



# Pit Talk



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

**Meetings held on the second Monday of each month at 7:30pm at Anderson Municipal Airport. Everyone is welcome to attend!**



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## 2016 Glass Festival edition!



Some of the members who manned (and womaned) our Club booth

Hello everyone, and welcome to the September 2016 edition of Pit Talk, the newsletter of AMA Chapter 291, the Madison County R/C Flyers. This month we celebrate our involvement in the annual Elwood Glass Festival with a special report by member Jon Fish, and with a whole bunch of photos.

If you aren't familiar with us, we would love to meet you and tell you all about the great sport of flying Radio Control aircraft! Visit our club web site at [www.madisoncorc.com](http://www.madisoncorc.com), our Facebook group, or stop by our monthly meeting, which is held at 7:30pm on the second Monday of each month at Anderson Airport. There are still a lot of great flying days left in the season, so come join us!

## Jon Fish's Glass Festival report

Well another Glass Festival has come and gone. This year weather played a major role with events but didn't seem to stop things. Friday evening was a good for raffle ticket sales. Thanks to Joyce Wilson and Carol Frye. I brought a few planes to help with the display and things went pretty smooth. Saturday morning came quick. Had trouble getting my lazy butt out of bed, but after a full day at work plus O.T. and the evening at the park I was plenty tired. I gathered up my trainer and support equipment and took all that to the park Saturday morning. The weather was looking iffy. We got things set up and sooner than we got that done here come the rain. Thanks to Bill Dewitt's foresight, we had extra tarps that we secured to the sides of the awning to help keep things dry. The rain lasted most of the morning and part of the afternoon. There were concerns as whether we would be able to put on the flight demo. But around 1:30 the clouds parted and the rain stopped. Things dried off enough that we could do the demo. I want to thank Roger Seward, James Zankle, John Zankle, and Roger Fish who helped with the flight demo. James put on an amazing show with his helicopters and quad copter. Also want to thank Mike Sharp and Randy Thomas who also put on a show. We also grabbed an unwilling volunteer from the stands and put him on the buddy box. Also thanks to our broadcast duo in the announcing booth. Air Boss Dave Johnston and his side kick Bill Hallsworth. We had the Dave and Bill show. We concluded the flight demo just as another rain was coming in. but we got a full hour of flying in. Oh also want to thank the Elwood High School athletic dept. for having things ready for us. it was back to booth to wait out another rain. I didn't make it to the car show this year as the rain cut all that short. The rain finally quit later on that afternoon. And things started picking up. Sold a lot of raffle tickets, talked to a lot of people. And saw some familiar faces. Byron Hamrick made some pork BBQ which we feasted on and didn't last long either. Also Byron once again this year put on the clown suit and spent all three days handing suckers to all the little kids and pretty girls that walked by our booth. Don't know if Byron got any dates out of that. Sunday turned out to be a nice day as the rain moved on and we were left with cooler temps and clear skies. Once again ticket sales were brisk. And traffic was high. We had a lot of people show some genuine interest in what we do so I hope we planted some seeds. We gave away the raffle plane this year. So we are already in the hole for one next year. Congratulations to the winner and I hope we see them at the field. We got things torn down and like circus roustabouts taken down put away and were out of there in no time. Well that's about it for this year. **Jon**



**Thanks, Jon!**

## And now for the photos!

(Thanks to Joe Bays for the editing and most of the photography)















# Madison Co. R/C Flyers "old days"

By Jim Mahoney

I will try and remember some of our activity at the field and away.

We first flew at Don Huffman's brother's place just South across the creek from where are main field was. His name was Hammer I believe. It was a gravel pit. Nothing but a dirt road.

There was an incident there one day when Henry Oberhoutzer and Ed Pholh. Ed had a garage on south side of Anderson and sold

These were all

Anyway Ed and cat and mouse and started spinning flyby and cut Henry's

We used to fly at the 4th to entertain fireworks. Don

In our club we had could stay up the diesel and put it on

12oz tank..I was up over an hour, and at the point they banned the diesel.. About the same time Parnelle Jones had the turbine at Indy.

I know we had a lot of good modelers and some weird models. I can't think of his name but he built a Praying Mantis.

Sometime in this time frame I remember flying at Kilbuck Park as we had lots of room there..Not sure why we were flying there other than a lot of us were GM employees.

Not sure when we moved to Arron McCord's property from Huffmans. He was a generous man and never charged us a cent. If you go to the intersection of 700West and 700North in Madison County and turn North on 700West.... after you cross the creek look to your left and there is our old flying site for many years until we had a neighbor lady that complained that our planes were bothering her horses and she got on the band wagon and pulled all kinds of shenanigans and we ended up losing the field. Then our club leadership found the field where we are today.

All this was fifty years ago.

I remember teaching Joe Bays to fly with a Sig J-3 Cub he had. I did a loop for him and the wing broke in half. Joe wasn't too happy.

The first meeting of our club was in my kitchen and if you come to Florida now where I am still active in model aviation you can have another club meeting in my kitchen. **-Jim**



F&M Electronics Radios.. Reeds or single channel.

Henry were flying a little then they quit. Henry down to land and Ed did a airplane in two!

Elwood country club on July those waiting for the Huffman set that up.

at one time to see who longest. I got a .15 size an Andrews H-Ray with

## About the picture.....

### **Jim Mahoney at the old Frankton flying field**



This plane is modeled after my buddy Ed,s PT 19. He keeps it at Anderson. It a 1943. I said it was taken in 1987 but think it was 97. It was powered by a Zenoah.G23.

