

Jim Fassino was the first to brave the wind chill and fly outside in 2015.



Jim Underwood and Randy Bond of the Streator R/C Club won the 50/50 drawing and a 4 channel Radio donated by Roger Wheeler. These two guys always seem to make the trip down to help support our club. Thanks Guys, We are glad it was worth your trip.



Vern Holeman's Grandson, Robbie and Joe Board were the winners of the raffle prizes. A special Thanks to Brain of Dynamic Balsa for the donations.



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Bob Wilson, Jim Hogan, Jim Fassino, Jon Dewey

### 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 \$110/year. If paid on or before the December club meeting: \$90, If paid between December meeting and Jan 1st, \$100. 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.



# Meet your PRCM 2015

## Club Officers



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### MARK "KEESTER" KIEFER



I Mark Keester Keifer do swear to defend and support the Bi laws of the Peoria RC modelers against all enemies, foreign and domestic. I was born and raised in St. Louis, MO. I am a die hard Cardinal fan.

I am an active graduate member of the Zeta Phi Chapter if Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI) fraternity, William Jewell College, Liberty, MO.

I continue to live by the motto, "no regrets for past actions, no remorse for lost opportunities".

I'm married and have two sons, ages 30, and 26.

My wife and I attend Northwood's Community Church.

I have a place in MO where I can fly, hunt, fish, 4 wheel, and do just about anything you can't do in a populated area, we'll leave it at that.

Am considered a Certified Lean Manufacturing expert, whatever that means. This discipline has taken me to some interesting countries.

Currently work at OSF in Supply Chain and Logistics. Before that, self employed, before that Bradley University.

Got into R/C planes way back in 1992 when we lived in Champaign, IL. My wife worked part time on the phones at Tower Hobbies, and the rest is history. First plane was a Tower Trainer 40 ARF, and yes I still have it. After 22 years in R/C I'm surprised I still have a high level of interest in the hobby.

Mark 31



### A Dream Come True

One sunny day in January, 2015, an old man approached the PRCM White House from across Old galena road where he'd been sitting on a park bench. He spoke to the U.S. Marine standing guard and said, "I would like to go in and meet with President Dewey." The Marine looked at the man and said, "Sir, Mr. Dewey is no longer the PRCM President and no longer resides here." The old man said, "Okay," and walked away. The following day the same man approached the White House and said to the same Marine, "I would like to go in and meet with President Dewey." The Marine again told the man, "Sir, as I said yesterday, Mr. Dewey is no longer President and no longer resides here." The man thanked him and again just walked away. The third day the same man approached the White House and spoke to the very same U.S. Marine, saying, "I would like to go in and meet with President Dewey." The Marine, understandably agitated at this point, looked at the man and said, "Sir, this is the third day in a row you have been here asking to speak to Mr. Dewey I've told you already that Mr. Dewey is no longer the President and no longer resides here. Don't you understand?" The old man looked at the Marine and said, "Oh, I understand. I just love hearing it." The Marine snapped to attention, saluted, and said, "See you tomorrow, Sir!"

Unknown  
Author







## DOC NEAL "SANDMAN" RUDY

I was born a poor, black, sharecroppers child, oh wait, that's wrong. I am born. Whether I shall turn out to be the hero of my own story, or whether that station will be held by anybody else... Oh wait, that's been used as well. Sigh. Call me Ishmael. Some time ago, no matter how long....Damn. Hmmm, try this,

Born and raised in Wausau Wisconsin, my first radio was in 1973, a Kraft 4 channel proportional. (puke yellow colored) It flew a Lou Andrews H-Ray with an OS 20; A silk and dope classic; Crashed it so often it was more Titebond than balsa. Long time member of the Wausau RC Modelers. My Dad flew as well.

Built rc planes in the basement of the St Olaf College physics department, and flew them behind the field house. Spent 8 years at Northwestern University, earning a degree in basket weaving, ER, medicine. (Anesthesiology) In the 90s, flew with the Pekin RC club. For the last 10-15 years or so, have only flown occasionally, up in Wisconsin. I have a place on a lake and have had a series of RC seaplanes.

