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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. Contact a club officer for further information.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



A great photo of Air Force 1 taken by my friend Gary Karl at the Peoria Airport last year.



Gary zoomed in for this one and if you look close into one of the windows you can see Obama repairing his teleprompters. Not really, but a great photo anyway.



— **PRCM RACING** →



4 Star Pylon & “Fat Lake Speed Run”

Summers coming and this looks like an exciting year for pylon racing. Many of us have racers and several are being built. I understand that the “Pringle-Star” will be the next speed threat to come off the assembly line.



**The “Pringle Star” looking Bad!!
Watch out Tommy!**

Besides club racing, I'm hoping this will turn out to be a big spectator event. Bryan Chumbley has agreed to MC each race and he'll do a great job. In addition, I hope each contestant will jazz up their airplane as much as possible with pilots, logos and decals. I love the idea of the pilots taking race names and naming their airplanes. Let's see, there's “The Fantastic Languni”, “The Great Wilsoni”, “Tommy Cutter”, “Klondike Joe”, “Dew Drop”, “Retracts Howard”, “Gorgeous George”, “Fergasaurus Rex”, “Smokin Jimmy”, “Hollywood Hogan” “Gepetto” and “Pod Man”. Now we have airplanes with names like “Dew Star”, “Pringle Star” and my latest “Dread Sled”.

This will give Bryan lots to talk about between races.



Name this flier!

New member, Jim White, is also building a 4-Star. Unfortunately, Jim doesn't have a flight name yet. There have been several suggestions but none have stuck; “White Out”, “White Knight”, “White is Right”, “Mighty Whitey”, “Out of Sight-White”, “White Fright”.

Something will come up.

Now, here is something new. A story sent in by our illustrious president, Joe Lang. As you know Joe has a new 4-Star and he's itching to fly with the big boys. He relates a somewhat delusional story that makes me think we ought to consider his mental competence.

Here it is.

“A Ghost in the Shop”

I have a big build going this winter - a 100" Stinson SR-9 Reliant. I am really enjoying the build and it is going quite well. Although I wish I had more time to move the project along a little faster, I do think it will fly sometime this spring. However, something strange has started to occur in my workshop.

As many know, projects like this can result in very long afternoons or evenings in the shop

and I have had a couple of those over the last month or so. On one of those evenings, I thought I was going absolutely nuts. I swore I could hear a tiny little voice coming from the area where my airplanes are stored. I could not make out what it was saying, but the message kept repeating and had a very distinct rhythm to it: "___ - ___ - ___ - ___ - ___ - ___." I decided at this point that I had been at it way too long and went off to bed for the night.

A couple of days later and after a couple of intense hours building, it happened again. The exact same voice coming from the same location. Only this time I could make out two of the words. "Let's - ___ - ___-some- ___- ___." After completely freaking out and thinking my next stop was a padded room, I packed up for the night and got some sleep. I was not able to re-enter the shop for several days. I had a few theories: Was I really nuts? (plausible), inhaling too many fumes from the glue? (plausible)... and a couple others. But none of the theories really added up.

The following weekend, I finally gathered up the muster to go down and confront my demons head on. Things went well for the first couple of hours - finished the left wing of the Stinson and started on the right. However, the voices were back again. This time a little louder and coming from the corner where two airplanes are stored. One is an Extra 330 and the other is my newly built 4-Star 40 which is all prepped and ready to go racing. I could make out yet another word or two: "Let's-go ___ - ___- ___-butt" . At this point I was at my wits end. I am either nuts ... or there's a ghost... or... **WHAT IS GOING ON?!** After a few minutes of listening, I decided it was time

to find out once and for all... I started walking over to the corner where the voice was coming from. As I got closer, it was getting clearer, louder, it almost sounded like a chant.... I was certain that it was coming from the cockpit of the 4-Star. The little Luigi character... the pilot... he was mouthing the words.... the message was now very clear: **"LET'S GO KICK SOME WILSONI BUTT!"**



Racing season can not get here soon enough! Get those 4-Star's Ready!

