



Pit Talk

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Meetings held the second Monday evening of each month at 7:30pm at the Anderson Municipal Airport. The public is encouraged to attend!

Hi everyone, Thanks for reading the February 2016 Pit Talk. This month we are sad to announce the passing of Club member, Webmaster, and friend Joe Bays, who passed on February 4 following a battle with cancer. Joe was such a good friend and valuable asset to our club, I think that the officers want to take a break from the usual reports and just remember him.



Visiting Jim Mahoney in Florida, and doing some flying with Randy Thomas

A memory from Jon Fish

As most of you Joe and I collaborated on many newsletters together during my 13 year reign as secretary. Also I seemed to be the clubs unofficial photographer. With that being said it was always a problem getting photos sent to him for publishing. And my constant procrastination and the fact that my photos would always crash Joe's e-mail server didn't help matters much either. So the solution was for me to put my photos on a CD and get those to Joe by whatever means necessary. This usually meant me handing a CD off to Joe at some predetermined rendezvous point. Quite the clandestine operation. On one particular occasion I was to meet Joe at the off ramp on I69 at Campus Parkway. This was on an afternoon after work and that area is always pretty congested. I thought I was to meet Joe in a nearby parking lot. As I got off I-69 on the off ramp and started looking for said parking lot I spotted someone standing at the edge of the road right there at the intersection, he seemed to be too well dressed to be the usual "will work for food" guy. It was Joe. I quickly handed off the CD and got on my way as to not become a traffic hazard. This goes to show the lengths that Joe would go through to put together a newsletter. His devotion to that job should be an inspiration. **Jon**

In California, you cannot take a picture of a man with a wooden leg. Why not?

Answer: You can't take pictures with a wooden leg. You need a camera to take pictures.

Why on Earth would I print such a corny joke in this issue?????

Well, those of us who knew Joe Bays know the answer to that question. If there was one thing that Joe truly enjoyed, it was a joke, and the cornier the better! As a matter of fact, most of the jokes that you see in *Pit Talk* (including the one above) and silly stories (known as “filler” in the newsletter business) were sent to me by Joe for my use. He was so helpful that way.

On the other hand, there were times when he got frustrated with me I think. Being a professional photographer, Joe knew what a good picture looked like and also a bad one. And let's face it, most of the pictures that we members take out at the field with our pocket cameras, iPhones, etc. are really bad. So Joe would always want me to send him the original pics so that he could “massage” them by fixing the lighting, hues, tint, framing, resolution, and a jillion other things that I don't know about, before I put them in the newsletter. And I would be like “Joe, the meeting is tomorrow, I need to get this thing out, can't we just leave them as is?” So back and forth we would go every month, both of us with crazy work schedules trying to get stuff done, and somehow we always did.

He was a good guy to work with and a good friend, and I will miss him. And as for the photography..... well every time we open up *Pit Talk* and see really crappy pictures we will think of Joe and miss him again. Tailwinds buddy! **Dave**



From George Burns: The secret to a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending, and to have the two as close together as possible.

More from Jon Fish

I know that this is a solemn occasion with the passing of Joe. But I would like to remind everyone that this year marks the 50th anniversary of the club. I hope to have something put together for the banquet that will celebrate that. If any older club member who might have some photos from the early days I would like to have a copy to put into a montage of the clubs history to be presented at the banquet. Thanks **Jon**. I will see to it all photos get returned

Annual banquet info

This year's Club banquet will be held at the Christian Congregation Church in Alexandria, IN (the usual venue) this year, on **March 18**, at 6pm. Family and friends are welcome! There will be a raffle and door prizes, and this year's speaker will be Gary Bussell, AMA District VI Associate Vice President. Meal cost is \$9.00 per person. As Jon stated above, our club is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, so don't miss it. See you there!

Thank you Tipton County Radio Control Club!

As most of you are aware, the Tipton County Radio Control Club hosts an indoor fly-in on **Thursday evenings** during the winter season. Last week they collected donations to help out the Bays family with funeral expenses. Thank you to Rick Yeary and the rest of the pilots who contributed!

If you aren't familiar with this indoor event, here is the info, sent to me by **Rick**:

We fly from 5-10 PM at the Tipton County 4h auditorium. The 4h auditorium is just south of the Tipton hospital on State Road 19. We fly small electric micro size planes. Vapors, Embers, Flyzones, AS3Xtrs, Microaces, EPP and depron planes are the norm.

I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes 1,500 days in a row.

Thanks again for reading, and giving us a bit of your time. Get out there and fly your planes, love your family, tell some silly jokes, and enjoy your life. That's what Joe did, and it's some darn good advice for us all!

