

PEORIA RC MODELERS NEWSLETTER



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FLYING FIELD LOCATION

The new flying field is located off Old Galena Rd ½ mile north of the Caterpillar Tech Center on the west side of the road.

GPS Location: N40 51.844' W89 33.788'

FLYING HOURS

Flying hours are Monday thru Saturday, 9am until dark, Sunday, 10am until dark.

MEMBERSHIP

Club dues are \$100/year. All members and flyers must belong to the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). A \$400 dollar new field assessment has also been initiated for all club members. This assessment can be made in one payment of \$375 (\$25 savings) or four, \$100 payments extended over 4 years. There has been no termination date set for the special assessment.

GENERAL

We are committed to having fun and the safe operation of model aircraft.

The Peoria RC Modelers is an equal opportunity, not-for-profit organization and welcomes all new members.

FLIGHT INSTRUCTION

The Peoria RC Modelers offers flight instruction as a free service to members. However, flight students are urged to supply their own aircraft, radio and support equipment. Students should also coordinate training schedules with the instructor. A club trainer airplane is available for special situations.

Glow, gas & electric fixed wing

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Glow, gas, electric fixed wing & helicopter

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PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Comment on Photo of the Month

This is actually an aviation related photo. There's a cloud and an airplane somewhere in the picture! See if you can spot them.

UPCOMING CLUB FUNCTIONS

"LIARS & FLYERS" BREAKFAST

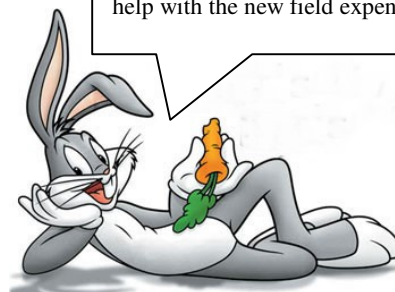
Bloviation & gluttony begins at 7am every Saturday morning at Bob Evans Restaurant on Allen Rd.

DECEMBER CLUB MEETING

December meeting will be at TGI Fridays, 5300 W. War Memorial, on Tuesday December 2nd.

BOND DRIVE

Ahh...Doc, the club really needs your help. Buy a 6% bond and help with the new field expenses.



2008 BANQUET

The Peoria RC Modelers will hold our Annual Banquet at:

Alexander Steak House
Saturday, January 17, 2009
Cocktails at 6:00pm
Dinner at 6:45pm
Followed by awards & presentations

So grab your favorite honey (or designated driver) and plan on it. You don't want to miss this one because if you do, you won't be able to defend yourselves during the presentations.

PRCM 4-STAR RACING

I know this is a little far out, but maybe it will help you get through the winter.

The PRCM will host the 4-Star 40 racing series at our field on Saturday, July 18, 2009. George Knight will be the CD.

“HOT SCOOBIES” From the Editor

My “target rich environment” for newsletter material is drying up with the advent of winter. No longer do I have the luxury of watching the PRCM inmates perform “en-mass” on the flight line. Now I have to struggle for stories. There is still the Friday night electric fly and I hope to develop that. The Saturday morning “Fliers & Liars” breakfast is another possibility...but bear with me...it could be tough going until spring. The Editor

STEGALL'S LAME EXCUSES

As we all know, Roger's excuses for not flying are extremely weak and transparent. So...I asked him to share with us his top ten list. Sadly, here it is.

10. Shake-up his old paint cans
9. Polish his doorknobs.
8. Remove hair balls from his plumbing P-traps
7. Squish aluminum cans for recycling
6. Sharpen the lawnmower blade
5. Put out traps to catch Japanese beetles
4. Spray paint the wicker furniture
3. Sort his pinecones by size
2. Vacuum his furnace filter
1. Remove all Cub players from his fantasy baseball team

BIG DAY AT THE NEW FIELD

November 1st was a big day at the new field. The weather was unusually nice and 13 flyers showed up to try out the “new digs”.



A photo of the new field, looking west.

