



## PRCM Newsletter Editor

We are still looking for someone to take the newsletter editor position. I will be stepping down from this responsibility after the April newsletter. I will be glad to help the "new guy" (or gal) in any way I can.

Bob Wilson

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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.

## Picture of the Month



You can't beat this shot. It's none other than our own Jim Fassino's Antoinette VII at this year's Efest. Read Jim's article just below on all the happenings.

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E-Fest 2014 was held February 15 and 16, 2014 in Champaign, Illinois at the University of Illinois Track and Field Armory. I headed to Champaign early Friday afternoon in a blizzard a trip that took over 3 hours not the usual hour and a half. Passing through Bloomington, the West bound traffic on I 74 was stopped the result of numerous accidents. It was hard not to contemplate turning around and heading home. But the thought of missing the best indoor event in the area kept me motivated to push on. Arriving after 3 PM the Armory was all set up and we could secure a table and bring in our airplanes, helicopters, quad-copters and support equipment. I claimed three tables by spreading my stuff across far more space than was needed for three airplanes and a helicopter. But I knew others from PRCM would be heading to E-FEST and they would need room to set up.

Friday was a time for unrestricted flying, as many pilots as wanted to fly could fly until late in the evening. Unless you have flown in the Armory with its 100 foot ceiling (our sports complex ceiling is about 35 feet high) it is hard to appreciate all the room there is to explore. After a fun day of flying I left everything at the Armory and headed to the hotel.

Saturday morning I was second in line at 7 AM to get in the Armory. I was pre-registered but unlike some years you could not sign in on Friday. Pre-registration saved you \$5 on

registration fee and earned you a goody bag with a servo, CA glue, accelerator and other goodies. The bag was worth more than the \$20 price of admission. By arriving early on Saturday you can park right across the street from the Armory entrance and it makes loading the car a simple task when you are ready to head home.

Peoria RC Modelers was represented by more than 14 club members on Saturday. While many came to shop and watch the flying, at least three (perhaps others) of us, Michael Fenelon, Mark Kiefer and I also came to fly. If you are thinking about flying next year I encourage you to talk to Michael and Mark, they both had big smiles and really enjoyed the Armory.

The day has lots of open flying sometimes restricted to fast airplanes and jets and at other times only small and light airplanes get to fly. But most of the day it is fly what you want and this year there was no limit on the number of aircraft flying!

E-FEST has a number of contests from combat (Tom and Joe were finalists last year but did not compete this year) to night flying to scale competition. There is also the Red Bull racing and this year to insure there was more carnage they had balloon busting. You had the chance to win a \$40 quad-copter by popping a balloon with your airplane. Did I mention there were as many as 6 balloons tied to the floor with string in close proximity to each other and that it looked similar to combat? The crowd loved it.

E-FEST has a number of vendors selling all things RC and our club members made a number of purchases. Hopefully we will see some of these new purchases on Friday nights at our indoor flying.

If you are interested in seeing some good pictures and some video of E-Fest 2014 check out the web site All Things Aero. Mariano Rosales, an air traffic controller by day is a writer photographer

for this aviation web site and covered E-FEST. He was very pleasant to visit with and took the great picture of the Antoinette VII with the E-FEST banner in the back ground. Their web site is <http://allthingsaero.com> select "Alternative Flight" and then "RC Models" and Mariano's article is there.



What Jim failed to mention about the above listed website was a Sports Illustrated photo shoot of Kate Upton aboard "Zero-G, The Weightless Experience." aka "The Vomit Comet."

I hope we need more tables for E-FEST 2015 for the PRCM members to set up their aircraft. It is a great event and so close to home.

## Jim Fassino

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## A MESSAGE FROM HOLLYWOOD HOGAN

What's it like to fly on the beach!

I've been coming to St. Augustine, Florida as a snow bird for four years. To get my "RC flying fix," I fly electrics from the beach. My runway is about 600 feet wide (at low tide) and about 16 miles long. Small wheels roll well in the wet sand, but if you get too near the water, you could end up in the drink. Just ask George Knight.

The wind is usually out of the south at 10 to 12 miles per hour so you can take off and land right down the beach. However, if the wind is out of the east from the sea, you'll have to make a carrier take off over the water. Landings are tough because you have to land from the west over the dunes. If you are too long, the water makes a good back stop.

If the weather is nice, there are always people walking the beach. That is like having people walking on the flying field in Peoria. Lot of people, I don't fly.

Park flier airplanes are the only safe way to go. Glow or gas airplanes are too big and fast for the beach, and I'm sure the noise would get the Beach Police on my case.

I have not seen other fliers on the beach, but I do see guys running RC gas powered trucks. They are safe because they use a "spotter" to warn walkers. It is neat to see them throw sand and water. However, if they hit the water too hard, the ride is over.

The beach would be a great place to fly if we could just get rid of the ocean.

