



Photos of the Month

And the Winners are...



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### AMA CONTEST DIRECTORS:

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)

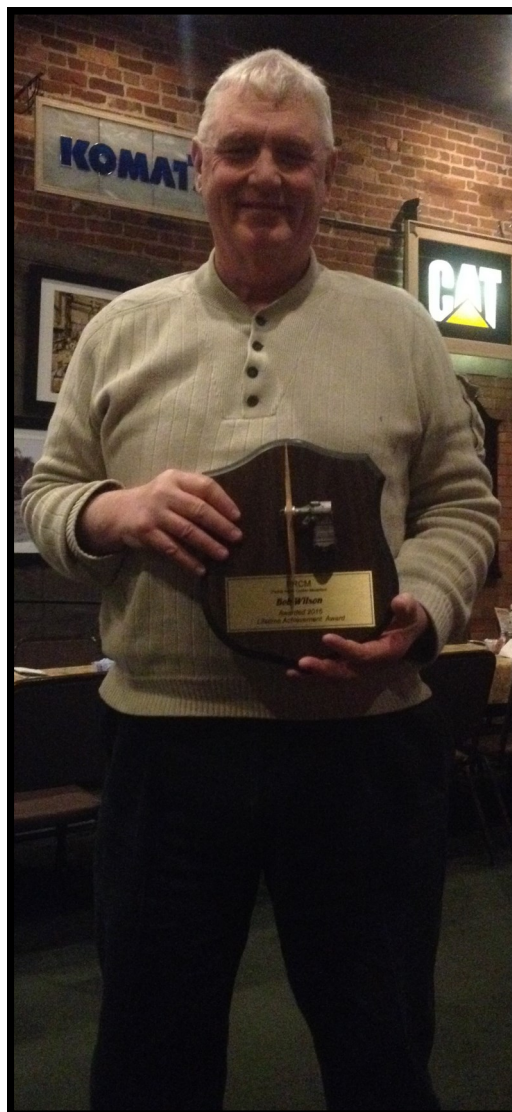
### General:

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.

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**Bob Wilson**

"Life Time Achievement Award"



**Vern Holeman**

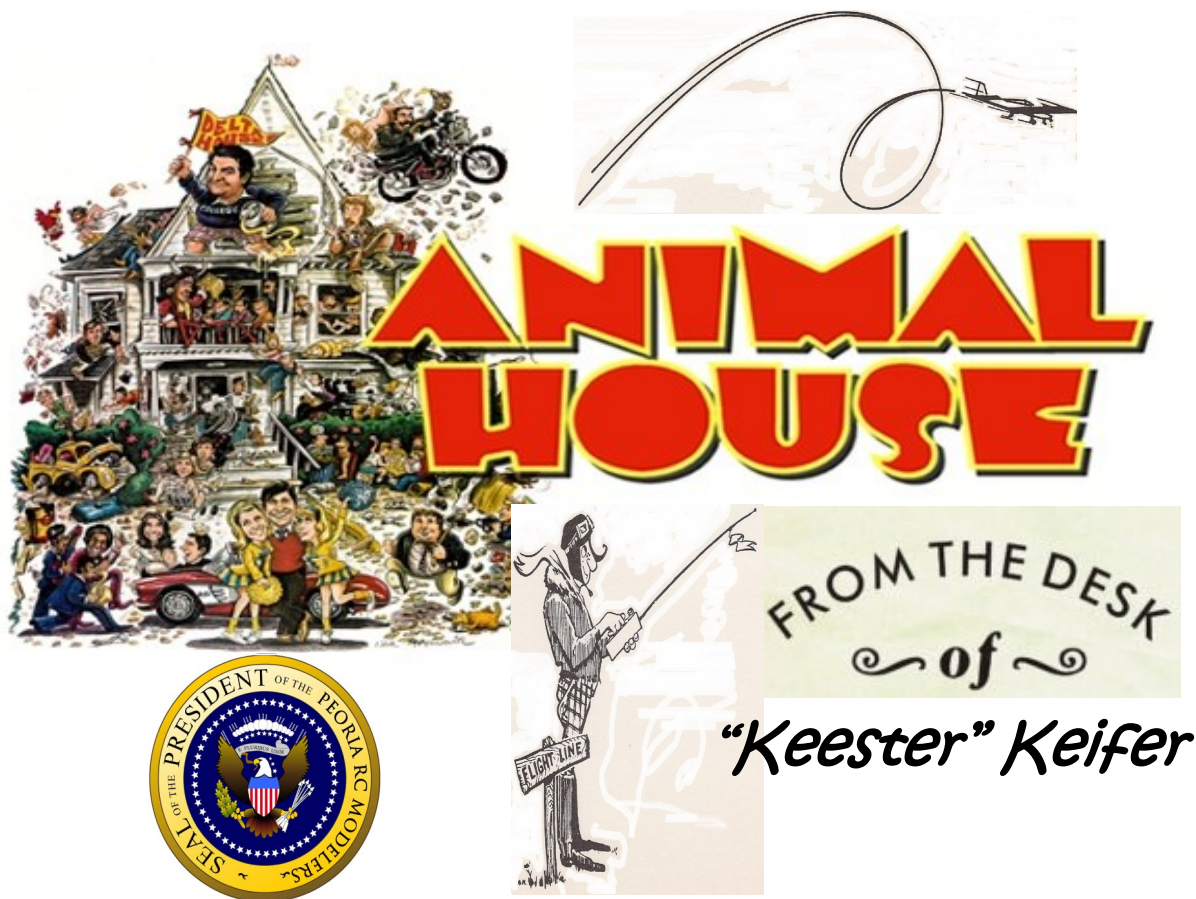
"Spark Plug Award"



