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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 \$95/year if paid before January first, \$105 thereafter. All members 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.

PHOTOS OF THE MONTH



Fairy Swordfish



Airbus 380



Kawasaki T4



On August 24, 2013, five members of PRCM attended the IMAA's (District 6) Big Bird Fly In held at the Champaign County RC Club's field. This year the event was promoted in magazine advertisements and with clubs within a 300 mile range to make this a much bigger event. It worked! 70 pilots registered with over 120 airplanes on the flight line. There is a growing regional appeal for this event with pilots attending from Kentucky, Indiana, Iowa, and Illinois. Champaign's field is about 800 feet long and there were people and airplanes along the whole flight line.

There were 4 or 5 airplanes in the air all day long. The smallest model was a quarter scale Cosmic Wind powered by an O.S. 95 four stroke engine. The largest were three 46% Extra 300's powered by DA and DLE gas engines. Half the airplanes were in the 33% size and larger, so gas engines dominated.

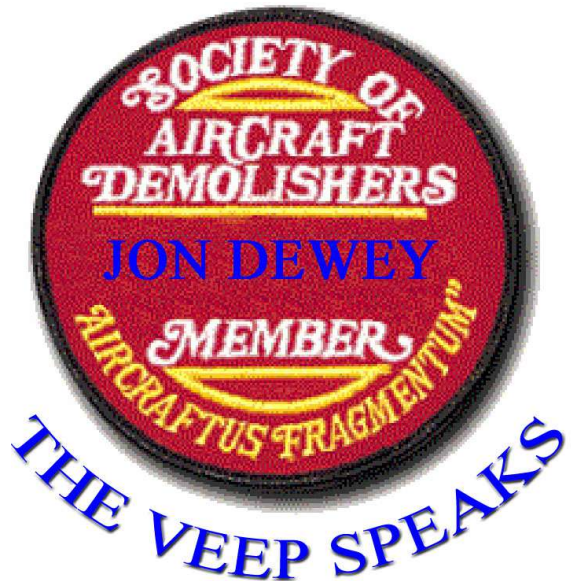
Champaign County RC Club leaders have decided this two day event will grow to the largest big bird rally in the Midwest. The International Miniature Aircraft Association supports that goal.

Hobbico is a major sponsor of the event and provided lots of neat stuff for both pilot drawings and raffle. Several vendors had displays and I expect them to grow as

participation increases.

Keep an eye on this event, I see good things.

Jim Hogan



As a club we have hosted the open house and the Fat Lake pattern contest, now it is time for all of us to enjoy a day together at our field. The PRCM family day picnic will be held on Saturday September 21st.



We will have lunch at noon. Every family attending is asked to bring a dish to share and I will grill brats, dogs and pork chops. Please bring all of your family including kids and grand kids out for the day. My son is bringing his 3 foot Saturn V rocket for its maiden moon launch, so if you have any rockets to fire please bring them along.





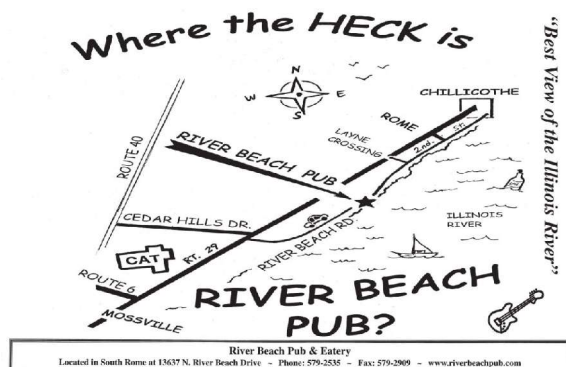
I have heard rumors that the mud duck has an upgraded 100cc engine on it and is planning to try to migrate south for the winter. If the mud duck goes down in the beans I am pretty sure we will be able to find it without any problems.



The "Mud Duck" struggles to get off the ground

This picnic is a way we can thank our families for allowing us to fly all summer long. Please make plans to come out to the field and enjoy the day, our hobby and our families. Maybe next year we will have a fish fry if Bob remembers to always put the plug in his new bass boat. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the field on September 21st!

