

# Thrust Lines

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Blue River Airpark



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## President's Corner

### Contact's



Welcome to the President's Corner

I would like to thank Scott Gabbard, Purdue Extension Agent for Shelby County, for coming to our club on meeting night to discuss our field. He presented a lot of things that we could do to improve the condition of the field and gave some insight as to why we are having some of the problems we are having with getting the field to be smoother.

Although he didn't recommend rolling the field, he realized what we were trying to achieve for the benefit of the aircraft. He did recommend using a slicing disk and then rolling with a small roller. This would achieve two things. First it would help to aerate without plugging and second it would help smooth out the field without severely compacting the soil. He has been looking for a slicing disk but has of yet been able to find one.

He also recommended only one application of fertilizer in the spring. This would be one of high nitrogen. And two to three applications in the fall in order to prepare the field for the following spring. He said this is the best time to do this in order to feed the roots.

If any of the club members knows of anyone who might have the old style slicing disk, please notify me and maybe we could get the aeration and rolling done this spring while the soil is still workable. It would be even better if we could acquire one for the club.

I do want the membership to understand that having Scott to come was not to undermine what has already been accomplished with our young field by those who have given of their time and energy to get the field where it is today. It would just be short sighted to not want it to continue to improve. Thanks to Bill White for the information he gave us on the rollers and to all those who have been helpful in this endeavor.

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**Our meetings** are the first Mon. of the month, at 7 pm. Our meeting place is at the New Palestine United Church, 15 E. Main, and a big parking lot is in the rear.

**AN ONGOING REQUEST:**  
**Do you have a story to tell, RC related photos, building tips? Please share with others in the newsletter. Please contact the Editor. (See contacts above).**

## Just Wingin' It ! Notes from the editor



Spring is in full swing and if you are in a similar situation your honey do list is long, so a short newsletter this month. We could use any articles or tips you have to add to the newsletter. Remember this is your newsletter. Please note in the coming events that we are planning a Field Cleanup day for Saturday May 6. Also for those who are new to the club or are wanting to learn to fly, we have training nights on Mondays. And Wednesdays. Please contact an officer of the club if you are interested.

Tim

## Upcoming Club Activities

May 1st— Monthly Club Meeting.

May 6th— Field Cleanup day. More details will follow at the Club Meeting May 1st.

June 6th IRCM Swap Meet to be held at the field.

## April Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 1905 by President Dennis McCarty.

Minutes of the Mar 06 meeting were read and approved as read.

**Treasurers Report:** Ron Cassell reported a balance of \$ 4434.93 as of 31 Mar 06.

**Visitors:** Gordon Mcouat

**New Members:** None

**Level Awards:** None

**Old business:**

**June 3 Swap Meet/Flyin** Terry Smith will handle the concessions.

As voted on at the March meeting the reflectors have been installed at the field

**Bill had gotten prices for a roller – 48inch 2 ton vibratory Roller \$300 per day, 11,000 pound is about \$800 per day**

**Scott Goddard from Purdue Extension has looked at the field and understands what we are trying to do. He said if we roll with a heavy roller we will kill the roots and this will kill the grass we have. His suggestions were to do good fertilization in fall – Sept, Oct, Dec. Get a disk and cut straight slits about 2 inches deep – then roll with a light roller – 1,000 pounds or less. He will get us some information on a disk to do these straight cuts.**

**Training nights will continue to be Monday and Wednesday**

**New business:**

**Bud gave a safety reminder – planes must be marked with AMA number or Name and address, restrain plane while starting. Nylon bolts will get brittle so it is good to replace them often**

**Combination on the lock at the field will be changed on 1 May 2006. We will be sending out an email with the new-combination number for members**

# Event Listings

I am now on the National Museum of the United States Air Force mailing list. I asked and have been given permission to include a list of the events. <http://www.wpafb.af.mil/museum>

## Museum Happenings

**C-141 "Hanoi Taxi" Final Flight • May 6 • 9:30 a.m.** • The aircraft that repatriated more than 500 American prisoners of war held in North Vietnam will arrive at the museum (weather permitting). Continue to check the museum web site for event updates.

**Freedom's Call Military Tattoo • June 30** • Join Wright-Patterson Air Force Base for a celebration of freedom that includes music, aircraft flyovers and fireworks. Event takes place on the museum's rear field. Rain date is July 1.

**Giant Scale Radio-Controlled Model Aircraft Air Show • September 1-3** • Dayton Ohio Giant Scalers sponsor a three-day air show of giant scale radio-controlled aircraft on the runway behind the museum. The show features jets, helicopters, warbirds and other models.

**Liaison Aircraft Fly-In • October 7** • Liaison aircraft are expected to participate in activities such as fly-bys and static displays.

## **Summer Behind the Scenes tour registration opens**

Registration for the summer Behind the Scenes tours of the museum's restoration area opens April 1. These free guided tours are offered at 12:15 p.m. each Friday throughout the summer. Interested individuals must register in advance by calling (937) 255-3286, Ext. 302.

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