**Joe Lang** "Modeler of the Year"







I am hoping this newsletter will find all of us with the majority of winter behind us. At least we don't live in Boston. I for one am ready to see the bad weather behind us, ready to start listening to baseball, and most importantly ready to get winter plane projects to the field and have fun flying.



Photo by Fassino

If you were not able to make it to the annual banquet, you missed out on some great food, good conversation, and most of all the flawless video presentation created by our own Jim Fassino, and lastly the awards presentation. Our attendance was significant this year, but as we all know, we could have had more in attendance, which brings me to the next topic I would like to put out there.

**CLUB EVENT ATTENDANCE.** A comment was made at a previous Friday night indoor flying event which was, "I wonder why we see 80% of club members not in attendance at our events"? Good comment and good question. With that, I started to Google how to build strong club attendance and found a good website,

[http://www.clubexpress.com/dldocs/building\\_strong\\_clubs\\_dan\\_ehrmann.pdf](http://www.clubexpress.com/dldocs/building_strong_clubs_dan_ehrmann.pdf)

This article is a lengthy 20-page document, some of it dry but mostly with good points to foster better club attendance. In short, data shows:

- ➡ **5% of members run the club and show up for almost every event.**
- ➡ **Another 15% of members regularly participate.**
- ➡ **Another 20% occasionally participate.**
- ➡ **The remaining 60% never show up for anything!!!!**

As you're at the house working on your next project due to bad weather outside, look up this website and read this article and ask yourself what needs to be done to foster club event attendance for the oldest chartered AMA club in Illinois, and bring your ideas to the next club meeting this coming Tuesday March 3rd, 2015. **Enough said.**

Fly safe, fly often, and most importantly, get out there and fly.

Your Prez,

**Mark 31**

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Outdoor flying season is just around the corner. Many of us are likely preparing for the upcoming season by building new projects or carefully going over projects in our hangars. Here are just a couple of reminders as you prepare for the upcoming outdoor season.

### Shop Safety:

As you build or inspect please establish some safety procedures to protect both you and your models. Establish procedures for storing knives, adhesives, and electrical devices (soldering irons, heat guns, etc.). “Everything in its place and a place for everything” is an adage we have all heard but may not adhere to. Knowing where your hobby knife is at all times, for example, can prevent an unfortunate accident from injuring you or your plane, helicopter or quad. Please remember to never leave electronic equipment plugged in and turned on when you are not in your shop. We have an active club with many opportunities to fly, and we want everyone to take full advantage of those opportunities unimpeded by injury.



### At the Field:

When you arrive at the field, please take the time to sign-in to the flight log. There will be an updated log this season that will ask members to include additional information we can use in future decision making. Additionally, this information should be helpful to the Peoria Park District to substantiate our compliance with guidelines and procedures.

Take your time to unload and assemble your equipment. There are many times when an unfortunate accident has been attributed to rushing to assemble planes and forgetting to tighten a wing bolt or check a prop nut.



*Nathan pre-flights his airplane*

Before you fly, establish a pre-flight procedure to check that control surfaces are functioning properly and in the right direction. I have learned the hard way on more than one occasion that it is easy to have ailerons or elevators reversed with disastrous results. There are few more sickening feelings than dorking a plane into the ground after take-off because of reversed ailerons; especially on a maiden flight.





