

PEORIA RC MODELERS

NEWSLETTER

November

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Flying Field Location:

The flying field is located off Old Galena Road, 1/2 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, 7 days a week.

Membership:

Club dues are \$95/year if paid before January 1st, \$105 thereafter. All members must belong to the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA)

General:

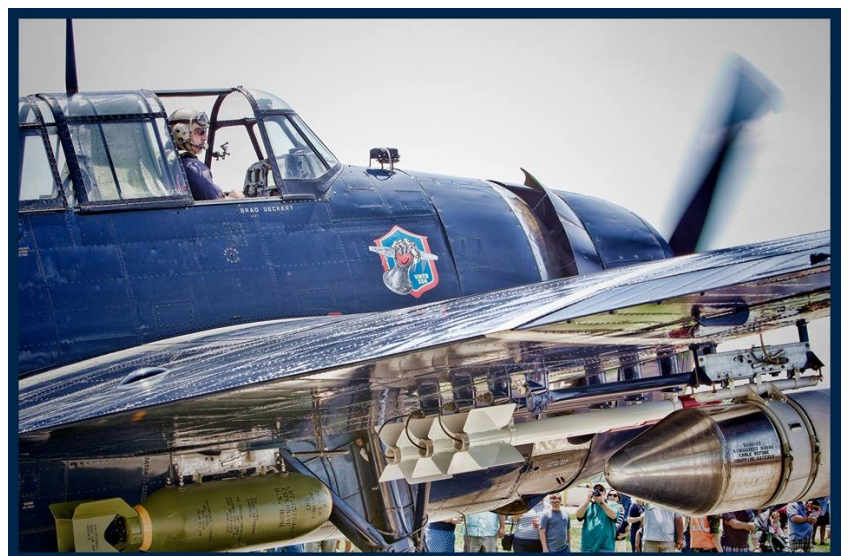
We are committed to having fun and the safe operation of model aircraft. The Peoria RC Modelers is an equal opportunity, not-for-profit organization and always welcomes new members.

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

A Salute to VETERANS



Brad Decker's "Fully loaded" TBM



2014 Reunion of WWII TBM Crew members



November 11th has become known as “Veterans Day”, however it originally started as Armistice Day. The treaty to end the Great War was signed on the eleventh day of the eleventh month on the eleventh hour. Armistice day was established to honor the WWI veterans who fought the war to end all wars. In 1954, after the United States had fought in World War II and Korea, the 83rd congress amended the Act of 1936 by taking out the word “Armistice” and inserting the word “Veterans.” From that day on, November 11th has been known as Veterans Day. Many Americans confuse Memorial Day with Veterans Day. The difference is, on veterans day we honor the service of all living service men and women past and present. Memorial Day we honor the sacrifices of our war dead. As time passes we continue to lose our World War II veterans at about 600 a day. One of the iconic airplanes of World War II, the Grumman TBM Avenger torpedo bomber, was the focal point of a last reunion for some of the veterans who flew and worked on this great airplane during the war. The reunion was held Sept. 27 at the Liberty Aviation Museum in Port Clinton, Ohio, 4 fully restored TBM Avengers attended. One of the TBM’s was Brad Decker’s. I had the privilege to talk to Brad at Oshkosh and to see some of the updates he has made to his Avenger. Brad has completed the rear cock pit with a set of fully operational controls. He has also added several gun cameras, both facing forward and aft. These cameras were used to asses the damage caused after an attack run.



TBM’s Front seat



Rear seat

Every original TBM crew member Brad has the privilege to met signs the radioman’s compartment door of his Avenger. Brad said if he would have started this tradition earlier the door would have already been full of names. I think this is a great way to honor the TBM veterans.



I would like to say ‘Thank You’ to so many men and women like Brad who continue to honor the great Veterans of World War II. Efforts like this help keep their memories alive in all of us.



Another individual that honors our veterans every November is a farmer in Nebraska. Offutt Air Force base is located just outside of Omaha. Since it is located in the Midwest, the base is surrounded by crop fields. Pilots of the 55th Air Wing – aka ‘The Fighting Fifty-Fifth’) are thanked for their service as they approach the runway. As pilots line up on Runway 12 from the North, they are greeted every fall with a special message from a local farmer. His field is just south of Omaha on Hwy 75.



Thank you to all who have served.