Joined this club only a year ago. ( how did I end up on the ballot?) Occasional IMAA member. (When there was an IMAA) My favorite color is blue, I like long walks on the beach, have 4 big dogs, ( Vector, Piper, Tango, Orion) constituting 410 lbs of useful load in my Piper Seneca, and like to shoot things. I have an irrational penchant for boats, some of them wooden. I do Civil War reenacting: Union: bugler. I like to fashion slices of dead trees into useful objects and, to sear, smoke, and consume internally dead animal bits. As this is already probably more than you wanted to know, I'll stop here.

*Your most humble, obedient, servant,*

*Neal Rudy M.D. VIP PRCM VP*







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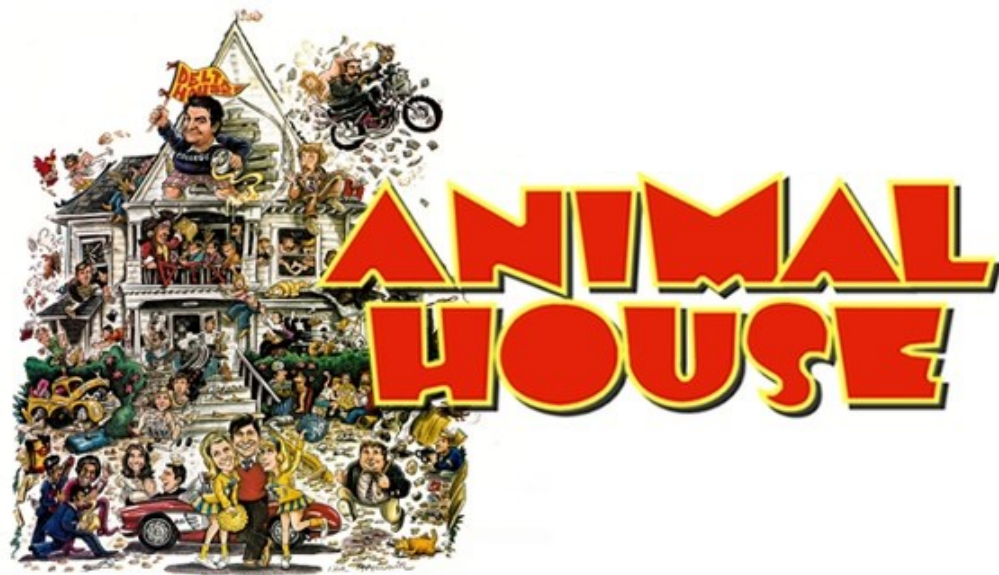
If you're not there, we're going to talk about you!



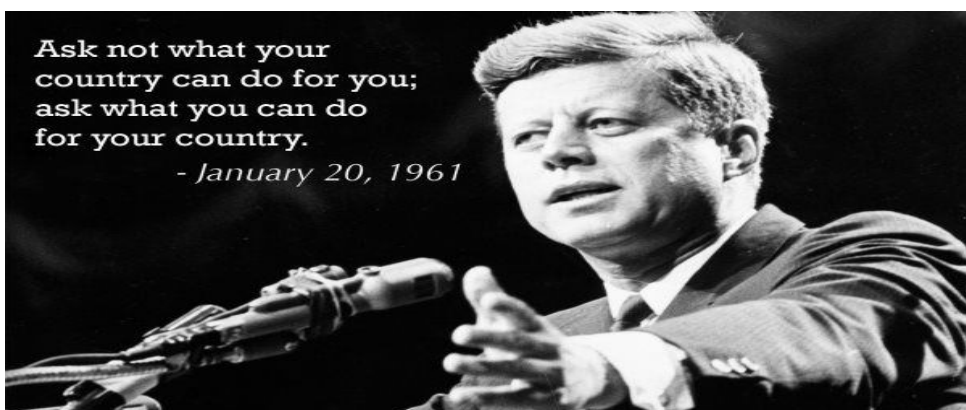


Thank you to everyone who contributed their time and talents to make this year's **FIRST TO FLY** event a big success. Mark Kiefer, Bryan Chumbley, Neal Ruby, Jim Fassino, Roger Stegall, Roger Wheeler, George Knight, Tom Imoff and the rest of you who came out to fly and have some fun. I can honestly say it was the best club event of this year! I would also like to wish everyone a happy and healthy 2015! I am looking forward to a great flying season.