Remember to follow safe procedures for charging batteries, starting glow or gas engines, or running up engines before flight. For planes, be sure to use the flight stands, tie-downs or other restraints when starting and running up an engine or motor. Don't hesitate to ask a fellow club member for a hand to safely hold an airplane during start-up or run-up. I have never seen someone in our club decline to provide assistance when it comes to safety.

**PLAY NOW**



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*Double checking his control surfaces prior to flight*



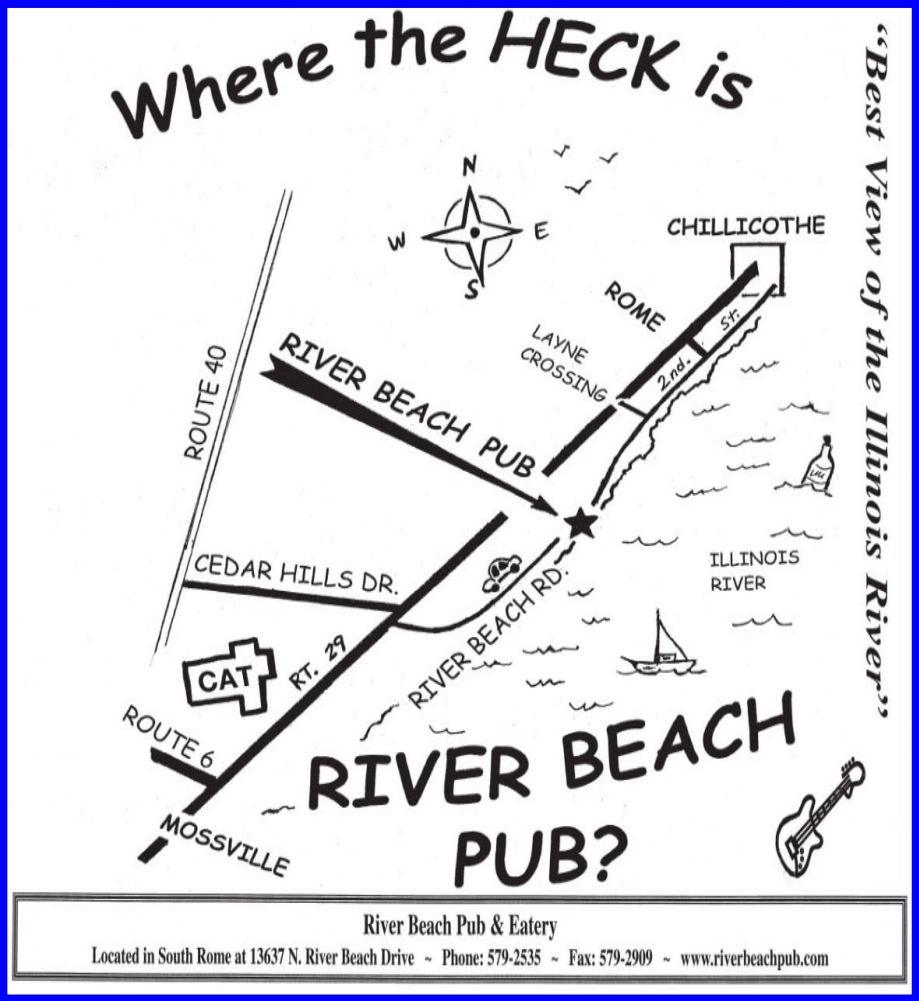
Finally, we sometimes forget that others may not be aware of our actions while flying. Please announce "Taking Off" or "Landing" loud enough for other pilots to hear before Initiating these procedures. Additionally, if you need to retrieve your model from the field, clearly announce "On The Field" before attempting to remove your model, and follow up with "Field Clear" when the model has been safely retrieved. I also hope to see everyone at The final four (4) Friday night indoor events, and looking forward to a safe and Fun outdoor season

**Be the first to email the Model number and name of this aircraft to Jon Dewey and win a \$10 gift card to the River Beach Pub. Good Luck**



**Example: "P-51 Mustang" (Number and Name)**

**On the FIELD!**







## Is this the end of indoor flying? You will decide!

Only you can answer that question. But it would be easier to answer if our members and those from area clubs who have enjoyed indoor flying would show their support for the last five Friday's of this season, this Friday and every Friday in March.