Jon Dewey



NO FEAR PYLON

Two contests this month and as usual, both had some exciting flying.

August 10th NO FEAR PYLON RACING

Round 1/Heat 1 - Fassino, Hogan, Dewey (DQ)

Round 1/Heat 2 – Wilson, Imhoff, Stegall

Round 2/Heat 1 – Wilson, Fassino, Hogan

Round 2/Heat 2 – Imhoff, Dewey, Stegall

Round 3/Heat 1 – Imhoff, Stegall, Hogan

Round 3/Heat 2 – Fassino, Wilson, Dewey

Round 4/Heat 1 – Imhoff, Stegall (DNS), Fassino (Crash)

This heat was noteworthy. Tommy "Cutter" Imhoff and "Smokin Jimmy" Fassino were fighting for the lead as they came around the east pylon. Tommy was high and Jimmy was low, sandwiched between Tommy's airplane and *Terra Firma*. The pace was fast and furious and both airplanes were flat out...probably 80-90 mph.

And then it happened!

Jimmy's airplane performed a maneuver not yet seen at PRCM...a "High Speed Beamer!" Pressured by Tommy from above, Fassino's airplane plowed into the beans with a God-awful racket. Tommy went on to win the heat while Stegall had engine problems and did not start. What is absolutely amazing is that "Smokin Jimmy's" airplane suffered NO DAMAGE!

Points for the August 10th race: Wilson 23, Fassino 18, Imhoff 18, Hogan 17, Dewey 15, Stegall 13





That's Stegall high and Imhoff low, each vying for the lead at the west pylon.

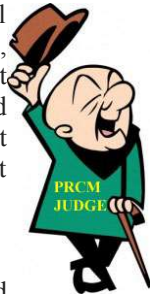
August 24th NO FEAR PYLON RACING

Round 1/Heat 1 - Fassino, Dewey, Stegall, Wilson

"The Great Wilsoni captured an early lead and held it until the 3rd lap. A grossly lean engine caused him to throttle back and all the other competitors took advantage, Fassino capturing first.

Round 2/Heat 1 - Fassino, Wilson, Stegall, Dewey (DQ)

Dewey streaks across the start line, flat out and hell bent on winning the race. However, the line judge, Mr. Magoo, didn't agree that he had a legal start. It was a DQ for "Dew Drop" who retired from the field under much protest. "Smokin Jimmy" Fassino went on to win the race, just beating out "The Great Wilsoni."



Round 3/Heat 1 - Wilson, Fassino, Dewey, Stegall

This was a barn burner with "Smokin Jimmy" and "The Great Wilsoni" battling to the end. Wilsoni won the race by inches.

Round 4/Heat 1 - Wilson (1-cut), Dewey, Stegall, Fassino (DQ)

Another close Fassino/Wilson race. Only this time "Smokin Jimmy" held the lead and wouldn't let it go. In a moment of desperation, Wilsoni cut a pylon, hoping that the line judge, Mr. Magoo, wouldn't see. Unbelievably he did, and charged Wilsoni with a cut. But...there is a God in heaven! "Smokin Jimmy" was DQ'd on a false start. Wilsoni shared 5 points with Dewey and Stegall brought up the rear.

Points for the August 24th race: Wilson 19, Fassino 18, Dewey 15, Stegall 15

"NO FEAR PYLON"

2013 Total Points

Wilson 110, Fassino 104, Dewey 86, Stegall 71, Ferg 60, Imhoff 56, Delvecchio 53, Lang 43, Board 38, Pringle 31, Hogan 24.

Bob Wilson



Streamers Over Mossville

During the 1st heat of our August 10th combat event saw a record broken for the number of streamers cut. Roger Stegall cut two, Tom Imhoff cut one and Jim Fassino recorded a single victory. During the 2nd skirmish of the day three more streamers were shortened with Roger Wheeler getting two and Jim Fassino another victory. Sortie #3 was a continuation of previous action with an additional ribbon cut by Roger Wheeler and Tom Imhoff. After the dust had settled, nine chunks of streamers littered the flying field for an average of 3 victories per event. Roger Wheeler took honors for the day with 9 points, Jim Fassino tallied 8 points, Roger Stegall and Tom Imhoff tied with 7 points each and John Dewey recorded 1 point in his first event of the year.