RESEMBLANCE...AND A POSSIBLE NEW FLIGHT NAME

It's not often that we change a flight name, only under special circumstances. Some have multiple flight names because their goofiness is out of control. Other more mundane flyers have only one. One of these is “River City John” Hoelscher. However, I noticed something interesting at the last club meeting. John bears a strong resemblance to “Gepetto” in the Pinocchio story. See if you agree.



Lately John has been looking more and more like Gepetto. Maybe it's the people he hangs out with.



What do you think?

FLYING OR BS SESSION?

A recent Electric-Fly photo shows the most active event on Friday night. In the following photo you will see “Stevie Wonder” Blesin, “Smokin” Jim Fassino and Kerry “Crash” Delvecchio listening intently to a tall tale and pantomimes by Jim “Goat” Hogan. Of course, all attendees understand that there isn't the slightest hint of truth in anything he says.

In the background you can see new member Tom Imhoff, TJ Klise and Glen Howard. The foreground shows Brian “Chummer” Chumbley and Verne Holeman.



Friday Night Electric-Fly Crew

GEORGE KNIGHT'S DREAM

George Knight aka "The Ultimate Airplane Destroyer" had a dream the other night. He dreamed that he had died and gone to airplane heaven. There was a small twist, however, as the photo below suggests.



George's dream

NEW MEMBER

We are thrilled to have new member Tom Imhoff. Tommy has been a regular at the Friday Night Electric-Fly and is a talented pilot. So talented in fact, that we are considering breaking his fingers so the rest of us can keep up with him. Besides that, he's a nice guy...so make him welcome!



Tom Imhoff (standing) and his Ultimate Bipe.
(That's Roger Stegall fondling the aircraft)

PATTERN NEWS



FAT LAKE PATTERN RENDEZVOUS

The deed is done. Last week I sent the sanction request in to our AMA Contest Coordinator for August 1 & 2, 2009. I have been promised help and advice from the NSRCA District 5 Rep, John Konneker as well as personnel from the Hoffman Estates club. I will be the Contest Director and will be

supported by Brian "Chummer" Chumbley and, of course, our new VP, Jim "Goat" Hogan.

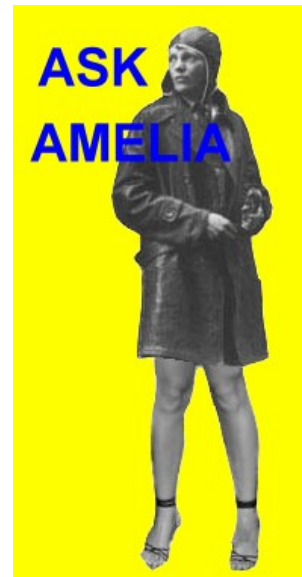
This contest will offer competition in all five sequences; Sportsman, Intermediate, Advanced, Masters and FAI. Of note, the Sportsman sequence will be open to all size; power and weight aircraft and anyone can enter. Hopefully, some of you will give it a try.

The name? "Fat Lake" is the translation for "Pimetoui" and refers to the abundance of game in the Illinois River area of Peoria Lake. It is a contest name that is easily remembered.

The Friday night before the event (July 31) will be open to all flyers for practice. Terry Beachler has offered to host the customary Saturday night banquet (August 1, 2009) at his house on the river and a free lunch (under the control of "chef burn burger" Stegall) will be offered to all competitors on Saturday afternoon.

Let's work hard to make this event a success.

Bob Wilson



Real question from real members about RC pilot concerns. Amelia Airhead will answer all questions and give unique insights from an area of the brain little explored. Address questions for Amelia directly to the editor. Note: This is an XXX rated column and you may want to protect your children. Amelia Airhead is the pen name of Roger "Pod Man" Stegall.

Dear Amelia,

I've followed your accomplishments ever since I was a kid and I have every photo ever taken of you. In some of the photos you look horsey and unattractive with hair that somewhat resembles a brillo-pad. In other photos you look like there might be some hope. Of course, I realize that your appearance was dictated by the styles at the time. Even Kristy Brinkley would have looked like a pooch with some of those hair-dos. My question is this; "Do you have any photos showing a little leg"?