Bob Wilson (and a great Fairy Tale by Joe Lang)



STREAMERS OVER MOSSVILLE

January 1, 2012 saw a display of indoor combat at its best. Shortly after lunchtime of our "First-To-Fly" event, indoor combat was launched. By the term "launched" I mean to say that pure craziness began. The first heat saw 5 different competitors, each trailing a 16' length of crate-paper. The task was to snip, cut, tear the streamer of another plane while

protecting the length of paper attached to your plane. Three points were awarded to the pilot who cut another streamer while the plane with the cut streamer was immediately out of that heat, keeping any points accumulated prior to his/her cut streamer. Any pilot who flew the entire 3-minute heat without landing and without getting his/her streamer cut was awarded one point. The action drew a chorus of "OOHs" and "AHHHs" from spectators as different foam planes darted in near proximity to cutting streamers and other planes to shreds. The action was infectious as verified by the fact that 2 more competitors joined in the fore for heat #2. Yup, 7 planes were simultaneously pulling an accumulated 112' of crate paper in a space not much bigger than two dozen porta-potties. At the end of round #2, there remained 5 planes that still resembled some type of flying contraption. When the dust had settled, our Past-President, Scott Ferguson, proved to be the winner from having amassed 11 points. Scott scored 7 points in the final heat from cutting 2 streamers and keeping his crate paper at its original length. Scott attributed his talent for successfully flying in a reckless manner, from all the flights he has made with his Raptor 22. I believe Scott has now put his Raptor up for trade for two hot dogs and any past issue of "Quilters Monthly."

Roger Stegall



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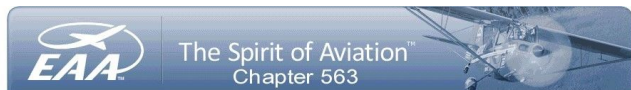
Hopefully everyone had a safe and happy start to the New Year! PRCM definitely had a great start with the New Year's Day "First to Fly " event at the Mid-West Soccer complex. Jim Fassino chaired the event again this year and, along with his team, put on a fantastic day. Although there was no outdoor flying due to 35 MPH winds, there was plenty of action indoors. A lot of open flying, Roger Stegall's traveling hobby shop, competitive events, good food... a great day! In addition to the flying fun, the drawings and silent auction were a big success for the club. A very special thanks to Jim and his team for organizing the event and also to all that attended to enjoy the fun. Great Job!

Please make it a point to try and join us for our club meetings on the first Tuesday of every month. Our next scheduled meeting is February 7th at Friday's across from the Grand Prairie Mall. These meetings are a great chance to catch up with all of the activities in the club, chat about winter projects and enjoy a little time with the rest of the club members. Dinner is at 6:00PM and the meeting will start at 7:00PM. This month's meeting is an important one. Jon Dewey is working on a proposed schedule for the year's major events and we will get a chance to review it and start to put together teams to begin working on the events. It is never too early to start planning and we would like to see as many participate as possible. The bar has been set pretty high in previous years for our Open House, Family Day, New Years Day and other events. Let's get started early and make this year's events even better! Please consider volunteering to help with any of these efforts.

Also, remember our annual club banquet is scheduled for **February 23rd, 6:30PM at**

Alexander's Steakhouse in Peoria. *Please RSVP to me either by e-mail or telephone as soon as possible.* Honored guests and significant others are welcome! Just let me know how many when you RSVP. This was a great time last year and we would like to see even better attendance this year. Along with a good meal, we will be handing out our annual awards to recognize special contributions to the club and its members. Jim Fassino also agreed to put together the slideshow again this year. Please get him any digital photos or videos you would like to see in the show ASAP. This was a huge hit last year and the more material we have the better.

Finally, keep those winter projects rolling! I am looking forward to seeing a lot of new airplanes at the field this spring!



The Experimental Aircraft Association is an organization that promotes all forms of recreational aviation with chapters around the world. Peoria EAA Chapter 563 is located at Mt. Hawley Airport and has a stated mission that includes warbirds, aerobatic, ultralight, antique and classic aircraft.

You don't have to be a pilot or aircraft owner to be a member. You can fulfill your aviation interests with the many programs that are available. These include aircraft restoration, photography, "The Young Eagles" or just hanging out with a great group of people. And...don't forget to visit the world's premier aviation event...EAA AirVenture Oshkosh.

For information on joining EAA Chapter 563 call:

President Bob Young (309) 455-5602
VP Sam Sisk (309) 453-2020

Website: www.eaa563.org



FROM THE VEEP

"The life of an Air Traffic Controller"

The job often sucks, but we love it and wouldn't think of doing anything else. We are rarely appreciated by anyone outside of our profession.

We hold more lives in our hands in one average shift than a surgeon does in their entire career, yet I have never heard of anyone calling for hospital to hire cheaper surgeons.



Watch out for Giraffs on runways.....

Ironical then, there is always an undertow of sentiment that implies controllers are overpaid. It's kind of like a cheap Southwest pilot- under perfect conditions (level flight, ideal weather, mechanical, fuel and on autopilot) the lowest bidder will probably do just fine!! Funny thing when that flight hits bad weather, gets low on fuel or sucks a bird into the engine and lands in the Hudson River, all of a sudden, people want an expert at the controls, It is the same with ATC, you get what you pay for!