It is a Fairchild PT 19. It started life as a PT 26 with canopy.. Airplane is in the Alexandria Airport....not Anderson. In the background is Aaron McCord's house. He let us fly on his property for many many years and didn't charge a dime.....**Jim**

The speed with which a woman says "nothing" when asked "What's wrong?" is inversely proportional to the severity of the crap storm that's coming.

### Night Fly coming up Saturday, Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>!!!

Our Inaugural Night fly-in is scheduled for Saturday evening October 2. Flying will start at 8pm and run until midnight. Planes must be equipped with a lighting system. There is no contest. Just show and fly and have a good time. There will be food provided for and no landing fee. However donations will be accepted. Other clubs will be invited too. This is a non-sanctioned event but a Current AMA is required. Should you have any questions contact me Jon Fish at 765-635-4540 or e-mail at [fish\\_jon@network.lilly.com](mailto:fish_jon@network.lilly.com) Thanks **Jon Fish**

### **Why did Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?**

#### **"Epic crash of the month"**



We are sorry for your loss **Tom Seres**.....But we know that your beautiful DVII will live on in our hearts, and also through its undamaged component parts!

## Officers' Reports

(kind of skimpy this month)

### Secretary's Report:

August meeting minutes:

August 8, 2016

The meeting was called to order by president Art Frye. There were 14 members present.

Bill Hallsworth read the minutes (accidentally left out of newsletter). A motion was made and passed unanimously to accept the minutes.

Byron Hamrick presented the treasurer's report. A motion was made and passed unanimously to accept the treasurer report.

There was final discussion about prizes and gliders for the Glass Festival. Byron and Art will get the insurance certificate. We will meet at the airfield at 4:00 on Thursday to load up supplies and set up at the festival. Info will be posted on the club's Facebook group page. We will do the flight demo on Saturday at 2:00 PM (weather permitting, of course). All members are encouraged to participate.

Joe Bays pointed out that today is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Madison County RC Flyers. The first meeting was at Jim Mahoney's house in his kitchen. He showed off his full scale airplane he was building in his garage.

Don't forget the GIANT Scale fly-in next month.

The Civil Air Patrol wants to set up day for the cadets to come up and get a lesson on September 24. Anyone with a trainer and a buddy box is encouraged to participate.

There was general discussion about various topics.

Jon Fish wants to set up a night fly-in before the end of summer. This would be an informal thing, open to all local clubs. We will double check the AMA rules for night flying. The tentative night is Saturday, October 1, 2016. We will plan on having a bonfire somewhere on the field for warmth.

There was no drawing this week due to a lack of tickets.

A motion was made to adjourn; it was seconded and passed unanimously.

– **Bill Hallsworth**

## Treasurer's report:

### REFLECTIONS OF SMILES

For the past three years, in an attempt to encourage and attract visitors to our tent/booth for a larger sale of Raffle tickets, I have given out Dum-Dums to the children and parents. Much thanks to Cheryl Morris for the baggy pants and hat outfit making me recognizable as a friendly non-threatening person just handing out treats to the children.

The pay-off is the smiles and big eyes of the two to four year olds as they are offered a treat from a funny looking stranger. First, many are shy and withdraw, looking for an ok nod from a parent. Following approval, the upward reach and smiles fill my soul with the joy of causing a child to smile and hopefully a memory for that child which will remain for years to come. A memory that the world does indeed have kind and loving adults wanting to ensure the best for all children.

At the end of the day, tired and exhausted, I go home to rest and relax and reflect on the JOY on those little faces.....



Come to the next meeting for a break down of expenses and profit from our club working together. We fell a little short of expected funds due to the rain Saturday afternoon from three to four. The crowd really never reappeared in great numbers. Our next challenge is to cover the remainder of the field rent at our annual swap meet in November.

**Byron**

## Newsletter editor's report:

Once again, thank you to those who sent in material for this month's Pit Talk- I couldn't do it without you!

Between the Glass festival and a number of really nice flying days, the last month has been an exciting one for the club. Looking forward to another couple of months of great flying weather before winter sets in. On a personal note, It has been an exciting time for me personally; I started taking (full scale) aerobatics lessons, which I have wanted to do for a long time. I think that having done aerobatics in R/C aircraft helps me to visualize the maneuvers. Also, I want to give a big shout out to **John Tumulty**, who gave me a sweet .46 glow motor to put in the Avistar Elite that I am building for the purpose of being a club trainer. Have a great September, everyone, and Happy Flying! **-Dave**

**This event has been moved to  
Sunday September 18th  
because of weather forecast  
2016**

**Madison County R/C Flyers  
Annual Giant Scale Fly-in  
Sunday Sept. 18th, 2016**



**“Bring your 80inch wingspan or larger single wing aircraft or 60inch or larger wingspan biplane or true quarter scale aircraft and fly with us (Old IMAA guidelines Apply)”**

**6 miles north of Elwood IN on C.R. 1850 N**

***A Day of flying - fun, and fellowship !***

**Unlimited Approaches to a Grass Runway  
Arrive anytime...Pilots meeting AT 10 AM**

**Contact CD: Tom Seres at 765-620-6483 or  
E-mail: tom.seres@yahoo.com for more details**

**Concessions will be available on site  
There will be a Raffle & a 50/50 Draw**

**Limited Parking for RV's — Facilities are Primitive!  
No Water or electricity. — Port-a-john available.  
No Handicap facilities**

**Registration Fee is \$10.00 & AMA membership is required  
Our Website is: [www.madisoncorc.com](http://www.madisoncorc.com)**

**Map of Field Location shown below on page 2:**

**GPS Location: Latitude (N) 40° 22.277' Longitude (W) 85° 49.715'**

# 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](http://www.madisoncorc.com)