Jon Dewey



STREAMERS OVER MOSSVILLE

A 48-degree temperature with winds at 10 MPH from the north-west greeted the flyers who were brave enough to fly in the last combat event of the year. Tom Imhoff, Neil Rudy and Roger Stegall launch their craft for some spirited competition. Somewhere in the 3rd minute of the first flight, Tom (Cruise) Imhoff



decapitated Roger's yellow ribbon. Neil and Tom chased each other for the remainder of the round with neither scoring a victory on the other. Roger attached a new yellow streamer to his combat ship and was talking some "smack" vowing a vengeance on Tom's uncut streamer. Low and behold, Tom was again successful at de-frocking Roger's newly attached ribbon. Neil Rudy's combat plane decided to land early in the newly harvested corn field. Early in the 3rd and final round of the season,



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Neil's combat plane decided to jettison its motor, leaving Tom and Roger to again duke it out. Sure enough – those two decided to dispense with the art of chasing each other's tail and went into full contact mode. In the waning seconds of the event, Roger plowed into Tom's pink-foam wing, knocking off the ribbon and sending the plane to the mat.



Roger also lost his ribbon (for the 3rd time) in the skirmish but the simultaneous loss of ribbons enabled each flyer to score 3 points for the victory. The winner for the day was Tom with 11 points, Roger tallied 3 points and Neil finished with a score of 1 point.

Anyone building a combat wing for next season should consider using a Turnigy L2210A motor (1650 KV). Tom was using this motor with a 7" X 4 prop and our standard 1300 mAh battery and was easily about 50% faster than everybody else outfitted with a Turnigy 450 motor and 10" propeller. Shown below are our 2014 year ending scores.

PARTICIPANT	24-May	21-Jun	19-Jul	16-Aug	27-Sep	18-Nov	YTD
Roger Stegall	0	6	7	5	2	3	23
Vern Holeman	1	6	2	4	0		13
Don Stedman			7	6			13
Jim Fassino			10	1	0		11
Tom Imhoff						11	11
Neil Rudy			8			1	9
Glen Howard			0	1	3		4
Roger Wheeler	1	0			0		1
Elijah Melloy					0		0



Jim Fassino, Tom Imhoff and Roger Stegall decided to make the 11/18/14 Unlimited Racing contest a Raptor-Fest. The 3 planes were about as evenly matched as possible except that Tom was using a 3S 2200 mAh battery for the first time. Both Roger and Jim were flying a 3S 1800 mAh. The larger battery in Tom's foam Raptor made his plane considerably faster than the 1800 mAh machines. Roger got a good jump on the flying start and took a solid lead in the first heat through the first 3 laps but he was DQed on the 4th lap by flying over the pilot line (and a portion of the shed).

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Tom finished in 3rd place with Fassino close behind. Heat #2 again had Roger leading at the start line. Tom took a lead briefly after the west turn on the 4th lap but Roger managed to retake the lead at the 5th turn of the 5th lap. Nearing the conclusion of the last lap, Roger was low and barely 10' ahead of Tom when Roger's Raptor plummeted to the petro-mat at full speed about 4' from the finish line, shattered into multiple pieces and slid across the line only a few feet ahead of Tom's Raptor. No amount of glue or all the Kings horses or all the Kings men could put that Raptor together again. Although Tom finished in 2nd place, he registered 5 cuts in the heat giving Fassino another 2nd place finish. Tom decided he wanted something bigger and faster for the third and final race of the year – enter his electric Revolver.



This plane was definitely quicker on a straight line between the pylons but the tighter turns of the 16-ounce Raptors kept everybody competitive. Roger finished 1st but was charged with 5 cuts (zero score). Tom was 2nd but got first place points. Jim was again close behind in 3rd but was charged with 1 cut for zero points. Point totals for the day were: Imhoff 40, Fassino 26 and Stegall 20. The YTD best 5 scores for Unlimited Electric Racing are as follows:

PARTICIPANT	24-May	21-Jun	19-Jul	16-Aug	27-Sep	18-Nov	YTD	# EVENTS	5 SCORES
Roger Stegall	20	50	28	40	20	20	178	6	158
Don Stedman	33	20	40	0			93	4	93
Glen Howard			12	16	40		68	3	68
Jim Fassino		0	0	28	30	26	84	5	84
Roger Wheeler	7	30					37	2	37
Tom Imhoff			16	0	15	40	71	4	71
John Hoelscher					15		15	1	15
Elijah Melloy					0		0	1	0

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Roger Stegall



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Nearly \$5,000,000 has been raised, and donated to military family support programs across the country since 2005.

The purpose in Peoria is to raise money to support the Wounded Warriors, for Families of Servicemen and Women of Central Illinois who, because of their commitment to serve have been faced with financial hardship or challenge and to establish 10 Scholarships in the name of General Wayne Downing for the Children of Fallen Soldiers from Central Illinois or to further the education of a Disabled Soldier.



For the fifth year, Central Illinois Tee It Up for the Troops has offered a free round of golf to area veterans and service members as a way to say thanks for their service and also as a way to raise money.