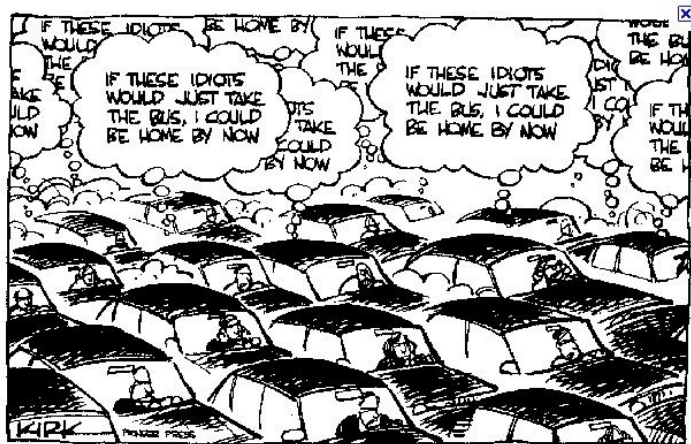
Pilots don't understand us or even listen sometimes but they rely on us to save them when they misjudge their fuel, get lost, "lose" their map or approach plates, need to avoid bad weather, have an unruly passenger or an equipment malfunction or a host of other stuff the public rarely hears about. you don't hear about this stuff, because it almost always turns out well, you only hear about it when we screw up.

For Jim, Terry and J.D, be assured I already know you

want to be #1 in the sequence, so does every other pilot. Someone has to be last and some times we are giving priority handling to another flight. sometimes you can tell by the "Lifeguard" call sign, and sometime we are not at liberty to explain.

We are responsible for knowing more rules than humanly possible and those rules are subject to daily changes.

We want to always be in control. We want to control everything in our environment. We find ourselves controlling the traffic at a four way stop or at an out of service stop light. We can not stand the little old lady that will not go when it is her turn!!



Indecision is unacceptable in any scenario, and imperfection is not tolerated, even a read back error at a drive thru restaurant annoys us.

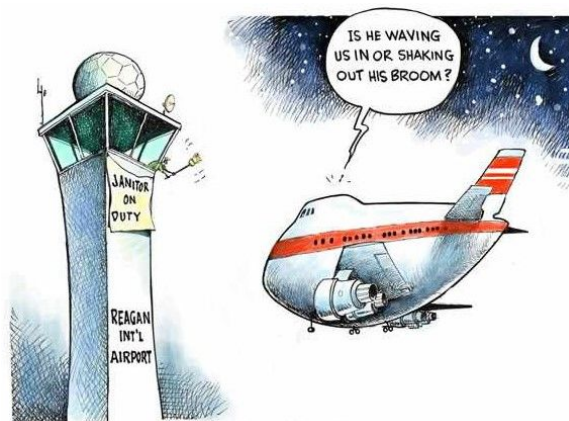
We expect people to say what they mean and mean what they say. Once a decision is made, it is to be acted upon immediately.

Our work arrives at 450 knots and we are expected to get it right the first time, every time.

Most of us look 10 years older than our age and act 10 yrs younger. We don't know what normal sleep patterns are, we work in the middle of the night, and on Christmas, on every holiday, weekends, and on your birthday, on our birthday and on our families birthdays.

We never have "normal" days off. It is hard to participate in our kid's school activities.

People think I am the guy on the ramp with the flashlights directing the plane where to park.



When one of us fails we laugh at him. When one of us succeeds we don't acknowledge it. I find myself controlling the pattern at our field from the lawn chairs.

And now we can't even sleep while we are at work!!!



Working for Uncle Sam will never make me rich, but he takes good care of me. I love my job and I could not see myself doing anything else..

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming annual banquet. Keep working on those winter projects, spring is right around the corner.

Jon Dewey



Here we are in the dead of winter and it seems like spring will never get here. It's a good time to open up the AMA website and look at the new safety rules the AMA has issued. There are no changes to the rules we use at the field, but it is always a good idea to review them before we head out to the soccer club or the flying field.

FAA/AMA

As you know, the Federal Aviation Administration is about ready to release the proposed regulations to Unmanned Aerial Vehicles. (UAV's) The AMA has assured us the upcoming regulations for model aircraft are designed to improve safety and not regulate model aviation because of threats to national security. However, regulations are likely to effect our hobby. After the proposed rules are released, the public will have 90 days to respond with comments. Although the avenue to respond to these proposed rules is still unclear, it is most likely comments to our

Congressional Representatives will be the most likely course.

