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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



Here is a photo of an electric Morrissey Bravo being flown by Roger Wheeler on Saturday April 21. This airplane was built by former Pekin club member Charlie Jones.



Here is "The Rest of the Story".

The man on the right, Chuck Jones, has just found out that Roger Wheeler is going to fly his dad's beautiful airplane for the first time. There were no barf bags available at the field and we hope he recovered after the successful flight.

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 severely heckled.

# PRCM RACING →



**4-STAR SPEED CHALLENGE**

and

**NO FEAR PYLON**

Racing is upon us!

Saturday, April 21 marked the first 4-Star Speed Challenge for 2012. We had 6 racers show up for the competition. Unfortunately, two of the racers never started. As for Jim White, someone snuck out of the bushes and reversed his ailerons just before the maiden flight of his great looking Four Star-40. The result was an exciting but catastrophic first (and only) flight. Left...right...upside down...splat!



A great looking racer, but...alas, it never made it into competition...R.I.P.

As for John "Gipetto" Hoelscher, his 4-Star 40, named "Pamela" for its somewhat buxom pilot figure, suffered a melted throttle rod. The good news is that he will return for next week's event.



John Hoelscher's pilot figure.

She looks good in the cockpit, but can she race??

Joe Lang gets the honors for being the first to compete in 2012. Joe took his "Fantastic Languini"

and completed the course in a yawn stifling 36.5766 MPH.

Jim Fassino with his new racer, "Old Yeller" next stepped up and edged Joe out with a 37.5823 MPH.

Bob Wilson, sensing easy pickins with "The Great Wilsoni", upped the anti to 40.8324 MPH.

By now Smokin Jimmy Fassino had grown weary with all this frivolity. He stepped up to the line and blasted out a 44.9816 MPH...Jimmy came to race!

Subsequent attempts by Lang, Wilson and Roger Stegall fell short of Fassino's run. We were worried.

Even when told to "Release the Cracken" Roger Stegall fell short of Fassino's time, flying his 4-Star, "Bad Boy".

But now, up stepped Joe Lang once again. He knew he had blown too much smoke about how fast his airplane was to go down to defeat. Summoning all his fortitude Joe blistered out a 45.8553 MPH.

Joe was happy with this run and did a fair amount of "styling" as he strutted around the field getting accolades and high fives.

After several more attempts it looked like Joe was the man, but...in each life a little rain must fall!

The "Great Wilsoni", pumped up, blew the doors off the competition with a 50.2309 MPH and took home the coveted Gold Medallion for the day's racing.



Joe Lang presents Bob Wilson with the coveted "Gold Medallion" after the first Speed Challenge of 2012.



All contestants agreed that the race format is a lot of fun and we're looking forward to getting more participation. Next Saturday is the club breakfast and we will be set up to run Speed Challenges.

Also, don't forget! Sunday is the first "No Fear" Pylon Race starting around noon.



"The Great Wilsoni" negotiates a high speed turn at the east pylon.



The field looks great and the outdoor fun is just beginning. We had our first pylon speed challenge run on Saturday, April 21, 2012. Running against the clock is lots of fun and perhaps safer too. After each pilot raced, they got feedback on their time and how closely they cut the pylon. You could see them improve in the next race as we learned to cut the corner closer and pulled a little harder in the turn. It was loads of fun and takes very little effort to run the speed runs. Good work Bob setting up this fun event.

I am looking forward to the first of the pylon racing on Sunday, April 29, 2012. My last experience saw my shiny new 4 Star 40 t-boned in the second lap. That was then end of the season for me. I hope to get more flying with my new racer, Old Yeller. In addition, don't forget there will be combat flying too.

We have 36 members and several more guys talking about joining for 2012. Our Open House should give us an opportunity to introduce potential new members to the club and the great facilities we have. Jon Dewey and his team have been hard at work planning for the big event.

Vern Holman has been hard at work turning out foam airplanes. Vern has always had a keen eye for the unique looking airplanes. He has flown canards, forward swept wings and almost any unusual looking flying machine. This spring he has also been turning out a fleet of foam combat aircraft. You can find Vern and his test pilot Roger Stegall at the field most days testing Vern's latest modifications. If this hobby is about fun, then Roger and Vern have found the sweet spot of this hobby. Just like Orville and Wilbur, they keep at it no matter the outcome.



