

# Peoria R/C Modelers

AMA Chapter 313

February 2004

## NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday, March, 2nd 2004 7:00 p.m.**

**HobbyTown USA** (in the Shops at Grand Prairie)

## OFFICER ELECTION

Nick Keith was elected to the position of Secretary/Treasurer at the January meeting. This is the position that Dave Olson is retiring from.

## **Renewal Time Reminder**

It's renewal time. When renewing with our club, take a minute and fill out the form, which is part of the newsletter. Please provide the frequencies you work with. If applicable, be sure to provide your email address so that we can send the newsletter via email. It sure makes the editor's life easier and you get the newsletter faster. Our mail list and member list need a bit of touch up work and the filled out forms really help. So, be sure to give Nick your check with the form. Renewals are due by the March meeting.

## **2004 Event Dates**

Airshow July

Swap/Fly pending Mike Lusher

## **From The Editor**

Well, the pickin's are a little slim this month. Everybody must be frozen, or working so hard down in their basements that they can't come up with anything to say. So, this month will contain a bit of everything, but not much of anything.

## **Hobbytown USA Special**

Hobbytown is currently running a special sale on a trainer outfit. With the purchase of a trainer, Hobbytown will provide a one year membership to the Peoria R/C modelers. Thanks again to Hobbytown USA.

## **Member Database - Terry Beachler**

I have volunteered to clean up the club database. I will call or email all members and

update individual information to include contact information, AMA number, frequency usage, and email address. Please take the time to inventory your radio frequencies. We have the capability to place our roster (limited information) on the club web site as it is developed. Please give thought regarding information you would approve of being posted on our web site. Tauseef has volunteered to build/maintain the web site. Password protection may be an option to keep any information limited to club members.

Terry Beachler

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## **Memories - Ross Palmer**

I bought an Extra from Wes during my training period. At the time I was flying Sunday mornings at Yates City. I could take off and fly OK but landing was very interesting. The very first time I flew the Extra I took off under the watchful eye of a friend. No trainer cord available. The airplane was out of trim and soon as it cleared earth it rolled. Nearly tapped the wing. After a complete roll I applied enough right to hold her steady. I mean I was total focused and scared speechless. I somehow held on, took her up and into a turn. Randy's comment was, "Damn, Ross, you are really flying!" Meanwhile I was in total shock. When he realized I was not doing the aerobatic flying but barely hanging on, he laughed aloud and offered help on applying trim.

I landed her and throughout the morning worked on the trim. By noon I had this Extra flying straight and could land her safely. I was also working with a new Futaba 6 channel radio. After the last flight, beaming with pride, I punched the appropriate buttons to save this perfect trim, loaded the Extra into the truck and headed for Chillicothe to show off the

new plane and my flying ability.

Gosh! When I arrived at the field the sun was shining and there were MANY flyers on the flight line flying and enjoying the day. I thought -- "Well, lets do it. I have logged a number of flights already today, I can do this." I waited my turn, taxied out and took off.

Two seconds in the air and I knew I was in trouble. She was pulling hard left and wanting to dive hard. My thought was total terror. I did make it up and into the first turn. I flew north and accomplished another turn back toward the field. I was praying I could bring her down in one piece. I remember Dave walking toward me offering assistance a millisecond before I crashed her -- right in front of many of our members. I hadn't saved the trim! Red faced and tail between my legs I walked out and retrieved my broken model, made an excuse or two, loaded her up and took her home for repairs.

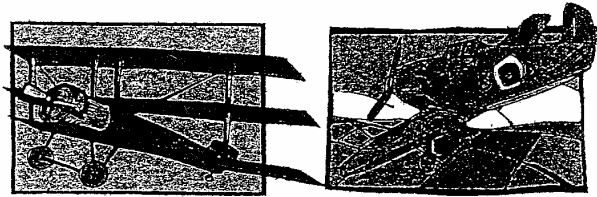
Today when I think about this it brings a huge smile. I did not like crashing. The up side is I

am flying the little Extra better each time I fly. I will never get to "learn to fly" again. Those early memories are very precious!!!!!!!!!!

### **On The Building Board**

Let's hear what everybody has been building this winter. I finished a Great Planes RV-4 kit and am working on a Top Flite giant scale P51. Man there is a lot of shaping to do for this kit.

I've heard that there's a definite **lack** of progress on the Jeep in the RC Wilson hanger. Guess we'll have to see that Extra for another 300 flights. I also know that Dave has been spending a large amount of time making a windshield for his Cub. Maybe Steve Meister will decide what plane he wants to build by **next** winter? And Nick can fill us in on how many planes he's already crashed this year? Tune in next time. Till then, keep hoping for warm weather.