The AMA will notify the association's members as soon as the proposals are released by the FAA. Keep an eye out because we are likely to see the rules released by early spring. Brian Chumbley, our AMA Assistant VP, is the inside guy and will most likely be ahead of the curve on information when it is released.

See you in March and see you in the lawn chairs.

Jim Hogan



"Random Thoughts"

Club Annual Dinner - Pictures and Video

Last call for you share your pictures and video for this years PRCM annual dinner. The deadline is February 7, 2012. Please bring your video and pictures to the February club meeting or send them by e-mail. The more pictures and video we have the better. Thanks for your help.

Indoor Flying

Indoor flying continues every Friday evening through the end of March 2012. the fun begins at 8 PM and continues until 11 PM for just \$10. Even if you don't have an airplane to fly you should consider joining the fun. There is no charge to watch.

E-FEST 2012

If you are looking for RC fun consider attending E-FEST 2012 in Champaign on February 11 & 12. Flying at the Armory is a real pleasure with the high ceil-

ings and large flying area. You will see it all from pylon racing to aerobatic competition to night flight and combat. Its only \$25 for two days of flying.

Toledo 2012

Mark you calendar for the 2012 Weak Signals 58th Toledo R/C Show. This year the show runs from April 13 through 15, 2012 at the SeaGate Centre, Toledo, Ohio. Everyone knows there are hundreds of R/C vendors but wait there is more. There are lots of swap shop tables for you to sell you extra gear or buy someone's treasures. Not far from the SeaGate Centre there is indoor flying and you can watch the best pilots in the world compete at the Electric Tournament of Champions.

Peoria Air Show

The 2012 Peoria Air Show will be known as the PNC Air Show. New this year is the plan to hold the event on the Peoria river front on June 8 and 9th. This might be a great venue for the Peoria RC Modelers to participate. If you think this might be an opportunity to increase public aware-

ness about our club, come to the February club meeting and share your thoughts.

Jim Fassina

CLUB PHOTOS



JD Keenan (Capt Crunch) mans the desk at "First to Fly" (FTF) event



Roger Stegall, our camel merchant, mans his table of wares at FTF.

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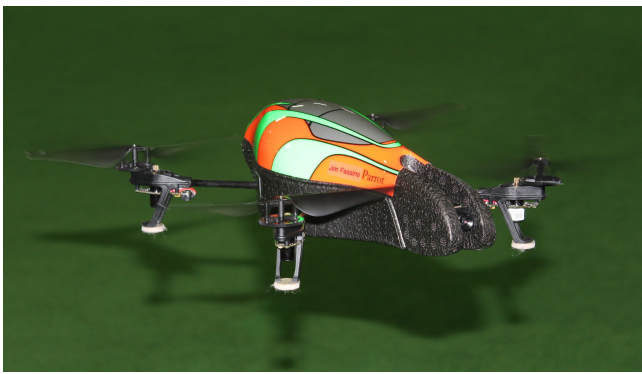
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This is one of the stranger craft at FTF. I call it "The Marvelous Toy" after an old Peter, Paul and Mary Song with lyrics:

*It went "Zip" when it moved
and "Pop" when it stopped,
"Whir" when it stood still.
I never knew just what it was
and I guess I never will.*



Jim Fassino flying "The Marvelous Toy".



A runaway aircraft that crashed into the pits caused this destruction at FTF.



Steve Blesin walking his balloons at FTF



"Chummer" did a great job with the sound system.



Joe Board hovering.



Roger Wheeler, a big winner at the raffle drawings. Note Terry Beachler behind him.



Joe Board & Glen Howard Yuk it up after Joe won at FTF.



Another big winner, Ron Pruess



The combat balloon pop.



As usual, lucky Roger won something...twice!



At the January meeting Roger Stegall tries to articulate directions to the mensroom. On the left, Roger Wheeler looks confused and on the right Jim White has the giggles.

DEAR AMELIA

These are the rantings of ghost-writer Roger Stegall taking the pen name of "Dear Amelia". Other than the physical copying from one medium to another, the editor takes no responsibility in the blasphemy and lunacy herein expressed.