The moment of contact between two combat contestants

The morning of 8/24 dawned with ideal combat conditions (winds 2-4 MPH and a clear sky). The first combat heat had four pilots launch but nobody was successful at cutting the colored ribbon of a competitor. Heat #2 was a study in whatever could

go wrong – did go wrong. Vern Holeman's streamer fell off during the first 30 seconds of the round. Roger Stegall's combat wing smited Jim Fassino's combat plane as both airframes folded and began a vertical descent. This left Glen Howard as the only flyer in the air with a ribbon.



Another great action shot

Because only 2 planes were available for a 3rd contest, no 3rd event was flown. Glen Howard was the high points leader for the day with 2 points. Year-To-Date combat points are as follows: Roger Stegall 19, Jim Fassino 17, Roger Wheeler 11, Glen Howard 7, Tom Imhoff 7, Joe Board 4 points, Vern Holeman 4 points, Bob Wilson 2 points and John Dewey 1 point.

Roger Stegall

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August was a busy month for Electric Pylon racing with Saturday events on 8/10 and 8/24. New to the electric racing scene was Glen Howard. It seems that Vern Holeman gave Glen a small sheet of 1/2" pink foam insulation with the tracings of an F22 Raptor on the foam. Three days later, Glen had a \$2 airplane that was noticeably stronger and stiffer than all the \$20 white foam raptors from GWS kits. That new plane took to the air without a single click of trim. The first race of the day on 8/10 saw six different pilots drive toward the start line and into the first turn. It looked and sounded like a swarm of hornets.



Race originator, Roger Stegall, watches the action

The poor turn judges were having a hard time telling which plane was which because almost everybody was flying the same design and only sporting slightly different stripes. Roger Stegall won that first heat with Roger Wheeler and Jim Fassino very close behind. Nobody was sure where Glen Howard finished because he was having so much fun with his new toy that he forgot to count laps. The 2nd race of the day had Roger Stegall finish in 1st place but he cut a pylon leaving

Roger Wheeler in 1st place, Tom Imhoff in 2nd and Glen Howard claimed 3rd place – because he still was having too much fun to count his laps. On the final heat for the day Roger Stegall and Tom Imhoff were diving toward the start line and once again proved that two planes cannot occupy the same physical space at the same time. Tom's Raptor spread foam particles over a debris field large enough to accommodate a baseball game. Surprisingly, Roger's raptor only lost a vertical fin and he was able to pass all other competitors by the end of the 2nd lap. The order of finish was unimportant because all contestants cut at least one pylon.



Not sure, but I think this is Glen Howard's airplane after a midair removed the nose.

Electric Racing on the 24th saw a smaller crowd of four competitors. Jim Fassino had a new white foam Raptor with the high-wind 3000KV motor and he was out to be more competitive than the last race where he used an indoor EPP model. Race #1 saw Jim on his game as he finished about 100 feet ahead of Roger Stegall. Glen Howard, counting his laps this time, got 3rd and Vern Holeman claimed the 4th position. This was the first heat of the last 5 heats where nobody shortened the race by cutting a pylon. Jim Fassino also crossed the finish line in 1st place during the 2nd heat of the day but he set a new electric racing record by recording three cuts in his 6 laps of competition. This left Roger Stegall with the victory and Glen Howard in 2nd place. Vern Holeman's Raptor took a

liking to beans before Vern could finish the race. The final heat on the 24th saw Jim fly past Roger Stegall in the last 200' of the race for first place. This time Jim did not take a short-cut to victory. Glen Howard was a solid 3rd place and showing improved turns as he continued to chuckle and remark that this is really fun racing. Year-To-Date Electric Pylon scores are as follows: Roger Stegall 90, Tom Imhoff 71, Roger Wheeler 68, Glen Howard 59, Jim Fassino 52, Scott Furgeson 52, Brian Chumbley 50 and Vern Holeman 20.