Over 120 veterans and active duty military were playing for free at Peoria Country Club and Mount Hawley Country Club. There was a similar number playing in the afternoon along with hundreds who paid for the privilege to play in the tournament.



Fourteen individuals were given rides in a 1938 Stearman as a part of the event. The Stearman was featured in the opening ceremonies. Club member Jim Fassino flew the Stearman while club member Bryan Chumbley assisted passengers throughout the day. This is the second year the Stearman has participated and plans are being made for the 2015 event.

The smiles on the veterans faces makes this a truly rewarding experience. Thanks to everyone who has answered the call to serve our great country. Happy Veterans Day

Jim Fassino

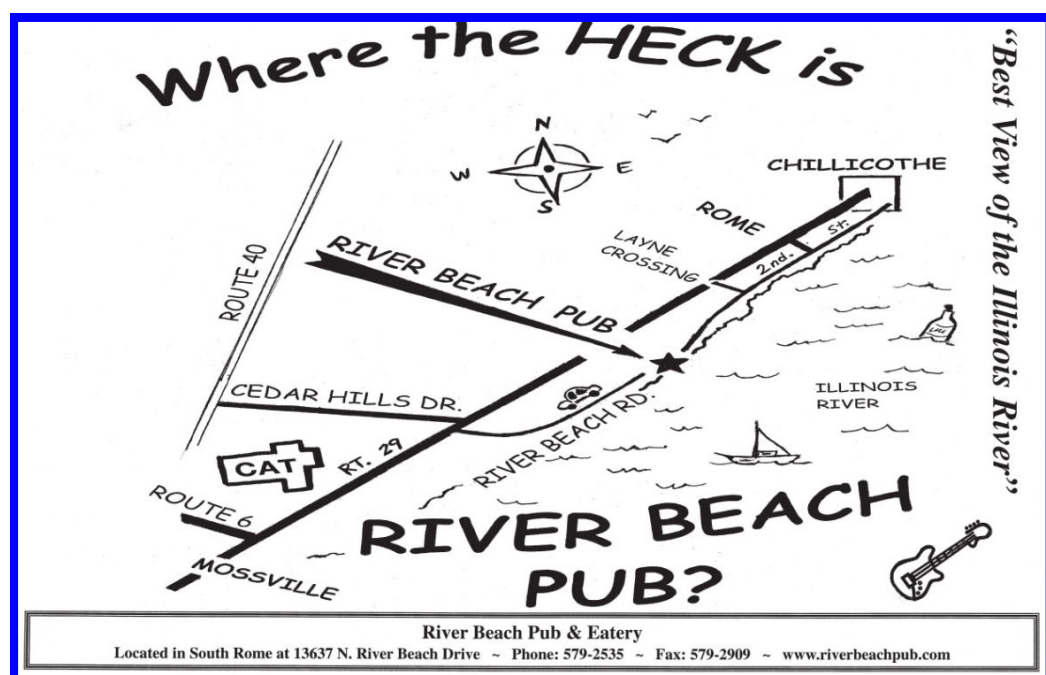




We had three visitors from the Mathison State Park Flying Club visit our field to get a flavor of our various contest events. They were interested in getting contests started in their area. If another club adopts similar rules and equipment restrictions, we may be able to initiate a racing league. The visitors were impressed with our field and the facilities. It was slightly disappointing that we had only 3 competitors for No Fear Pylon Racing and the other two contested events of the day when they brought as many members from a considerable distance on a less than ideal day. Jim Fassino, Neil Rudy and Tom Imhoff were ready and diving to the line for the start of race #1. During the race, Jim and Tom traded positions several times, often with Tom leading into the turn in first place and Jim exiting the turn in first place. Never have I seen so many near-misses as those two pilots seemed hell-bent on swapping Monokote. Jim came out of the last turn and crossed the finish line in 1st place but got 2nd place points because of 1 cut. Tom was charged with 2 cuts (0-points) and Neil was awarded 2nd place points for his 3rd place finish. Race #2 was a virtual repeat of Race #1 but Tom managed to eek-out a victory over Jim at the finish, with Neil a lap down for 3rd. Race #3 couldn't have been more even between Jim's electric Wingman trading the lead multiple times with Tom's Skyraider Mark II.

Tom barely crossed the finish line ahead of Jim while Neil was taking the scenic route for a repeat of 3rd place. Neil had some damage during the landing sequence, leaving Jim and Tom to see who could best the other in the 4th and last race event of the year. The modus operandi was "fly it like you stole it" – definitely a No Fear Pylon race during this heat. If you wanted to view a close race – you should have been there. There wasn't a single pylon turn during the race that the two planes were more than 50' apart. Coming out of the west turn to finish the 5th lap, Jim's APC propeller took a bite out of Tom's right aileron. The two planes separated momentarily with Jim going high and Tom veering lower around the east pylon. By the time they both got to the west pylon to complete the 6th lap, they were again threatening to do bodily harm to one another. The race ended with Tom ever so slightly ahead of Jim. Point totals for the day were: Jim-20, Tom-18 and Neil-13. I believe we have more than sufficient proof that the Electric Wingman is competitive and not overly competitive with other approved glow entries for No Fear Pylon Racing. We will finalize the equipment specifications for the electric Wingman during the next two weeks.