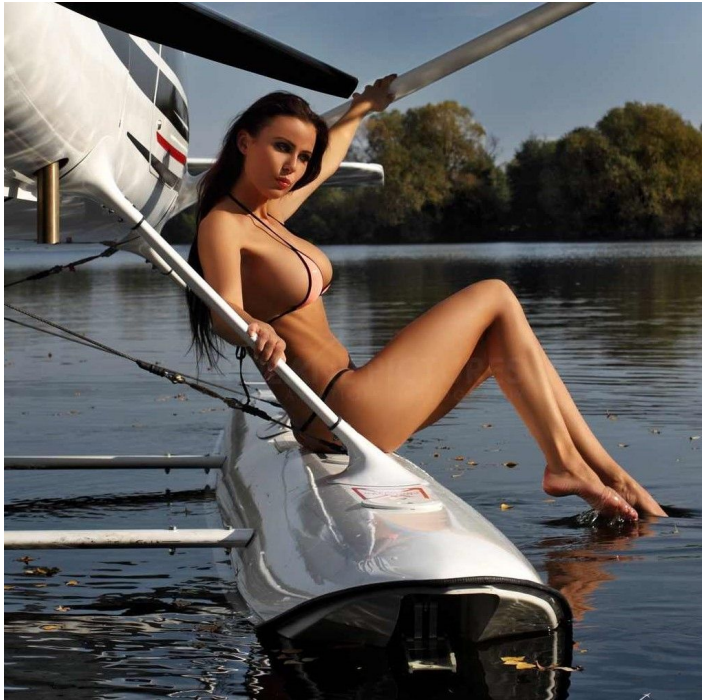


Photo source: I'm not sure about this one but I think it came from one of the so-called "Canada Fishing trips" that John Hoelscher makes every year.

Dear Amelia,

Our flying club banquet is coming up next month and I'm in a quandary to decide if I should bring my "significant other." I mention this because past banquets have not proven to be an ideal setting for impressing the ladies with impeccable manners and enchanting conversation. The last time I was asked a weighty question from a club member, the guy was interested to learn how many grams were in an ounce. Our banquet facility has the option to burn your own steak or have some underpaid kid, still living at home, do it for you. I'm not sure I'm ready to take the responsibility for grilling a steak to perfection without having a proper infrared thermometer to access the interaction of heat and meat.

Amelia, I would like to know your opinion if I should bring my best girlfriend to the annual flying club banquet.

Sincerely,

Wanting to look Debonair

Dear Mr. Want-a-Be

If you are wanting to look sophisticated, what in the hell are you doing in this flying club? Half the guys wear old ball hats that should have been retired with the hula-hoop. Don't go the expense of renting a tux because a clean shirt and socks that match will put you in the upper percentile of your buddies. Banquets are about having fun and sharing with others the zany experiences that happen when planes, radios and questionable talent are thrown into the mix of wind and Murphy's Law. If you want a good laugh and a good steak, you should plan to attend this year-end celebration of futility. If your best girlfriend or significant other isn't comfortable in such a setting, save the \$30 for a steak and buy yourself another gallon of fuel. Fuel is good. Having to deal with "an unhappy camper" is a wasted opportunity to get more fuel.

Sincerely,

Amelia Airhead – Fueled & ready for action

Dear Amelia,

This past week the President Of The Unites States delivered a State Of The Union speech to explain to constituents, the condition of our financial, social and outreach programs. I mention this because I think it would be appropriate for our President to deliver a State Of The Club address at least once per year. During such a presentation the Pres could give an accounting of (1) The number of times the porta potty has been emptied (2) The remaining inventory of Keurig coffee flavors and (3) What proactive measures have been taken to keep our resident mouse from eating the insulation off the wires of our lawn tractor.

Amelia, do you think a “State Of The Club” address would stimulate conversations within the club to crystallize support for shared responsibility and cohesiveness.

Sincerely,
Concerned for State of the Club

Dear State Of The Club Advocate,

In case you haven’t noticed, most of your members consider “The State of Your Club” to be -- Illinois. Decisions concerning fertilizer application, road improvements and who will wash the wind sock are usually made by a dedicated minority of members who show up at meetings and volunteer for projects nobody else wants. Much of the other cohesiveness I observe in your club has come from unintended applications of CA.

Not to worry. There is a well known 80-20 rule that contends 80% of the work will be completed by 20% of the workers. Your club can remain healthy without going to extravagant measures to share minute details during prime-time TV hours. Most of Obama’s presentation talked about the future. Your club needs to develop a vision of a “future state” and plot intermediate steps to that new destination. One-year planning is not an efficient route for growth unless you happen to be a pregnant mouse who likes wire insulation.

Sincerely,
Amelia Airhead – Your source for mouse-friendly advice



REMEMBER! FEBRUARY'S CLUB MEEING AT TGI FRIDAYS, ACROSS FROM “SHOPS AT GRANDE PRAIRIE”. DINNER AT 6PM MEETING AT 7PM. BRING YOUR SHOW & TELL!