This season Indoor flying attendance has averaged about half the number needed to cover our cost. A strong showing in for the rest of the season would demonstrate interest in continuing to offer this venue. Alternatively a continued weak turnout would add to our loss and make the question of the next indoor season more difficult for club membership to approve.

There are many benefits that result from indoor flying including new club members, maintaining flying skills year round and our annual First to Fly event. We have also developed relations with area club members who have joined us on Fridays. Area hobby shops have participated in our First to Fly event and their participation has help our club and hopefully helped their business.



*Help keep the SMILE on Tommie's face*

Sure we could raise the admission price but in my business experience increasing prices will likely reduce sales. Having a schedule of other than every week would likely result in confusion; are we flying this week or was it last week? And if we fly just once a month would many flyers be willing to buy indoor airplanes for use only 4 or 5 times a year. Midwest Sports Complex has rented their facility to us every Friday evening November through March for about 6 years. They have given us free use on New Year's Day for our First to Fly. It has been a good relationship but will it continue?

If you want to see indoor flying continue please join us every Friday through the end of March at 8 PM and show your support for indoor flying. Help make the decision to continue indoor flying next season an easier vote. Without your support now there may not be a next time. That would be a real loss for model aviation in Central Illinois.

I hope to see you on Friday,

***Jim Fassino***

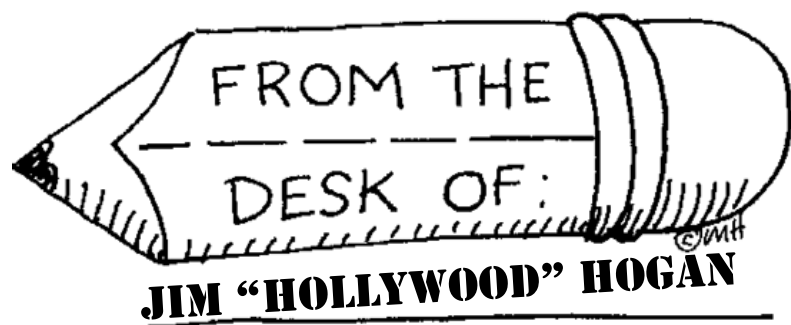
*Secretary & Treasurer*

*Peoria RC Modelers*



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## Meet Jean Paillet

I met Jean Paillet (AMA #2222) while walking my dog here in The Villages. Jean has been flying Free Flight airplanes since he was a boy in 1936. He remains active in the hobby today. Jean is a proud member of the SKY SCRAPPERS Model Airplane Club which was founded in Brooklyn, New York in 1936. The all free flight club has about 40 members nationwide and none of them live in Brooklyn.



Jean has won many national free flight championship including "More AMA "Nats" than I can remember," he said. He still designs and builds his own airplanes. In fact, his latest airplane was featured in the November 2014 issue of Model Aviation. He showed me his next free flight airplane designed for 1/2 A gas. He draws his plans to magazine quality ready for AMA Plans Service.



Photo by: Jim Hogan

Jean is an Aeronautical Engineer who worked for Grumman Aircraft. He was on the design team for the Navy's C-1 Trader and the C-2 Greyhound radar picket aircraft. He was also involved with the A-6 Intruder and other aircraft that "never made it off the drawing board."



Jean is a member of the "AMA Model Aviation Hall of Fame", and the "National Free Flight Hall of Fame." He still travels to Free Flight meets around the east coast and still flies each year in the AMA "Nats" in Muncie, Indiana. After close to 80 years in free flight, he regrets few young people are joining the free flight hobby. But, there are some young flyers which should keep the hobby going.

***It was my Honor to meet this model aviation legend.***



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## Out of the Bone Yard And into the Air, *Again*

The Strategic Arms Reduction treaty, limits the number of B52s the United States can have to only 76 strong. Last year, while sitting on the ground at Barksdale AFB, (Louisiana) an oxygen leak and a spark ended the usable life of one of our B52s. After an intense cockpit fire it was deemed cheaper to pull another B52 out of the bone yard than to repair the damage caused by the fire. For the first time in the history of the Air Force, a B52 was ordered out of the bone yard to return to active duty.



A small part of the "Bone yard"

This is no easy or cheap task. After 70 days of work, "Ghost Rider" was in decent enough shape to fly once again. She flew to Barksdale AFB from Arizona below 250 knots and 23,000 feet with her gear down the entire flight. She also had no GPS or current navigational equipment on board which made the flight a little more challenging. After landing, she was parked next to her burnt out sister, where they will swap out the majority of her major onboard components. By this October she will be ready to fly to Tinker AFB, (Oklahoma) where she will undergo a major overhaul.

