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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).

General

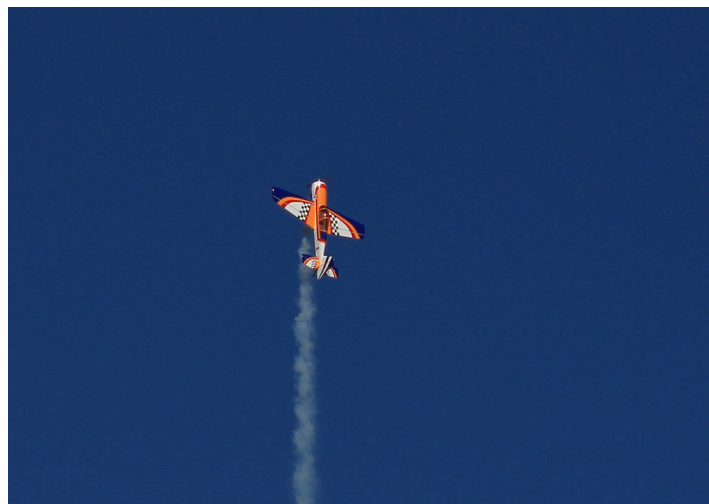
We are committed to having fun and the safe operation of model aircraft. The Peoria RC Modelers is an equal opportunity, not-for-profit organization and welcomes all new members.

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(S) OF THE MONTH

Three great photos taken by "The Great Wilsoni" during Family Day 2012. Joe Lang's Extra and Spitfire and Glen's F22 Raptor claim top honors.



OBITUARY and RC-NTSB Report

Note: I neglected to include this interesting account in last month's newsletter, so here is the report in its entirety. All information is from an unidentified but creditable source-Ed.

Mossville, IL

Miss Piper Cub a.k.a NC88073, died unexpectedly in the bean field at 11:30 am on Thursday, August 23.

Miss Cub is survived by her grieving parent & pilot, Jon Dewey. She is also survived by 6 brothers at home, C-47, Stuka, Corsair, 4-Star and twin Extra 300's. Services were held at River Beach Pub to remember the fallen Miss Piper. An autopsy revealed massive injuries from the prop spinner to the leading edge of the wing.



The ill-fated Cub and its suspect pilot

The RC-NTSB has ruled that Miss Cub's loss is the result of a missing wheel cover causing undue drag and a snap role on take-off. Pilot error was initially ruled out.

!!!NEWSFLASH!!!

It must be pointed out, that the 4 RC-NTSB agent(s) that "ruled out" pilot error in the Miss Piper crash were later found to be in a state of extreme intoxication. In addition, there is evidence that the pilot or individuals representing the pilot, distributed illegal favors in the form of purchased "Blue Moon" beers to the agents for the express purpose of suppressing the truth.

Although it cannot be definitely proven, there is considerable circumstantial evidence that the pilot:

1. Failed to complete a proper pre-flight evaluation.
2. Rotated the aircraft on takeoff before minimum airspeed was achieved.
3. Froze at the controls when the "in flight emergency" materialized.
4. Wet his pants.
5. Was guilty of massive whining.

R.I.P. Ms Piper



I don't understand it, but interest in the Speed Challenge has fallen through the cracks this month. I thought this would be a barn burner for the club but participation has been low all summer. It's fun and low risk on the airplane as well as being a good way to acquaint yourself with pylon racing. Oh well!

Nobody attempted any records this month and Tom Imhoff is still the leader.



NO FEAR PYLON



Scott Ferguson's "Fergosaurus-Rex" streaks across the Mossville sky

The final race of the pylon racing season will be Saturday, September 28, beginning at noon.

Bring your 4-Star and show that you are unafraid to mix it up with the likes of:

"Cutter",
"Klondike Joe"
"Pod Man"
"The Fantastic Languini"
"Smokin Jimmy"
"Gorgeous George"
"Dew Drop"
"Fergosaurus Rex"
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Its Time to Come Indoors

November 2, 2012 is the first indoor flying for the new indoor season. The Peoria RC Modeler's club will be hosting indoor flying for the entire season through March 29, 2013. Flying on Friday night begins at 8 PM and continues until 11 PM every week. Midwest Sports Complex is the location but it now is better known as Green Soccer Complex and FCC Peoria. But its the same location we have used for the past 4 years 12026 Old Galena Road.



Joe Board hovering his electric at last year's indoor flying

Three hours of flying will cost just \$10 and all AMA members are welcome to fly, including AMA Park Flier members.