*Jon Dewey*



This being my first article as President of the PRCM club warrants a few of what I call meaningful statements and definitions. I defer to President Jack Kennedy's quote from his January 20th, 1961 inauguration speech where Kennedy asked, "ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country". Kennedy knowing good and well that this quote was not his original quote as he had taken this quote from his former headmaster, George St. John at The Choate School in Connecticut. However, Kennedy manipulated the application and ended up challenging our country to land on the Moon by the end of the decade. My take on this quote is not where it originated from or who used it, but how it can be applied to the PRCM? Applied to our club, I'd like to say "ask not what your PRCM club can do for you, ask what you can do for your PRCM club". Enough said on this topic.



Maybe a future PRCM member like his Grandpa.

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Moving forward to 2015, a few things about me: many of you probably don't know much about me. I don't quit, if you haven't noticed by now. This "no quit" trait that I have is evident in the planes I fly. I can bring a new plane to the field, or a new home made foamie to indoor flying, and then smack it up somewhat beyond recognition. Somehow, I'll repair it, and see it fly again. I was taught this as a youngster from my Dad who would always place me back into the situation I somewhat failed in and would tell, me you're not going anywhere until you achieve what you've started. Thus, I have the "stay there till I achieve what I started" attitude. Interesting.

I'm not much on long conversation and long newsletters. Which is why this letter will be somewhat short. I take criticism, positive comments, and all types of conversations to heart and listen first before talking. My hope for this new year is if you have ideas or comments on how we can have fun with activities involving the club, put them in action and make them happen. To do this, show up to the meetings, and throw these ideas and comments out there for us to put into action.

One last thought I'd like to leave everyone with for the year of 2015:

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.

Have a great month. Here's a famous quote I'd like to share:

**Mark**  
**31**



**"Sometimes, flying feels too God like to be attained by man. Sometimes, the world from above seems too beautiful, too wonderful, too distant for human eyes to see."**

*Charles A. Lindbergh*

It is that time of the year again when we as a club recognize those members who have step up and taken the lead over the last year. We traditionally give out two awards. The PRCM modeler of the year and the Spark plug award. We are looking for your input, Please be at the Club meeting to fill out a ballot. Or email your recommendation to either Mark Kiefer or Neal Rudy . Please make every effort to have your voice heard. We will be awarding these at our Annual Banquet on February 19th at Alexander's Steak House. Please make plans to attend.