In early 2016, *Ghost Rider* will return to the active duty fleet as one of the youngest B52H models. She will have only 17,000 hours on her airframe where most of the others are well over 18,000 hours and growing daily. For a cost of around 13 million dollars, the 54 year old *Ghost Rider* will be reborn out of the bone yard to serve again on active duty. I am glad to see the system works as intended. For once it seems Uncle Sam has got something right.



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8	9	10	11	12 7AM 	13 8pm-11pm 	14 7AM 
15	16	17 	18	19 7AM 	20  HAPPY First Day of Spring!	21 7AM 
22	23	24	25	26 7AM 	27 Indoor Flying \$10 	28 7AM 
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**June 28th** Fun Fly In

**Aug 16th** Fly in Breakfast

**Sept 26th-27th** Warbird/ Classic Fly in

**Streator RC Flyers** does a great job with these events. Please make every effort to join them and help support their club and our hobby just as they always help support our club.

# Windy City Warbirds & Classics

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**Dear:**

**Sum**

**Ting**

**Wong**



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.

**So Wong:**

Our President seems to believe that if everyone had a job we would be living in a "kinder gentler world" and everyone would just get a long. I guess he even wants to give ISIS jobs, you know, the guys who are beheading, shooting and burning people alive. Do you think it is just to get them to pay income tax so we have a little more money to spend?

*Signed: A little Taxed off*



Dear: Taxed Off

Income tax is a good thing. It allows the government to buy so many things with the money you "give" them. Uncle Sam buys everything from fuel for military airplanes to the bombs they drop. I thing creating jobs for ISIS is a great ideal. It would give them a reason to get up every morning and go to work. Remember the early bird get the worm. Here are just *a few*



See, there is a job out there for all skill levels, you just have to look for them. Keep your questions coming.

*Sum Jing Wong*

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## Model Airplanes Banned at Detweiller

By THEO JEAN KENYON  
of the Journal Star

After 40 years at Detweiller Park, the nation's oldest radio-controlled model airplane club is being given a new site in Radnor Township due to the Peoria Park District's concerns for safety and liability.

Peoria Park Board members voted Wednesday to have an ordinance drawn banning the use of such aircraft in Detweiller Park, and also authorized a license agreement giving the RC Modelers Club exclusive use of the new site.

Until the board acts on those items, and until it obtains clarification on the club's liability insurance, flying at Detweiller is banned.

Members of the RC Modelers who attended the meeting say their insurance through the Academy of Model Aeronautics does cover accidents arising from the operation of models in accordance with the official AMA safety code.

And they said the fact that Detweiller does not meet the dimensions of the "model" field does not invali-

date the coverage.

But park district Controller Jan Budzynski said when she questioned an AMA spokesman as to whether the flying area should encompass any roadways or buildings, he said they should not "and should definitely not encroach upon major thoroughfares."

date the coverage.

Because the Detweiller Park flying area adjoins Galena Road, there is concern the model planes may create distractions for drivers and cause accidents on the road. There are also a large number of park users in the area.

Park Board President Bonnie Noble said she was a passenger in a car when it was "buzzed" by a plane, "and some planes have crashed out there."

"Knowing what we know has happened in the past, I don't see how we can in good conscience continue to let Detweiller be used," she said. "So far we have just been extremely lucky."

RC Modelers President Jim Allen Sr. disputed that, saying "safety is our No. 1 priority" and club mem-

bers must adhere strictly to the AMA safety code or lose their license.

The incident to which Noble referred, he said, "was not a club member." Trustees agree that part of the problem is that the popular activity has drawn fliers who do not belong to the club.

Insurance coverage provided by the club through the AMA has a \$500,000 limit per occurrence for bodily injury, but that coverage does not extend to non-members.

While Allen and others didn't object to moving to the new site in Leslie Rutherford Park on Dickison Cemetery Road, they said there is "no way" it can be ready this summer, and asked the Park Board permit them to use Detweiller Park until the new site is prepared.

That site being offered by the park district is presently farmland which must be cleared and seeded this spring and again in the fall.

Cost to the park district for the site improvements is estimated at \$4,144 and RC Modelers say they also will need to invest around \$5,000. Trustees voted to go ahead with

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