We have tried open flying and we have tried reserving time periods for micro flyers and helicopters. We have also tried pylon and on occasion combat. If you have ideas about increasing the fun make your thoughts known. Better yet why not volunteer to organize the event. And speaking of volunteers, we need PRCM members to sign-up to open and close the complex each Friday night.



Jim Fassino's...ah...strange aircraft... at last year's indoor flying

So with only a month to go its now time to get your indoor aircraft ready to fly. You know our foam friendly members Vern Holeman, Roger Stegall and Glen Howard will have loads of new aircraft. And the major hobby manufactures continue to make new and exciting aircraft that are ready to fly right out of the box. And there is always some used inventory available. The area hobby shops are ready to help too. So check your batteries and see what you need to get ready for the fun.

Our indoor flying has given us a great opportunity to introduce potential members to both RC flying and to introduce them to our flying club. We have a number of club members that were first introduced to PRCM on Friday night. So when you see new faces on Friday, help make our guests feel welcome, they might become fellow RC fliers.

Be sure to plan on attending our New Years Day event at the sports complex. A full day of flying

both indoors and outdoors too, a great way to begin the new year. Joe Lang and Roger Wheeler will be coordinating the big day.

So as the sun sets early and the frost arrives, consider it Mother Nature saying "It's Time to Come Indoors."

Jim Fassino

THE VEEP SPEAKS

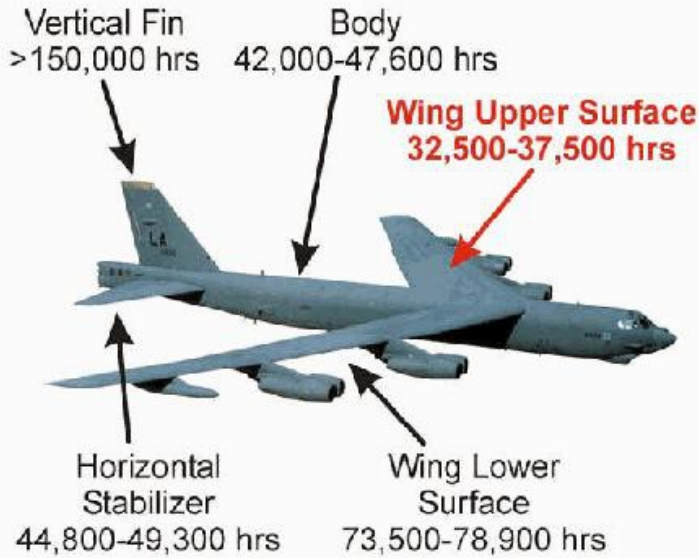
Happy Birthday BUFF

The Boeing B52 Stratofortress affectionately called the Buff (Big Ugly Fat...*Fellow*) by her crews was first flown in 1952. The U.S. Air Force's newest B 52's, the H model, turns 50 this year.

I find it amazing that the United States is flying a front line bomber in combat that is 60 years old. I realized that the aircraft has undergone numerous updates such as new engines, avionics and navigation equipment but to put it in perceptive: Think about a 1918 Folker DR I Triplane in combat against a 1978 super sonic F 15 Eagle. Not only is the B 52 still flying and fighting but the Air Force plans on keeping it flying for at least another 30 years. The third generation of airmen are currently flying the B 52, soon the original pilot's Great Grandsons will be flying the same BUFF as they did. I am glad to see that the tax payers got our moneys worth on this investment. I guess, if it ain't broke, don't fix it.



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B-52 Economic Service Life

While I was searching the internet for pictures of the Buff for this news letter, I did a Google image search for "RC Buff". I found this 28 foot wing span, 300 lbs model that is powered by 8 turbine engines.



If you have time, you should watch it fly. They are some great videos on You Tube. Still searching the internet, I came across a very disturbing picture of our very own Bob Wilson. Bob was lying in the "Buff" on a bear skin rug, gloating, with his "RC" medal around his neck. I guess you never know what you will find on the internet when you Google "RC Buff". Happy Birthday B 52!!

Jon Dewey

Just to let the PRCM membership know, Central Hobbies is now under new ownership. Scott Shinn and his lovely fiancé Toni are the new owners. Both Scott and Toni visited us during our Family Days picnic and gave a little talk about themselves and their goals with the new hobby shop. I asked Scott to further elaborate for the newsletter.



Scott & Toni, Central Hobbies new owners.