***Annual Banquet***

**Important Date!**

**February 19th  
2015**

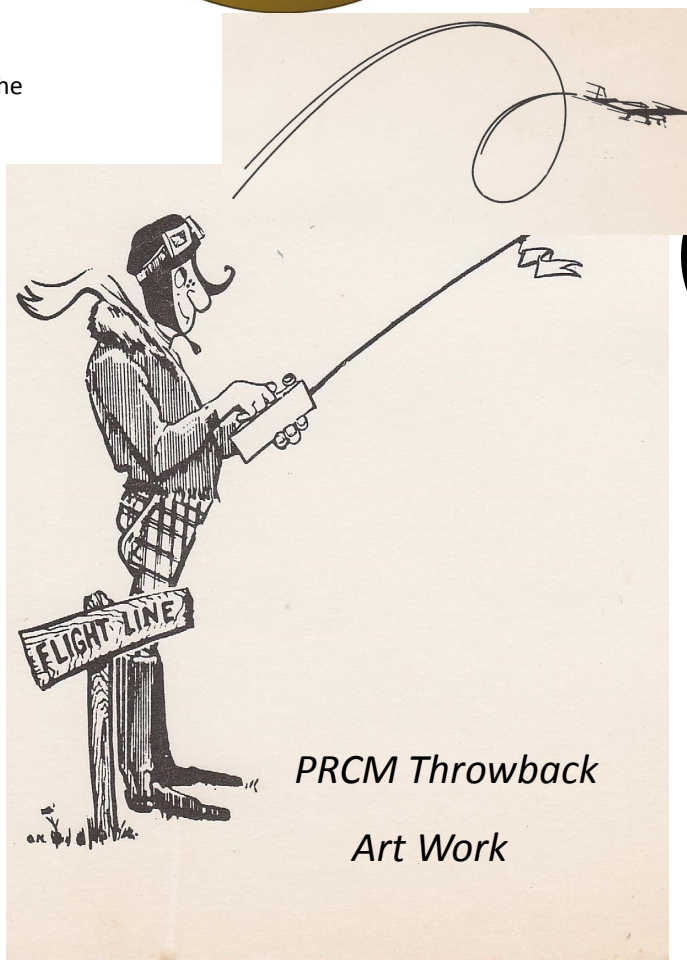


# Lesson Plans



As the out going PRCM President, I thought it would be fun leave a note of encouragement in our oval office to our new President. I wanted to address it like the US Presidents do. You know, Dear "44" from "43". Well in order to do that I would have to figure out what number President Mark Keifer will be. I looked back at the newsletter and they only went back to 2004. I started asking some of the members if they remembered any presidents before 2004? I was shocked at the detailed email I received from Roger Stegall. After reading his email, I believe that Roger not only runs a hobby shop out of his van but he also works part time as our club historian. Our club has the oldest charter in the state of Illinois dating back to 1954. The First President was Earl Dalton who served for many years. As best as we can tell from old memories and club records the past Presidents are:

1. Earl Dalton 1954– 68
2. MIA \* 1968-1982 (10 Presidents?)
12. Bob Suhr 1983
13. Mike Montefusco 1984
14. Jim Allen 1985
15. Bob Suhr 1986
16. Al Kietz 1987
17. Bob Suhr 1988
18. Jim Allen 1989 \*Last at Detweiller
19. Mike Montefusco 1990 \*First in Chillicothe
20. Jim Steeg 1991-1994
21. Janice Scott 1995
22. Wally Walwer 1996-1998
23. Janice Scott 1998
24. Dave Olsen 1999
25. Wes Miller 2000-05
26. Terry Beachler 06-08 \*Last In Chillicothe
27. John Hoelscher 09-10 \*First in Mossville
28. Scott Ferguson '11
29. Joe Lang '12-13
30. Jon Dewey '14
31. Mark Keifer '15