Roger Stegall



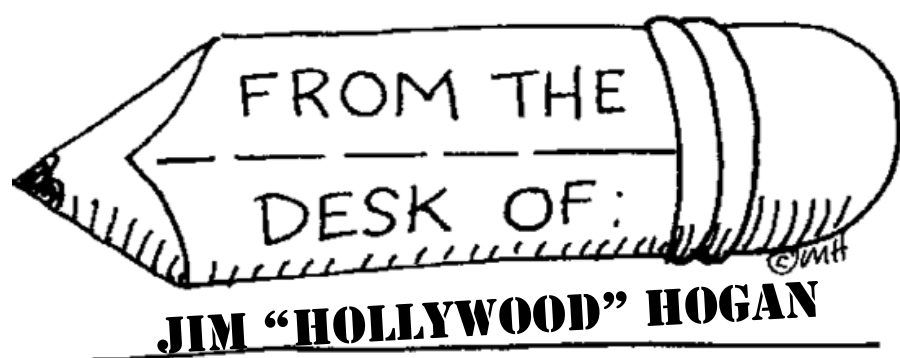
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A group of us went to the Streator RC Club's 5th Annual Warbird and Classic Airplane Fun Fly last month.



They added Classics (pre-1960) this year to increase attendance, and it worked. It was a record attendance and a very fun event. Most of the warbirds at Streator were large scale and I'd say over 80% were in the 50cc gas size and larger. The classics included a half dozen 1/4 scale 1930 "Cleveland Cup" racers. Most were 30cc gas powered. Red gas cans were all over and I'd say less than a 1/2 gallon of glow fuel was used that day.



As I looked around, I found flyers wearing tee shirts from the "Air Supremacy" meet in Indiana, "Warbirds over Texas". and we can't forget the Joe Knoll' or "Top Gun". There are all kinds of warbird events advertised in "Model Aviation" so I'm sure big birds will survive.

With the loss of the "International Miniature Aircraft Association", I was concerned about the future of "Big Birds". The old IMAA had two major followings: Warbirds / Classics and large aerobatic airplanes. Most aerobatic airplanes, such as Extras and Yaks, start at 85cc gas and go up from there. These guys will likely gravitate to the "International Miniature Aerobatics Club" which is also a special interest group of the AMA.



I'm not worried about warbirds and classics. Hangar 9, Top Flite, Great Planes, Balsa USA, Ziroli Kits, and others, all offer large scale warbirds. In fact, I found P-40's, P-51's, Zero's, Hellcat's, Spitfire's, Corsair's, Stearman's, WWI Fokker's, Spad's and even a B-25.

I can see myself flying a giant scale P-40 with a DLE 55cc gas engine, retracts, and \$800 worth of servos. Brian from Dynamic Balsa in Leonor, thinks he can get me ready to fly for "only" \$2700. "GULP"

Now all I need is a truck to haul them and a fancy lady to support my hobby.



Hogan assembling his Zero for battle

Jim "Kamikaze" Hogan



PRCM CO -Pilot of the Month



Dear Sum Ting Wong:

So Wong.....

The American version of the Queen's English is very confusing to me. The other day I was sitting in the River Beach Pub when my "friend" ordered a tall cold Blue Moon. I told the waitress I would have "one too". I started thinking, is she going to bring me 12 (one- two) of them or is she going to bring me one also? The more we drank our beverage the more I thought about how confusing our language really is. As a fighter pilot have you ever mis-understood orders in the air because of this?

Signed: Won common language



These are the rantings of a ghost-writers known but to God. Someone has taken on the pen name of "Dear Sum Ting Wong". Other than the physical copying from one medium to another, the editor takes no responsibility in the blasphemy and lunacy herein expressed.

Dear Won 4 all:

Communication is the main reason your Air Force, Army, Navy and Marines bicker amongst themselves ,they don't speak the same language. For instance, take the simple phrase "secure the building". The Army will post guards around the place. The Navy will turn out the lights and lock the doors. The Marines will kill everybody inside and set up a headquarters. The Air Force will take out a 5 year lease with an option to buy, and lets not even talk about when the Navy uses the word "head".

Sum Jing Wong

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Club meeting Reminder:

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Here are a few more pictures from the Streater Fly in.



PRCM's Don Steadman landing his twin Outer

