

### **23 April—Maiden Day—IRCM Field**

30 Apr 6pm Hotdog Roast & Night Flight—Southside Field

13-15 May—Indianapolis Air Show—Mt. Comfort Airport

### **21 May—Blue River IMAC Challenge—IRCM Field**

3-5 Jun—Extreme Flight Championships—AMA Site

4 Jun—2nd Annual Electric Ticket Flyin—Southside Field

16-19 Jun—IMAA Rally of the Giants - AMA Site

26 Jun 1pm—Old Time Fun Fly—Southside Field

9 Jul—4 Stroke Rally—Monroe County Field

9 Jul—Fun Fly & Combat—Southside Field

### **9-10 Jul—IMAC Clover Creek Qualifier—IRCM Field**

16-17 Jul—Evansville RC Club Fly-in, Evansville, IN

### **31 Jul—Tim Mills Memorial Derby Days Air Show—IRCM Field**

6 Aug—Gas Fly-in—Converse, In Field

6 Aug—Electric Fly-in, Flying Circuits Club, New Haven, IN

7 Aug—Fun Fly & Combat—Southside Field

13 Aug—Monster Mash Giant Scale, Flying Circuits Club, New Haven, IN

27 Aug—IMAA Flyin—Monroe County Field

### **27 Aug—Toys for Tots Fly-in—IRCM Field**

2-4 Sep—Hoosier Dawn Patrol—AMA Site

2-4 Sep—Indiana Warbird Campaign—AMA Site

10-11 Sep—Heartnut Fly-in—Johnson County Club Field

17 Sep—IMAA Chapter 48 Fly-in—Madison Cty Field

17 Sep—Fly-in for Diabetes—Southside Field

23-25 Sep—WW I Dawn Patrol Air Force Museum, Dayton, OH

1-2 Oct—Giant Scale Fly-in @ Evansville RC club field

9 Oct 1pm—Fall Ticket Fly—Southside Field

22 Oct 6pm—Hotdog Roast and Night Flight—Southside Field

26 Nov—Madison County Swap Meet—Anderson Airport



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## **Items for sale**

If you have any items for sale send me the information and I will list it here in the monthly newsletter.