Verne & Roger...(Orville & Wilbur) working on a project.

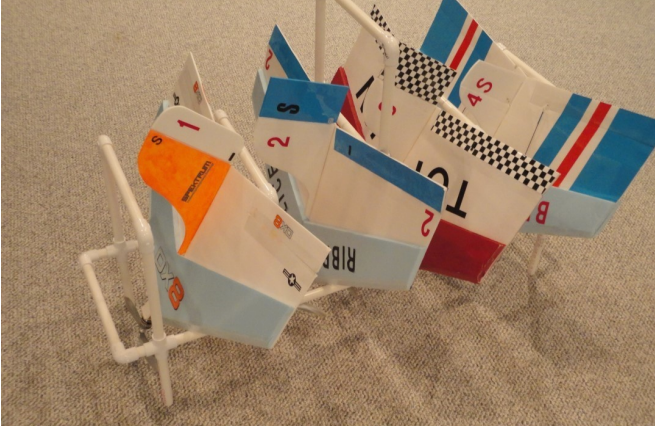
I hope you bring your camera to the field and get lots of good picture and video to share in the newsletter and at our annual banquet.

*Jim Fassino*

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## STREAMERS OVER MOSSVILLE



Pictured above is a 4-pack of combat wings awaiting the start of our inaugural ribbon cutting sortie. To the best of my knowledge, Bob Wilson, Brian Chumbley, Jim White, Roger Wheeler, John Hoelscher and Roger Stegall have combat planes in various stages of readiness. Vern Holeman was the modeler and designer of all 4 pictured flying machines. I believe Vern has supplied all but two of the wings under construction. I had an opportunity to visit a Houston, Texas flying club that had recently introduced combat into their event schedule. Within three months, their participation in combat events had surpassed all other types of flying - including overall sport flying. The president of the Houston club told me that "the creativity of club members had rapidly advanced wing design for effectiveness and durability." He went on to say that spontaneous combat challenges were routine events at the field. Most members bring at least one combat wing to the field each time they fly. It's my hope that the spirit of friendly competition and camaraderie among our members will have a similar effect, to increase club interest and participation in all types of flying.

*Roger Stegall*



## FROM THE VEEP

As a young boy I remember my Dad and I going down to DetweillerPark to watch some of the original members of our club fly. On one particular day I remember watching a C47 complete with invasion stripes on the wings and tail. It was not only fun to watch fly but soon after takeoff it also dropped one of the "old" green army men with a cheep little parachute.



As it floated down to the ground I told my Dad, "I want to do that." What? he said, "fly R/C planes or jump out of a real one?" "Both" I said.



It has taken me several years but I hope to come "full circle" at our open house this year. One of the gifts under my Christmas tree was an R C sky diver. It is a 9 inch tall jumper with a servo in each arm and a 30 inch red, white and blue chute. I also have an American flag which attaches to his leg. He will be jumping out of my 30cc Extra 300. I hope by watching this sky diver jump during the National anthem



at our open house, that it will bring the same joy to a youngster that I got so many years ago.

Our open house is just weeks away,(Saturday May 19th) Please plan on attending and bringing out some of your planes to fly. I would also like to ask each and every member to help in some small manner. Just a little help will go a long way. Please welcome and talk to anyone you do not know about our club and our hobby. This is just one way in which we can try to gain future members.

I will see you all on Sunday at the races!!

Remember, lunch we be served at the field at noon. Get a full belly and then go beat Wilson!!!

*Jon Dewey*

## FROM THE PREZ

I am absolutely, positively going to have to start out talking about the upcoming racing season. The last month has seen a large number of Four-Stars out getting in practice laps. That blue and gold one looks really quick and I think he may even be sand-bagging a bit. Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> saw the season opening runs of the Four-Star Speed Challenge.



The first 2012 Speed Challenge day at the field.