## WARBIRD'S over SNEEK'S

### IMAA - AMA WARBIRD FLY-IN

**Open only to WWI and WWII Aircraft- NO JETS**

C.A.P. Aircraft included if properly identified  
AMA & IMAA Guidelines - Minimum Size 80" Monoplane 60" Bi-Plane

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# Saturday, August 21, 2004

IMAA & AMA Sanctioned \$10.00 Landing Fee

Public Viewing of Aircraft - Saturday 12:00 to 12:30 P.M

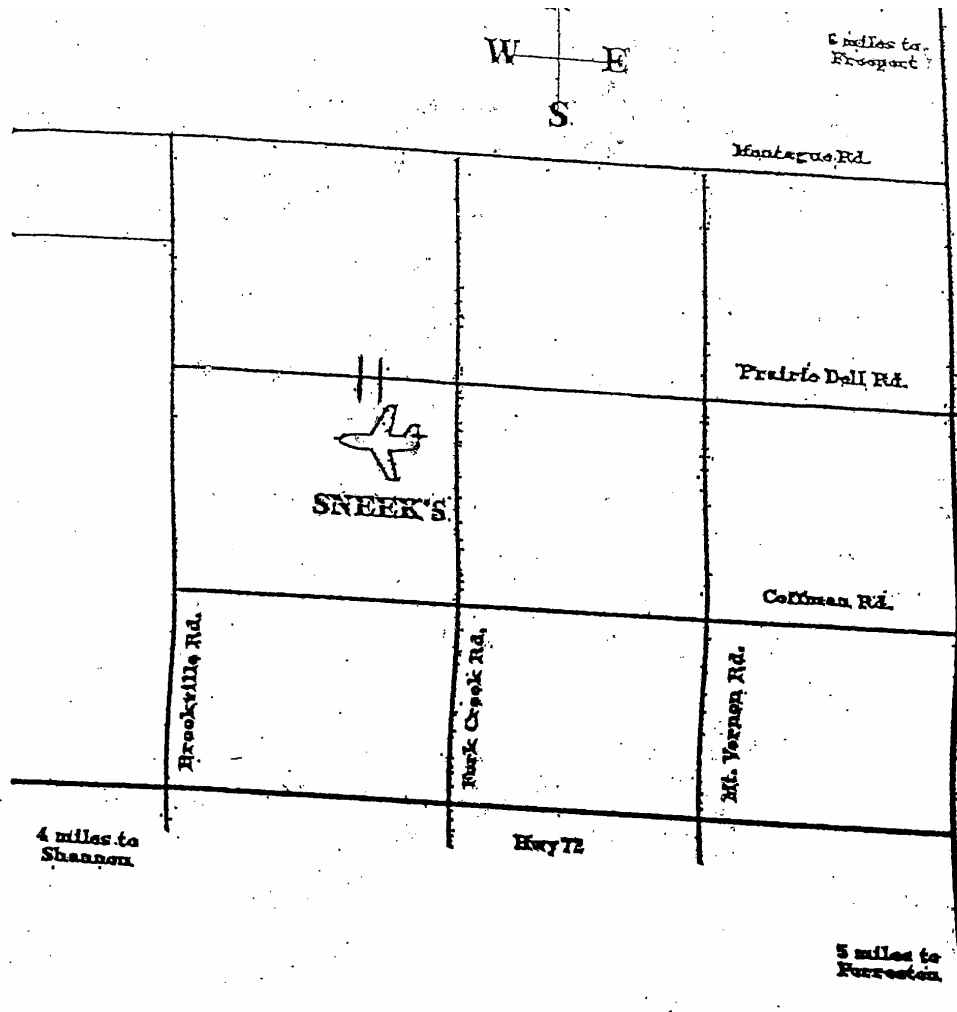
**Camping available**

**Food available**

For Travel & Lodging Information call;  
Stephenson County Convention & Visitors Bureau  
800 369 2955 815 233 1357

**Map Information on back**

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Sneek's is a lovely private airstrip operated by Duane "Sy" Sneek. It is located 6 miles south of Freeport, and 2.2 miles west on Prairie Dell Rd. (gravel). Or 2 miles west on Montague Rd. (blacktop), 1 mile south on Fork Creek Rd., then .2 miles west on Prairie Dell Rd. Sy is a gyrocopter owner and flyer but also enjoys watching model aircraft. The facility has electricity in a hangar, a camping area, shower, and portable toilets. The taxi-way leads west from the hangar to a beautiful 1/2 mile grass strip situated due North-South.

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The Peoria R/C Modelers is an Academy of Model Aeronautics sanctioned radio control model flyers club. Our flying area is located west of Chillicothe on Truitt Road, approximately 1 mile west of Route 29. We fly almost every evening throughout the summer weather permitting. In addition, we conduct several annual events. Visitors are welcome any time we are flying. Academy of Model Aeronautics membership is required to fly at the club site. To become a club member, please contact any of our

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### Web Site & Yahoogroups Sign Up Address

Website volunteer needed

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### Meetings First Tuesday Monthly

May-September 6:00 p.m. at Flying Site/Club grounds (If rain McDonald's Chillicothe)

October-April 7:00 p.m. Hobbytown @ Shoppes at Grand Prairie

Field Location: W 89 30.608 N40 55.128 Elevation 531

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