

Peoria R/C Modelers

AMA Chapter 313

<http://www.peoriarcmodelers.com/>

March 2004

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, April 6th, 2004 7:00 p.m.

HobbyTown USA (in the Shops at Grand Prairie)

RENEWAL REMINDER

Membership renewals after the March meeting cost \$75. Please remember this when giving Nick your dues.

2004 Event Dates

Please note the date for our club air show has been chosen to coincide with Chillicothe days. Mark your calendars.

Air show: Saturday, July 31st.

From The Editor

"Oh the humanity"

Well, I guess the crash of my Great Planes RV-4 wasn't QUITE as bad as the Hindenburg, but it sure was painful. If you are on the email list you have already heard of the premature demise of the plane that I built earlier this winter. For those not on that list, I'll recount the sad tail here.

I believe it might have been the last weekend in February when I decided to take this new plane out for it's maiden voyage. It was a bit breezy that day, and I wasn't even certain that I wanted to take the plane up. But you know how it is when you get to the field. It's no fun to just stand around. So I got the plane out and ready.

The engine didn't want to start though. So I fooled around with it for a while and finally removed the cowl. At that point it was fairly easy to see that the mechanic had forgotten to tighten the glow plug. (It's tough to find a good mechanic these days.) So after tightening up the glow plug and reinstalling the cowl, I was ready to go. (I had range-checked the plane at home, so I knew that was ok.)

Start up the engine, waggle the control surfaces and taxi out. Push the throttle to the stop and

the plane is rolling. I pulled back on the elevator and the plane lifted off nicely. But that only lasted for one second. Immediately the plane went straight up. Nothing I did would get the elevator to work. Unfortunately, and much to the surprise of everyone who bad-mouthed my OS46 LA, the plane seemed to have unlimited vertical. By the time I realized that the plane was doomed, it was probably 100 feet up. I pulled the throttle back to idle and the plane nosed straight over. If I was a more experienced pilot, I may have been able to reduce the damage by rolling the plane then using the rudder to bring it down on it's side. But instead it just came straight back down to mother earth.

A post-crash inspection revealed that the mechanic had messed up again. (As I said, it's tough to find a good one). This time he had left the screw out of the elevator servo so that the arm just slid off. Unfortunately it was at the worst possible instant. (I guess Murphy was watching out for me.) So, I learned the hard way to check, check and recheck all of the control linkages before a flight.

Kerry

P.S. This crash left such a bad taste in my mouth that I purchase another RV-4 kit and am in the process of assembling it.

NEW PEORIA RC WEB SITE!

Special thanks go to Tauseef Tahir for putting together a web site for our club. Check it out at the address listed in the banner.

Miscellaneous Stuff

Terry has attached a proposed mowing schedule.

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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 officers. To become an AMA member, visit the AMA web site www.modelaircraft.org or you may

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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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