**Signed,
An Amelia Pervert**

Dear Pervert,

In the past I have tried to keep my delicate yams from public viewing. The last thing I wanted to do was to start some kind of fixation with men across America who might criticize their wives for failure to duplicate my standards. You wouldn't believe the public scrutiny I had to endure. Every time I had to pick a bugged out of my nose, somebody was there with a camera to record the event. I figured that by dressing like a man, I might receive even fewer "forward passes" than the Chicago Bears. In my stint of flying around the world (I have been around the world more than once), I learned to spit and cuss like a man. I never did, however, master the stand-up restroom visit.

The picture I have enclosed with this article should be kept in your lunch box or some other secret place where other guys won't be allowed to endlessly drool in admiration and lust. This country doesn't need another diversion from domestic policy that might cause my GM stocks to become even less valuable than a folded parachute soaked in Ca. As far as looking "horsey and unattractive," I believe you need to immediately schedule an appointment with your optometrist. Hint, the big letter at the top of the chart is always an "E." After that, you're on your own. I'll have you know, my face has been on more magazine covers than Brittany Spear's butt. The paparazzi back then tried to focus on the caliber of a person's character rather than the person's choice of Victoria Secret apparel.

In case you were wondering, under that trench coat is a firm, finely tuned female physique wearing only a goose bump. I was on Hough Heffner's speed dial before they had speed dial. Ohhhhhhhhhh the things I could tell you. Since it's not nice to kiss and tell, I will simply have to tell. But that's another story. Don't get me going about James Cagney. The guy was small in stature but.....

Sincerely,

Amelia Airhead - Known for keeping my legs together during flights.

Dear Amelia,

I'm writing to you because I'm convinced my wife's cheating on me. There's a handsome younger single guy who lives 2 houses down the block and my wife seems to disappear when I get involved for multiple hours with my 40% CAP 232 building project. Last night when I needed her assistance to help me epoxy the main landing gear strut, I discovered she had mysteriously disappeared. When I walked down the block I happened to notice a pair of red ladies panties on the welcome mat of this single guy's house. Since I had a cup-full of epoxy already mixed, I immediately headed home to finish the landing gear installation. Later, when my wife returned, she had a big smile on her face and went to bed early saying she was tired. I write to you Amelia because I need to know what to do.

Sincerely,

Seeking some help

Dear Mr. Seeking,

The tale you recount is a sad commentary concerning our society. People need to learn to work together. If you needed assistance with your landing gear epoxy project, it's your responsibility to line up your

help prior to mixing part "A" with part "B." Don't go blaming your poor wife if that gear looks off-cock simply because your wife had to do the same thing prior to her return. You need to be the responsible person and do the right thing by purchasing the 1-hour type of epoxy. That 5-minute stuff is only suitable if your plane or your wife has some kind of premature in-flight failure. Be a man and own up to your responsibilities to nurture your wife and share your feelings. If you can't relate to what I have just said, pretend your wife is a 2-stroke motor running at full RPMs, all she needs is a little tweaking of the needle valve to get her really humming.

Sincerely,

Amelia Your Fully Tweaked Airhead

Airhead Chick,

I ran across the PRCM newsletter while on line. It has been with some interest that I have read it the last few months.

I couldn't stand your articles any longer!

I don't know why Amelia should be the predominate "Knower of all things" when in fact; I am the leading woman aviatrix in the country. I have won many aerobatic championships and I fly in air shows all over the world. I constantly demonstrate my fearlessness, my daring and my superior flight skills.

Unlike you, who are nothing more than a flat chested, skinny broad with a tooth space a 747 could fly through, I have real feminine appeal. When is your membership going to wake up and ask ME the really tough questions?

The Great,

Patty Crankshaft

Dear Ms Crankshaft or Should I Call You Hussy?