## Jim "Hollywood" Hogan



This has been a long hard winter. I have never heard the term "Arctic Vortex" until this year, and I am still not sure what it means. I don't think it means it is shorts weather. I am looking forward to warmer weather and our flying season. Our Open House is just around the corner along with pylon racing and combat. If you would like to help with any of these events please see Roger Wheeler or Roger Stegall, I am sure they can find something for you to do. We are also looking for some gently used good RC items which we can use for the open house raffle. If you have any item that you would like to donate please either bring it to the club meetings or let me know. I am also planning to use our new grill on some Race days for a few lunches, please try to make plans to come out to the field and join the fun. You don't have to race, just come out watch and have some lunch.

I would like to congratulate this years winners of the PRCM Modeler of the year and the Glow Plug awards. Roger Stegall and Jim Hogan are two of our member who always participate and go above and beyond what is asked of our membership. We have several outstanding members who do a lot for our club but as always I would like to see more members join in. I would like to Thank Bob Wilson for his hard work over the last ten years with our newsletter . He has turn this into a very

professional looking publication. I am sad to see him hang it up and move on towards his fishing interest. If any one is thinking about filling Bob's shoes please let him know ASAP so he can start showing you the ropes. Cross your fingers that the groundhog was wrong and spring will be here soon. I am ready to fly! Are you?

**Jon Dewey**

## **Meanderings of Wilbur (Always) Right**

The 2013/2014 indoor season for electric flying has again been successful in generating new interest for membership in our club. Last year, new members Ron Pruss, Mark Kiefer and Tom Fenelon joined our club as a result of finding us during the indoor season. This year Neil Rudy and Kris Kroodsma and Jim Stegg have become regular flyers with our club as a result of our indoor flying . A special thanks goes out to several members from the Washington club for their support. Several times this year we had as many Washington flyers as we had club members attend our Friday Night Flights. I counted 14 of our club members who endured the 1.5 hour drive to E-Fest and yet we rarely find as many as eight members who will drive 20 minutes to share in a Friday night flying experience. It's my hope that some of the new purchases from E-fest will make an appearance along with other club members who have rarely interrupted their Friday evenings to support our club. We have only five more indoor flying opportunities this year – why not make it a point to join other members at a first-rate venue for laughter and questionable flying skills.

**Wilbur Right**

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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,  
Every winter the pretty birds and several of our flying club members make a yearly migration to the south to enjoy the weather in Florida and take advantage of Senior Citizen discounts. This year, one of our migratory members took with him a high performance sailplane for a slightly different type of beach staring activity. Horrified beach-goers report that the PIC (pilot in charge) somehow got the monstrous aircraft into a knife-edge when there was no peanut-butter in sight. The craft did a cartwheel that would have been good enough for a 10-point score in an Olympic Free-Exercise routine. Amelia, do you think our member may have broken some regulatory law that prohibits the transfer of broken airplane parts across state lines? The last thing we want is for Illinois to suffer a balsa-weevil investigation from a state

where Geritol outsells Coca-Cola.

Sincerely,  
Concerned for the ethical treatment of broken airplanes

Dear Concerned,  
I too find it hard to mentally picture how a sailplane can become so vertically challenged during a landing sequence. It's likely that the craft suffered more from a bikini effect than pilot error. Further investigation has revealed that Illinois is safe from the transfer of balsa hitch-hiking vermin because the remnants of the doomed craft were deposited in the nearest trash can. Onlookers verified that the refuse left in the can was the prettiest pile of crap that they had ever witnessed. This maiden flight from launch to balsa splinters lasted only slightly longer than a lame chicken in a fox den. Personal condolences will be possible in another week when our traveling member once again joins his central Illinois contingent of questionable pilots.

Sincerely,  
Amelia Airhead

Dear Amelia,  
It is with regret that I write you concerning a sad event from our most recent breakfast at Bob Evans. This past Saturday, one of our flying club members ordered a "Grease Job and Oil Change" which is his long standing order for biscuits & sausage gravy. He often claims that this particular selection is periodically required for heart valve lubrication. What made this menu selection noteworthy was that the guy slipped out the door when nobody was looking without paying for his Oil Change. Amelia, do you think we should have paid for this free-loader or let the Bob Evans collection squad send out their heavy hitters to break a few knuckles or re-route a recent medical plumbing procedure.  
Sincerely,  
Club member for fiscal responsibility

Dear Fiscal Responsibility Advocate,  
I can understand the dilemma you recently

experienced. One would think that this member would be hyper sensitive to customers who left his business without paying for their grease job and oil change. I would guess that his non-payment for breakfast was likely a brain distraction at the cash register that was precipitated by either a lady in tight jeans or a glazed donut. It's probably a good thing you paid the delinquent breakfast charges so the establishment will continue to provide your small band of miss-fits a place to meet, eat and rent coffee.

Sincerely,  
Amelia Airhead, An expert in grease jobs



### DO YOU BAGEL?

Join the retired, laid off, laid up, lame, unemployed or unmotivated PRCM crew at Paneras on Knoxville every Thursday morning at 7:00 AM.



Have a cup of Joe and a bagel, check out the chicks and listen to all the world's problems being solved.

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

### THE FLIERS & LIARS CLUB

(Light on flying, long on Lying)



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

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