We have both been business owners for twenty plus years, Toni has a hair salon and I own a paint-less dent business. We are family focused and in our blended family we have 5 kids and two grand-kids. I have raced RC cars professionally for the past 3 years and love the thrill of competition. After being on the customer side of the counter I realize the need for a hobby store that ALL RC hobbyists can go for their supplies. So I have retired my career of racing and traveling to have more family time.

I have purchased Central Hobbies because business is something Toni and I both

enjoy, this also is a way to get my fix and stay in tune with the hobby world. I look forward to learning more about the whole industry instead of just the car racing side of things.

Scott and Toni have also hired Jim Hogan which will certainly be an asset for us RC airplane guys.

Please welcome Scott and Toni and check out the redesigned store.



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THE PREZ

It is hard to believe, but summer is already behind us. The last two months have seen our last two major events of the year. I missed getting a column in for the August Newsletter, so a big thanks to the crew that pulled off yet another very successful Pattern Event in August. We had flyers here from at least 4 states and as always, we received a large amount of feedback on our facility and the quality of the event. A big thanks goes out to the core group that did all of the heavy lifting: John Hoelscher, Jim Fassino, Jon Dewey and Bob Wilson. Thanks guys! A good time for all of the attendees and great PR for the club!

September followed with our annual family day. Jon Dewey outdid himself again and did the majority of the organizing and also provided the main course. There was a lot of flying, a good

number of our family members out watching all of the action and a great lunch. Thanks again to Jon for all of his hard work and thanks to all who attended and helped out.



Wilbur and Orville after an unsuccessful launch on Family Day

As the summer winds down, we are moving our club meetings back indoors. The next meeting is at Friday's near the Grand Prairie Mall on Tuesday, October 2nd. Dinner is at 6:00PM and our meeting will start at 7:00. The October agenda has a number of important items on it so please try to attend. We will be electing our 2013 officers, discussing 2013 membership dues and planning our winter indoor flying. Hope to see you all there.

I do have a few comments on safety. I do not want to step too far into our Safety Officer's space, but he was not present at our last racing and combat event so I feel I have to mention a bit of concerning activity that day.



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.

The combat and racing programs this year have been a blast. I have written about them several times and we have had a lot of fun and great participation. However, in all of the fun, it is easy to forget we need to keep ourselves safe. On at least one instance, a flyer ventured out onto the field to retrieve a downed airplane while combat was still going on above. Later in the day, we had a flyer searching for a downed combat airplane right near the west racing pylon – during a race!! To me, this is taking too many chances. These are great events, but PLEASE keep your own and your fellow pilots safety in mind during these events. Combat airplanes may be small and light, but it does not take a rocket scientist to understand that they could still cause significant injury. And a Four-Star 40 and 90MPH.... As if to punctuate the moment, after the last race of the day, just before landing, my Four-Star decided to go chasing rabbits. I had absolutely no control of the airplane. Thankfully, it plowed into the woods vs. coming towards the field. It turned out to be a failed aileron servo, but had it been during the race while someone was out under the pylon.... Yikes.

Finally, I think I may have solved a mystery that has been bothering me this year. There have been one or two evenings where I have had the field to myself to enjoy a quiet flight or two on the way home. On at least one of these instances, I got the eerie feeling that I was



Name that ghost!

being watched. On a Four-Star practice run I even thought I heard someone say: “Geeze Languini, you call that fast?” I thought maybe I

was going nuts.... Yes again. However, I think I have solved the mystery. Our night camera captured the following ghostly image on an August evening. We have a certified appearance of a ghost at our facility. Since we have certified evidence of the ghost, I think we would be remiss if we did not come up with a name for our new friend. Perhaps a naming contest at our next meeting? My suggestion would be: “Godfather Don Chewey”. ;-)

Happy Flying!

Joe Lang

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CLUB PHOTOS



Try as it may, Steve Blessin's Super Big "Mud Duck" never got off the ground at the Family Day picnic.



The business end of Jim Fassino's Habo!



Only Verne Holeman could come up with this Hermaphrodite airplane



Steve Blessin's "Fly Baby" takes off on a mission



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Rumor has it that Jim Hogan flew his Zero on its maiden flight. Here, he and his ace technical adviser, Jon Dewey, get it ready.



Joe Lang's Spit on a "low & slow" over the field



Scott Ferguson putting his "Ferosaurus-Rex" pylon racer through its paces.



Jim Fassino modeling the latest item in chic RC accessories. The Maidenform transmitter support bra.

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