I'll have you know that I would rather be a flat chested, skinny broad than a bottle blonde, bimbo with hooters hanging down to her waist from pulling all those positive "Gs." Your under-wire bra would probably make the Brooklyn Bridge look like a Tinker-Toy set. How do you get through those airport metal detectors without causing them to go into over-load? And while I'm at it, just because you do all those "G" maneuvers doesn't mean that you are required to wear a "G" string to get attention from the lads. Seems I recall that you were arrested for tipsy driving while in a high security area of the Oshkosh airport this year. The only thing that kept your hinny out of the slammer was that "Hi big-boy" smile you display when you want something.

I can't think of anybody who would be writing you for advice unless it would be jailbird Paris Hilton. Are you sisters? My advice for you is to stay in that cockpit. Leave the advice to me. I don't want you perverting our local club of RC misfits with your leather jump-suit zipper positioned below your belly button. You may be the queen of the skies while in that "Extra" of yours, but on the ground you're a lame dame with poor inverted passes. As to your feminine appeal, don't go thinking about doing a spread in Playboy. The pages would need some serious ironing.

Sincerely,

Amelia

WINTER PROJECTS

I thought I would start a new column for the winter. Hopefully, I can get some of you builders out there to contribute. Any story or photo off new projects would be appreciated. Just send them to my email listed on the first page. Since this was a last minute brain storm I don't have any information on anyone else's projects, but I will include some of mine to get this thing going. Editor

"ICEPOINT" PATTERN PLANE-WILSON

Before Roger Stegall left China for the last time he purchased a 2 meter pattern ship and had it sent home. Problem was, when it arrived it looked like the shippers played lacrosse with it. Even though it was well packaged, there was some damage and much of the covering had become unbonded. Disgusted, Roger sold it to me for a good price. This marks one of the few times I have ever got a buy from Roger "King of Sleazy Deals" Stegallstein. Anyway, as the photo shows, the repair is well under way and I'm almost finished with structural repairs and stripping the covering off the fuse. This should be a fine pattern ship.



The China "Icepoint"

THE LASER-WILSON

This is an airplane with a rich history. First owned by a Pekin club member back in the 90's it was sold to Roger Downing who flew it for a number of years. Roger dorked it on a pretty bad landing and sold it to Wes Miller. Wes did the repairs and then sold it to Roger Stegall. I bought it from Roger and installed a Fugli 50 gasser that I had purchased from Jim Fassino. I flew the airplane for two years until the wing bolts vibrated out on a landing approach....Ouch! The damage was extensive and I elected to completely rebuild the airplane. As you can see in the photo, the horizontal and vertical stabs have been rebuilt, the fuselage is 90% complete and the left wing is ready for covering. I'm also working on a new fiberglass canopy. The right wing is next in line and still shows the original damage.



The Laser

FOR SALE ITEMS

For Sale! Bob Wilson's Hog Bipe. Set up for O.S. 91 Surpass. Only flown about 10 times. Good flyer and in good shape. \$175.00 for plane only. (309) 219-4262



Hog Bipe

ROGER STEGALL STUFF FOR SALE

Goldberg Sukhoi - \$150 (no motor or electronics), \$400 ready to fly with OS 1.20 four stroke, battery & servos (about 20 flights).

Goldberg Ultimate - \$150 (no motor or electronics), \$300 ready to fly with OS .91 FX, battery & servos.

Goldberg Extra \$150 (no motor or electronics), \$300 ready to fly with OS .91 FX, battery & servos.

RC America CAP 232, 80" WS, \$250 (no motor or electronics) \$550 with BME 42 cc gas, battery & servos (electronic ignition).

Byron CAP 21, semi scale, \$250 (no Motor or electronics) \$500 with Super Tigre 3000 and servos.

Home: (309) 579-3023

VERNE HOLEMAN STUFF FOR SALE

Futaba Conquest 4 channel radio (New in box), Channel #38
Contact Verne for pricing at:

holemanv@hotmail.com

NORTHEAST AERODYNAMICS AQUILA

New in box, Pattern ARF, Yellow color scheme.

Will fit O.S. 1.20/1.40/1.60 or electric

Normally \$439.95 + shipping

Will sell for \$400 and personally deliver.

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