Roger Stegall

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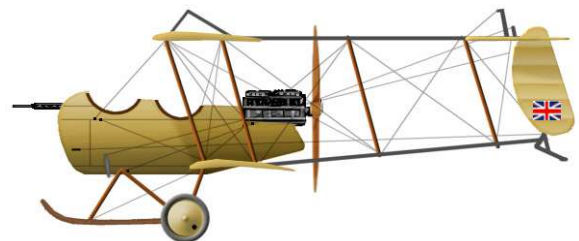
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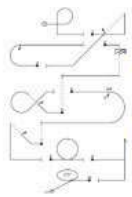
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The Fat Lake Pattern Rendezvous



August 17-18 2013 marked the 4th annual “Fat Lake Pattern Rendezvous” put on by the Peoria RC Modelers. All indications are that it has become a landmark in Illinois Pattern flying and, for the club, a successful and lucrative undertaking.



A view of the field of aircraft at this years Fat Lake Pattern Rendezvous

The pattern weekend started on Friday with several competitors arriving early to practice at the field. One of them was Russ Shavitz who traveled to Peoria all the way from New Mexico in his mobile home. Riding shotgun with Russ was John Gayer.

Our faithful Chicago crew was here including many others from around the area and adjoining states.

Of note was the contribution to our club from Mike Muellers company, [F3A Unlimited](#), of a 4-Star Forty ARF kit. Our sincere thanks to Mike and [F3A Unlimited](#).

Our congratulations to all the winners and especially to Joe Lang who was the only PRCM member to bring home the bacon with a first place in the Sportsman class.

The other PRCM members all flew intermediate and...well...we didn't do that good.

4th place, Intermediate, Bob Wilson

6th place, Intermediate, John Hoelscher

7th place, Intermediate, Jim Fassino



Jon Dewey did a stalwart job at the scorekeepers position.

In Masters, Brenner Sharp put on his usual display of excellent flying, winning four of the six rounds.



Brenner Sharp

In Advanced, 1st place John Gayer won five of the six rounds.



John Gayer

Intermediate was a little tighter race with 1st place Chris Sostman winning two rounds, 2nd place Russ Shavitz winning two rounds and 3rd place Peter Van Heusden winning two rounds.



Chris Sostman

As mentioned, Joe Lang won Sportsman and captured five of the six rounds.



PRCM's own, Joe Lang!

Our thanks to all that helped. Joe Lang, Chummer & Jim Fassino were the real movers and shakers for this event. As usual, Roger Stegall did an outstanding job of preparing the grounds, Roger Wheeler cooked some mean burgers while doubling as a score sheet runner and Jon Dewey (pictured above) was a primo score keeper. Others helped as well, and we thank all who pitched in.



One of the contestants doing a roll on a 45 degree downline

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1st Place: Chris Sostman

2nd Place: Russ Shavitz

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Advanced

1st Place: John Gayer

2nd Place: Evan Krause

3rd Place: Mike Gashin

Masters

1st Place: Brenner Sharp

2nd Place: David Snow

3rd Place: Mike Mueller

Bob Wilson

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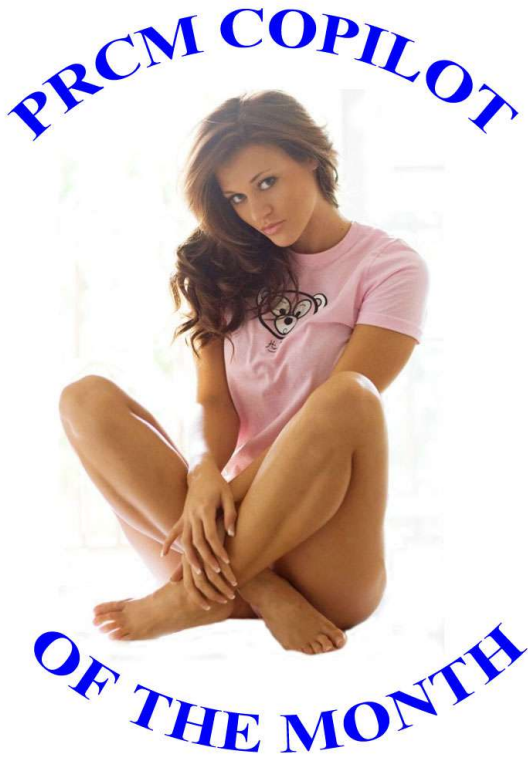
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DEAR AMELIA

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.