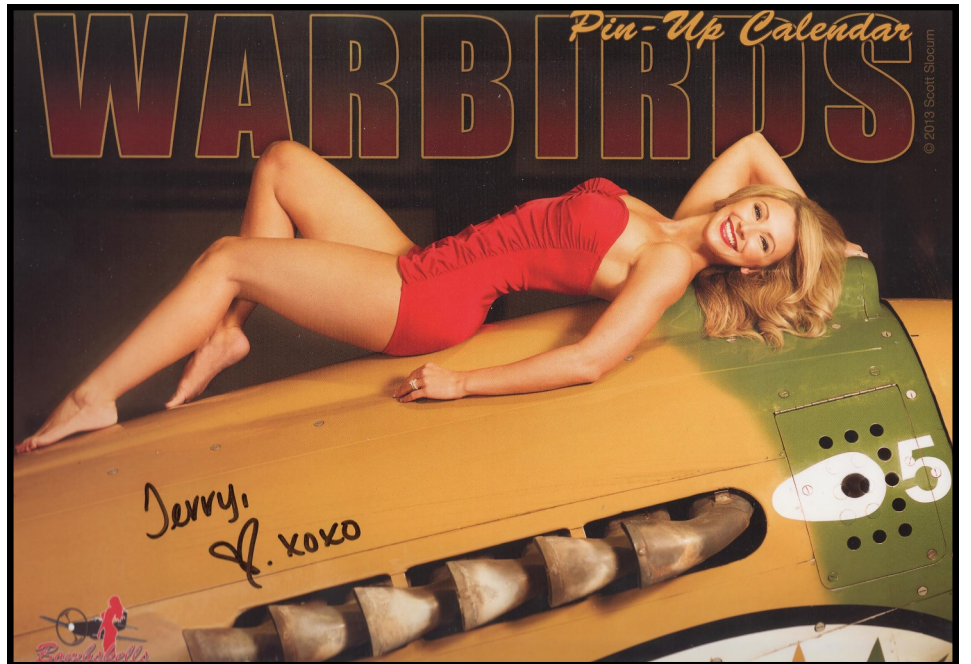


PRCM Throwback  
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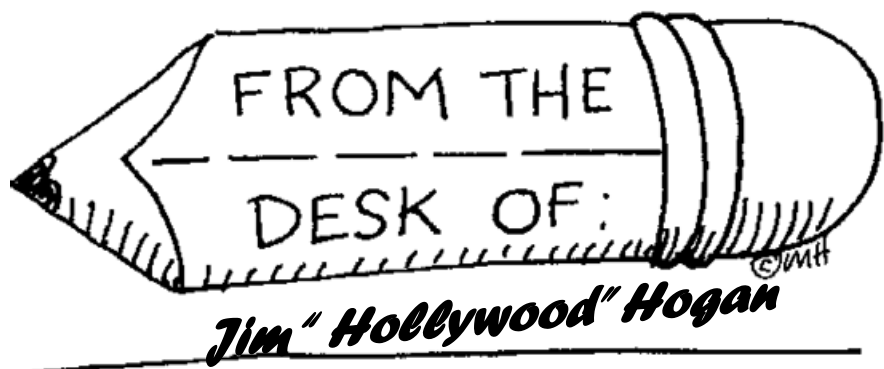
**Jon F Dewey**



Besides this wonderful new hat (pictures above), Santa also brought Terry a 2015 autographed Bombshell Warbird Calendar. "Miss June" is still dreaming about Terry and can't wait to see him at Oshkosh. Terry says, 'It pays to be a GOOD boy'.







I was working on a new ARF looking at all the stuff that comes with it. I really like the little hardware bag full of bolts, nuts, control horns, tubing, rods, and all sorts of bits and pieces.

While working on the airplane, the instruction book told we to install the tail wheel assembly with four bolts and four nuts from the hardware bag. Well, I found five bolts and three nuts. Just my luck!



I went to my 20 tray parts organizer and looked through the unorganized mess looking for the right nut. Of course, I did not find the one needed. However, I did find all kinds of stuff that I have no idea what it's for or why I was keeping it. If I use a part out of my organizer everyday for the rest of my life, I would not make a dent in the junk collected.

I seem to get more hardware with every plane built. I always have parts left over which go into the organizer. I don't know if the ARF builders add too much hardware to the bag or the pages of the instruction book stick together and I miss something. I'm afraid to throw-out stuff, because I might need it someday even if I have no idea what I would use it for.



Even though the hardware bag has the part you need, that does not mean the part you grab will be installed on the model. Have you ever pulled a part out and fumble it? Normally a dropped part will hit the work bench and then head for the floor. I think I have Gremlins living under my table because most of my drops are never found. They must catch the piece on the first bounce then hide them before I can push the chair back. Then, I'll find a "few" parts weeks later after the little guys put them on the floor so I will step on them in my bare feet.

The solution for me is "bigger parts or thicker glasses".



*Jim \"Hollywood\" Hogan*



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January 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 1st to Fly Happy New Year	2 Indoor Flying 	3  7AM
4	5	6  Club Meeting Dinner @ 6pm	7	8 7AM 	9 8pm- 11pm 	10 7AM 
11	12	13	14	15 7AM 	16 \$10 	17 7AM 
18	19 	20	21	22 7AM 	23 Indoor Flying 	24 7AM 
25	26	27	28	29 7AM 	30 8pm - 11PM 	31 7AM 

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.

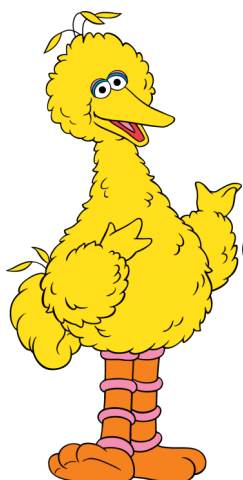
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**Sum Ting Wong**

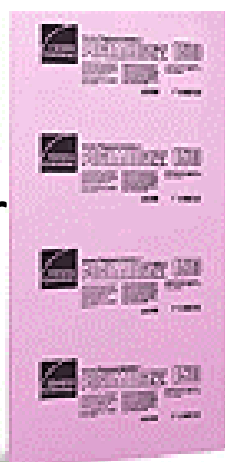
I don't know what to do. It seems to me your club is heading to two directions at the same time. One group flies electric airplane made from wall insulation and another group is flying large airplanes that don't fit in their cars. The pretty blue and pink insulation airplanes are very pastel in color but look like they should be flown by grade school-ers. The big airplane pilots most likely don't take care of their yards because they must have taken their lawn mower and chain saw engines off yard tools to power their BIG Birds. If I join in and take my family to the flying field, which set of airplanes looks the least embarrassing to bystanders?