I believe a total of 14 runs were put in by pilots Fassino, Lang, Wilson and Stegall. It was a lot of fun and very interesting to watch. In just about every case, the pilot at the controls improved on

the time of his previous run. Near the end of the day, the times were very close until Wilson pulled one out of his... um... well... er'... hat. The stage is now set and an 8 lap time of 1:17.36 stands as the early season time to beat. Four-Star pilots: Get out there and make sure that time gets beat soon... before it goes to his head! In all seriousness, anyone with a Four-Star racer, this is going to be a great addition to the traditional racing format - join the fun! For those that are interested in combat, make sure you are getting ready too. Roger Stegall has published rules and we're ready to go with combat events also. There will be speed challenge runs on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, and full racing and combat at high noon on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

We are now getting very close to our Open House on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> (rain date is Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup>). Please have this marked on your calendars! John Dewey and his team are continuing preparations and we are hoping for an even bigger and better event than last year. If you can, download the flyer from our website and distribute it to anyone you think may be interested. These events are one of the best ways to generate interest in our hobby and attract potential new members to our club. We will have door prizes, racing and combat demonstrations, pattern demonstrations, warbirds and lots of open flying too.

You should also have received e-mail information on the Midwest Air Wing RC Warbird Event on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. I have asked Bob to include their flyer with this month's newsletter. If you are interested in warbirds and / or want to fly yours in this event, we have received a direct invitation from the club. This is a great opportunity for inter-club camaraderie and again, to build interest in our hobby and clubs. We have also sent our open house information to the Midwest Air Wing club – hopefully we will see a few of their members at our events too.

Finally, remember that starting with our Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> club meeting, we will be meeting at the field at 7:00PM. Please try to attend, witness another round of the Four-Star Speed Challenge and get up to date on preparations for our summer events.

*Happy Flying!*

*Joe Lang*

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If you're not there, we're going to talk about you!

# DEAR AMELIA



**Ugly shoes!**

## Dear Amelia,

Recently, there has been an outrage from customers after finding that retailers have secretly included pink slime in many of the items they purchase. This slime is of questionable value and is not identified as an ingredient on packaging labels. A certain "yuck" factor has caused an outrage from mothers and other concerned citizens. I bring this to your attention because the glow fuel I have been using is definitely a pink slime product that is not properly identified as such on the packaging label. I would like to know if I should join a class-action suit for unknowingly using pink slime in my 2-cycle glow engines.

**Sincerely,  
Slimed Again**

**Dear Slimy Character,**



Not to worry, the pink slime you have been using is specially formulated to simultaneously lubricate your motor and provide the energy to spin a propeller. The slime that McDonald's has been putting in their all beef whoppers has simultaneously allowed them to make big profits and to put a worthless toy in each Happy Meal. At least, after a meal at the "Golden Arches," you don't have to take a spray bottle to blast off the slimy residue of undigested liquids. There is a growing trend among modelers to eliminate the slimy residue from motor diets by making a change to gasoline burning power-plants. I see it as poetic justice that the elimination of slime by modelers has caused them more gas. This is the same response as experienced by McDonald's customers.

Sincerely,  
**Amelia Airhead - Your Slimeless Advocate**

**Dear Amelia,**

It has come to my attention that one of our members may be a super-hero. Let me explain. While watching the many action movies now showing, I've noticed that each super-hero has a special power. Thor has his magic hammer, Iron Man has his unique suit of armor, Superman has Xray vision, Green Lantern has the power of the ring and Spider Man has arachnid powers...to name a few. Our member has something quite different...it's called "THE JIMMY".

Amelia, could you explain to the rest of us how we are to deal with a super-hero in our club and what special concessions we need to make.

Sincerely,  
**Marvel Comic Book Fan**

**Dear Marvel Man,**

The concept of a superhero permeates many societies. There seems to be some kind of universal need for the mass of humanity to document human struggles to overcome dastardly deeds. Although your "Jimmy" character doesn't have Superman vision where he can judge underwear quality without watching a Victoria's Secret commercial, he does have other super human qualities. "Jimmy" is universally known for his stare where he squints his eyes and configures his face as if to ask -- "what in the hell are you talking about?" Club members who have received a "Jimmy," immediately know that their most recent statement did not pass the litmus test of a banker-grandfather-pilot-husband-Republican. I believe your club should keep an ongoing tally of "Jimmy" awards so the leading recipient could be given a "Dah!" award at your year-end banquet.

Sincerely,  
**Amelia Airhead - also a "Jimmy" recipient**

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Wheeler





A disgruntled John Hoelscher checks out his 4-Star.



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Making final adjustments to "Ole Yeller"

SPEED CHALLENGE THIS SATURDAY!

"NO FEAR" PYLON RACING ON SUNDAY

"STREAMERS OVER MOSSVILLE"  
COMBAT ON SUNDAY



The last of an era