Dear Amelia,

I have noticed a significant increase in the number of aircraft being pulled this season into the fields of corn and beans north of our flying field. Could it be the crop gods are seeking appeasement for some dastardly deed perpetuated by a member or members of your club? If so could we satisfy these growing appetites by giving them sheets of foam, balsa and fiberglass?

Sincerely,

A victim of the bean gods?

Dear Bean Victim,

I too have noticed several of your club members hopelessly meandering out in the corn and bean fields in search of airframes that mysteriously decided to mimic a lawn-dart. Your location is adjacent to an abandoned oil depot and two different concrete plants. It's quite possible your field location is in a "Bermuda Triangle" where abandoned hopes have met an over-abundance of cement. Many of the planes I have seen your club members fly fit that description. It's possible that unseen vortexes may be swirling overhead and grabbing your glow, gas and electric toys in an attempt to make a perverted succotash. Sacrifices of foam and other building materials will likely not reduce the appetites of unknown forces. The only sure way to seriously reduce unplanned hikes into crop territory would be to use a flight-simulator that doesn't employ a farm setting for the airfield.

Sincerely

Amelia Airhead – An expert in simulation

Dear Amelia,

I watched the Video Music Awards (VMA) and was appalled at the display Miley Cyrus put on. Her songs were a combination of a bump-and-grind with a large foam finger used as a prop. Many in attendance were visibly uncomfortable and openly mortified by this, at one time, Disney representative for young girls. She totally wrecked my childhood memories of Teddy bears. I write to you because I have a concern some of our members who already own a foam finger may use that appendage at our yearly banquet, or worse yet – try to fly one. There are already too many fingers being flipped in the world and our club should make a resolution to be fingerless.

Sincerely,

Seeking Justice for foam Fingers

Dear Justice Seeker,

That Hanna Montana character make quite a metamorphosis from wholesome teenager to a wild woman from video-land. Who could have predicted that that the "fickle finger of fate" would

have smited that gal with a need to strip down to clothing you would only expect to see in a Victoria's Secret commercial. I don't think you need to be concerned that some of your members would use their stash of foam fingers to represent anything more than a bad purchase decision. When it comes to unpredictable outrageous actions, you guys are already in a leadership role. If you are concerned for the integrity of your year-end banquet, might I suggest you bring your own channel-changer.

Sincerely,

Amelia Airhead – owner of several foam fingers

Dear Amelia,

The editor's choice to use good looking women as co-pilots of the month is deeply disturbing. Who's to say that these ravishingly beautiful individuals have any aviation knowledge, much less pilot skills? Your newsletter is cheesy enough without adding some cheesecake to the mix. Should we be jeopardizing the safety of passengers and innocent people on the ground by these questionable right-seaters should a flight emergency occur?

Sincerely,

Ms Prudence Goodbody

Dear Ms Goodbody,

I'm not sure there is a single good body in our club. Most of our members have some tonnage hanging over their belts or are in need of a creative makeover. The whole idea of having a toned co-pilot for the month is to get attention and give members pace-makers a monthly check-up. Many of the co-pilots included in the publication are more likely to cause a flight emergency than they are to solve a flight emergency. Marketing is all about grabbing attention from a myriad of competing agendas. The newsletter has been successful at appealing to a wide range of male readers because the vast majority of our members are governed by the

philosophy that "it's OK to look – but you better not touch."

Sincerely

Amelia Airhead – Touched on so many levels

PRCM'S SHOVEL LEANING CONTEST

It has become apparent to the Editor that several in the club have become very proficient at "Shovel Leaning" during club workday projects. Although I consider myself one of the best, there are a few in the club that have perfected the art. Here are a few of the runner-ups!



Verne Holeman has a technique all his own.



Chummer, always the dreamer, has a unique style.





Here is a two-fer. Previously mentioned Verne Holeman joined by Jon Dewey, who looks to be a natural. Honorable mention goes to Roger Wheeler in the background.

But...none can match the mastery of the shovel like this year's winner. Drum Roll!



Jim Hogan!!!!