



Pit Talk

December 2016



The official newsletter of the Madison County R/C Flyers, AMA sanctioned club chapter 291



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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!

Season's Greetings, and welcome to the December issue of Pit Talk. If you follow this newsletter, you will notice the change in the format of the opening page. After using the previous format for a couple of years, I thought something different might be nice. Let me know if you like it!

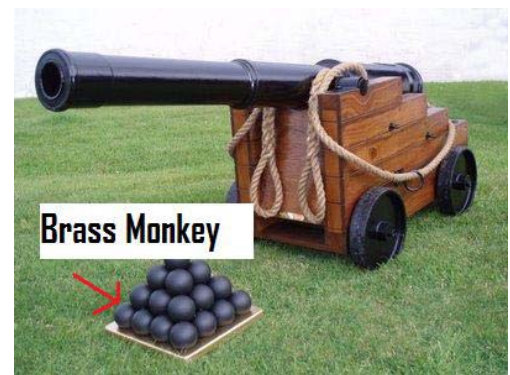
What a month September was! There was a presidential election, Thanksgiving, and most important, our annual Swap Meet. Thanks to all of you who helped out, and those who came to buy and sell, the Swap Meet was a great success! Featured in this issue are the Swap Meet photos.

Don't forget about our annual Frozen Fingers fly in on January 1st. It's always a hoot, no matter what the weather! Hot chili will be provided!

Even though the weather outside is frightful, our workshops are warm and bright. So build on, and let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

A fascinatingly fun fact for a cold winter's day

In the heyday of sailing ships, all war ships and many freighters carried iron cannons. Those cannons fired round iron cannon balls. It was necessary to keep a good supply near the cannon. However, how to prevent them from rolling about the deck? The best storage method devised was a square-based pyramid with one ball on top, resting on four resting on nine, which rested on sixteen. Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon. There was only one problem....how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding or rolling from under the others. The solution was a metal plate called a 'Monkey' with 16 round indentations. However, if this plate were made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make 'Brass Monkeys.' Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled. Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannonballs would come right off the monkey. Thus, it was quite literally, 'Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey.' (All this time, you thought that was an improper expression, didn't you?)



Some great old photos from Jim Mahoney



Jim with aviation legend Roscoe Turner



Howard Hughes flying an R/C model of his Spruce Goose

Swap meet 2016 photos
Courtesy of Jon Fish



PSA from Rick Yeary

Hello indoor flyers, after Steve Percifield and I met with the 4h board members Nov. 7th it was very clear that they were very concerned about us hitting the ceiling tile with our airplanes. They are looking to replace the ceiling tile sometime in January at a cost of nearly \$13,000. We told them we sometimes bump the ceiling but are very conscious about our surroundings and do our best not to. I wasn't sure we'd be able fly there again after we left the meeting but they came back the next day and gave us approval. We do have to provide liability insurance for the season so I've already traveled to AMA and purchased it for \$80.

So I'll go ahead and say it.... be very very careful flying this season and don't hit the ceiling. Fly in control, speed is not your friend in this tight environment. If you're fairly new to the hobby and have a new aircraft have someone like Steve Percifield fly it for you to check things out. Steve is always willing and able to help with new aircraft.

Here's our schedule for the season so mark your calendars. Come join the fun.

Wednesday, Nov. 30

Thursday, Dec. 8

Thursday, Dec. 15

Thursday, Dec. 22

Thursday, Dec. 29

Thursday, Jan. 5

Thursday, Jan. 12

Thursday, Jan. 19

Thursday, Jan. 26

Wednesday, Feb. 1

Thursday, Feb. 9

Thursday, Feb. 16

Thursday, Feb. 23

Thursday, Mar. 2

Thursday, Mar. 9

We may try to mix in some Saturday morning flying at the church to get the people that can't make the weeknight flying. I'll have to work on this one.

Hope to see you at the indoor flying sessions.

Rick

My 60-year kindergarten reunion is coming up soon and I'm worried about the 175 pounds I've gained since then.

Officers' reports

President Art Frye:

Greetings,

I hope you all had a Good Thanksgiving! We had a good turnout at our swap meet on November 26th. We tried a new location this year and it was very successful. We learned some things and realize that we could have done a few things differently but overall it was a good day. Byron will have the final figures at our monthly meeting. I do want to thank everyone for all their help.. I glad that we are open to trying new ideas . If you have suggestions or ideas bring them to the meeting we love to hear them.

Your President

Art Frye

Vice President Dave Morris:

I would like to thank everybody for allowing me to be vice president for the last few years but due to work I haven't had time to help out to much with the club so thanks to Tom Seres for taking the Vice President position.

Dave Morris

The Honorable Jon Fish (standing in for Secretary Bill Hallsworth)Meeting minutes

November 14 2016

The meeting was brought to order with President Art Frye presiding. There were 12 members present

(All the usual suspects). The minutes of the last meeting were accepted even though none were prepared and the newsletter had yet to be posted.

Treasurer Byron Hamrick gave the treasurers report and it was accepted as read.

