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### Flying Field Location

The flying field is located off Old Galena Road, ½ mile north of the Caterpillar Technical Center on the west side of the road.

**GPS Location: N40 51.844' W89 33.788'**

### Flying Hours

Flying hours are 8am until dusk, Monday thru Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

### Membership

Club dues are \$100/year. All members and flyers must belong to the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). A \$100 new field assessment will be initiated for all new club members in 2011. Beginning in 2012 the new field assessment will expire.

### 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 anyone requesting it.

## PHOTO OF THE MONTH



The "Masters of Disaster", Tom "Cuttter" Imhoff and Bob "The Great Wilson" Wilson

Tommy Imhoff and Bob Wilson wound up the 4-Star racing season with an exciting midair collision. Both planes survived...sort of! Flying their usual tight race, both racers entered the left pylon turn together...Imhoff was slightly behind and above. Coming out of the turn Imhoff's aircraft struck Wilson on the right wingtip with a loud "smack"! Both airplanes seemed to hang in the air for a moment and then Tommy's headed down course...engine still running. Wilson's airplane floated out over the pilot line...engine also running, but with obvious damage. After the initial collision, Wilson had mistakenly followed Tom's aircraft thinking it was his own. Realizing his mistake, he looked back and, luckily, was able to land his injured 4-Star.

Imhoff suffered almost no damage and was able to continue the race...in fact, he won it! Wilson, however, had about 1/3 of his right wing destroyed in the collision and was forced to land.

Our congratulations to all who participated in the pylon racing events and to the overall winners...Tommy Imhoff (4-Star) and Glen Howard (Fantasy Racer).

We look forward to even more competitors next year and an expanded racing venue.

To quote Tom Imhoff, "This is really a rush!"



# THE RACERS

## The Laird Turner-Meteor



Laird Turner-14 "Meteor" (replica) at Oshkosh 2003.

Following his first Thompson Trophy victory in 1934, famed racing pilot Roscoe Turner contracted with the Lawrence W. Brown Aircraft Company to build a new racing aircraft. Designed by Turner and engineered by University of Minnesota professor Howard Barlow, the Turner racer was completed in mid-1936. Following flight tests, Matty Laird extensively redesigned the aircraft and added a larger wing and flaps. Known as the Laird Turner LTR-14 and later the Turner RT-14, the modified racer placed third in the 1937 Thompson Trophy event at the National Air Races and won the 1938 and 1939 contests. With this aircraft, Turner became the only three-time winner of the Thompson Trophy. In 1939 the aircraft was sponsored by Champion Spark Plugs and therefore carried the name "Miss Champion" on its fuselage.



Laird Turner Meteor in flight.

# FROM THE PREZ



Scott "The Ferg" Ferguson

No October article.

# FROM THE VEEP

J.D. "Capt Crunch" Keenan



No October article.



THE SAFETY OFFICER SPEAKS



No October article.

# THE FLIERS & LIARS CLUB

(Light on flying, long on Lying)



Meet for breakfast every Saturday morning at the Bob Evans on Allen Rd.

Arrive any time before 7:00 AM or you will be severely heckled.



# CLUB PHOTOS



*John "Gipetto" Hoelscher contemplates the upcoming vote on "Petromat" at the September meeting.*



*Jim Fassino takes Jon Dewey's #1 son on his first Stearman flight. That's George Knight in the background.*



*Greg "Chip" Pringle checking out the mower after repairing the broken tie rod. Thanks Greg!*



*Jim Hogan and George Knight work on George's Hellcat.*



*Overhead view of the PRCM field from the Stearman Bipe.*



*Don "Snappy" Siedman's Saratoga.*



*Joe "Stitch" Lang ready to perform another smoke demonstration.*



*Joe Lang performing "the ole pencil trick" at the September meeting.*



Does this Stearman look familiar? I know, "What Stearman".

## DEAR AMELIA

These are real questions 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. Amelia Airhead is the pen name of Roger "Pod Man" Stegall

October 2011

### Dear Amelia

The recent round of Republican debates has brought to my attention our soon to be realized election for a new club President. I mention this because I believe it would be appropriate for our Presidential Candidates to debate on the pressing issues at hand. I would like to know their views on abortion, illegal immigration, same sex marriages, increasing the debt ceiling and petro-mat. Having a formal and structured debate would give our voting club members a chance to weigh the alternatives and see their candidates in a clean shirt. I would also propose we institute a Presidential Campaign spending limit to not exceed the value of another bag of lime. The last thing we want is "Big Money" taking control of our election by using Tilted-Kilt girls as lobbyist to gain the "swing vote" through the showy display of tattoos and belly-button rings.

Should I begin constructing formal rules for a structured and informative debate?

Sincerely

Almost Ready to Vote

Dear Almost Ready

I can tell from your letter that you are definitely not "the coldest beer in the frig." Get a grip. Your poor election committee is having a hard enough time to find a single sober candidate for club President who is not involved on some kind of "Work-Release" program. " For some reason, the vast majority of your club members don't want to become involved in anything more complicated than melting ice. Count yourselves lucky if one of your members will actually "step up to the plate" and volunteer to be overly scrutinized by the same majority of members who wish to remain on the sidelines. That's what club leadership is all about – lots of work to do and great recognition for everything that doesn't go as planned. There's no need for a special set of debate rules but a clean shirt every now and then might be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Amelia Airhead – A charter member of Tilted Kilts.



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