Signed;

*A little Intimidated*



OR



*Dear Intimidated:*

If you want to fly with this bunch, embarrassment has long been thrown out the window. Why do you think these guys fly out in the country?

Well, safety is a factor, but it's mostly to "hide" these guys and gal from real people. A sheet of insulation will allow the foamy guys to build 20 airplanes for about .75 cents each. The **BIG BIRD** guys can't even buy a wheel collar for that. If you wreck and foamy, you laugh and get another one from the car. If you wreck a big bird, you also go to the car, but to cry! I'd recommend doing both at once. Build a big foamy. It would take two 4x8 sheets of foam for one airplane.

Then install a large gas engine on the front and off you go into the "Wild Blue Yonder". Don't worry about landing, the gas should eat the foam up long before the flight is over.

**Sum Ting Wong**

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Congratulations!



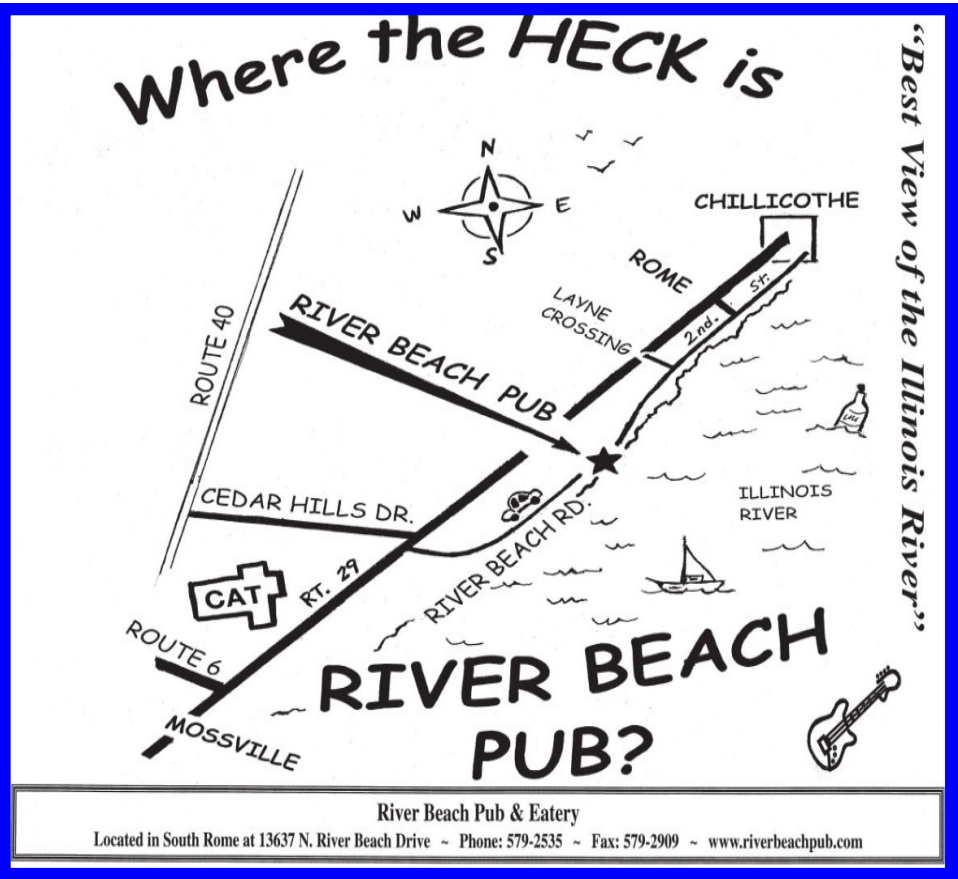
**Eli Melloy** was the first to correctly identify this pilot in last month's newsletter! Eli won a \$10 gift certificate to the River Beach Pub. Keep watching for more trivia questions and your chance to win.

**Scott Ferguson** was the winner of \$30 in TGIF gift cards at the December meeting. There are more to give away. It is easy, All you have to do is be present at the next meetings to have a chance to win.



Captain Katie A. Higgins, the first female Marine pilot to be selected for service with the Blue Angels, Higgins, 27, of Annapolis, Md., is a 2008 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, she will be flying Fat Albert for the 2015 season. I am sure this is a great honor but even more so to be selected as the:

**PRCM Co-Pilot of the Month**



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