The subject of the swap meet was brought up and discussed with final plans being made. Set will be at 4:00 p.m. Friday afternoon at the church. And final preparations Saturday morning at 6:30. The concessions will have its usual fare. With Tom Kelley bringing sloppy Joes and Dave Morris bringing his wife's biscuits and gravy. Byron mentioned that as of Mondays meeting there were only 16 tables left. This year event is being done with most everything donated and the church is allowing use of their tables to help lower our cost. The rest of tables are being donated by Bill DeWitt and Jon Fish. Hopefully this will maximize our profits from the event. The most this is going to cost us around \$200. Members stepped up at the meeting and donated \$100 to the purchase of concession supplies for the event.

Mike Sharp asked how many paid members the club has for 2016. The answer was 25

Tom Kelley mentioned that Jack Dean is not doing well and has been hospitalized with pneumonia.

Dave Johnston mentioned that Jack is also selling off the rest of his stuff and that will be taken care of at the swap meet.

Nominations for next year's officers took place here is the list of the unfortunate

President Art Frye

Vice President Tom Seres (what you get for not coming to the meeting Tom)

Secretary Bill Hallsworth (you too Bill)

Treasurer Byron Hamrick

Field Marshall Bill Dewitt

Safety officer Mike Sharp

Newsletter editor Dave Johnston

Web Master Joe Bays

The will a vote of affirmation at the December meeting.

50/50 was won by Tom Kelley who donated his winnings back to the club Thanks tom
Motion was made to adjourn and general discussion took place

Disclaimer

The minutes of this meeting were taken by fill in secretary Jon Fish and are in no way the opinions of the rest of the membership that's all folks!

Treasurer Byron Hamrick:

As keeper of our money , I'm pleased to officially announce we did well. In 2015(our last meet at Chesterfield) we used 89 tables for the meet but had to rent 40 tablesat a cost of \$376 plus the cost of the room was \$400. This year we managed to use tables for free thanks to Jon Fish and Bill Dewitt and the cost of the room was \$250 thanks to Art. the bottom line is: TOTAL NET of \$2122.00 for the swap meet. Last year our total net for that meet was \$1516.00. So an extra \$600 was cleared, For the year Jan to Jan. we spent approximately \$431 more for the year than last year.

As treasurer it is my goal to spend less than we receive for the year, or to purchase no supplies until we have earned the money. We are not the USA and cannot operate with a deficit budget. I don't know how many more years we will be able to operate with our dwindling number of members, but we should only spend money without eating into the our cash reserves. hopefully this years glass festival will be better weather and greater ticket sales to keep our cash balance growing. Sooner or later we will need to replace the z-turn mower and this will cost several thousand unless the mower fairy drops a used one on us. (ha-ha-ha). As I write this awaiting a snow=rain mix for the day, I dream of 70 degree days & light winds and the joy of landing in one piece, but the camaraderie of the group is the real reason for the love of the hobby. Happy trails and successful flying.

Byron

Field Marshal Tom Kelley:

The year is ending and so is my job of being Field Marshal. Looks like Bill Dewitt will be your field marshal again next year. That is good, he will take good care of the field.

Byron & I stacked the tables on another table under the building overhang. That will keep them out of the weather somewhat until we decide if we are going to put them in the shed for the winter. We didn't put them inside because we will need the room inside for the Frozen Finger Fly in. If it's very cold New Years Day everyone will be crowding inside the building and it's usually a cold day.

Since this has been a warmer than normal fall the field needed mowed up to mid November. But now the machines and the people that run them can take a break for several months. About mid March we will be back at it with rolling the field and getting it ready for another season of flying.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting-----**Tom Kelley**

Newsletter Editor Dave Johnston:

It was a cold and windy month, but I did manage to get out my trusty Stik and fly one time, so it wasn't a total write off.

Stopped by the Swap Meet and helped out for a while. It was a bit cramped in there, but attendance was good, and I got a great deal on a Great Planes Easy Sport 40 for another winter project.

Hope you all like the new newsletter format, have a **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

Madison County R/C Flyers, Inc. Membership Application

Proof of AMA membership must be shown. A Xerox copy is OK. You may mail this application with remittance and proof of AMA membership or present it in person at the next club meeting.

Name _____

Address _____

Date _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____ AMA# _____

Birthday _____ Place of work _____

Email Address _____

Homepage Address _____

Club Secretary
Bill Hallsworth
2917 Morton St.
Anderson, IN 46016

You give permission to the club officers to publish this information for club business?

I will follow all AMA rules for the flight of radio control model aircraft. I have read the club rules of the Madison County R/C Flyers, Inc. and I will abide by them at all times. My actions will always be in the best interest of our land owner and our club.

Signature _____ Date _____

- ☐ Regular Membership.....\$30.00
(Received after September 30th & good for the following year)
- ☐ Associate Membership\$15.00
(no AMA required and no voting privileges)
- ☐ Spouse Membership.....\$15.00
(wife of a regular member)
- ☐ Junior Membership.....\$1.00
(under 18 years and living with a regular member)
- ☐ Late Summer Membership.....\$15.00
(Received from August 1st through September 30th and expires December 31st
Late Summer membership applies only to those that were not members the prior year)



Furnish a stamped and self addressed envelope with your membership application and your membership card will be sent to you. It is recommended that you attend a club meeting and pay the club secretary and receive your membership card in person. The combination to locks at the club field is on the membership card and is privileged information for club members only.

The club rules and bi-laws and this membership application can be found on the club website.
www.madisoncorc.com