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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 \$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.



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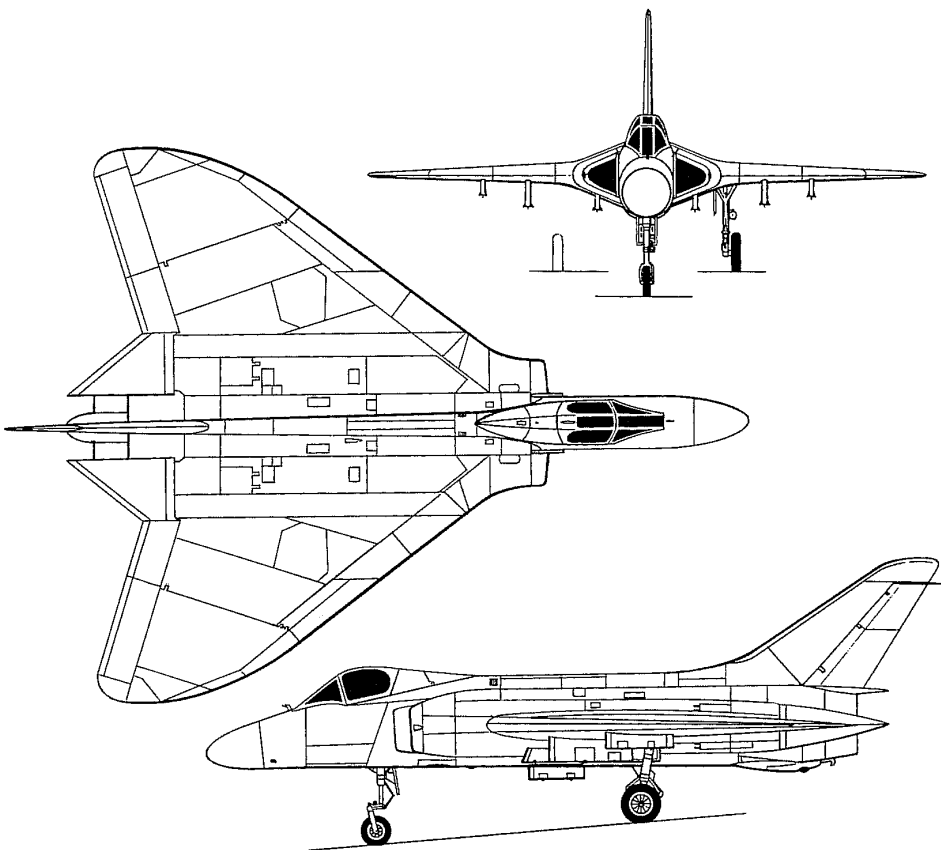


# "Eye of the Beholder"

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. One thing is for sure, when it comes to U.S. Military warbirds, they are not the most beautiful flying machines in the world

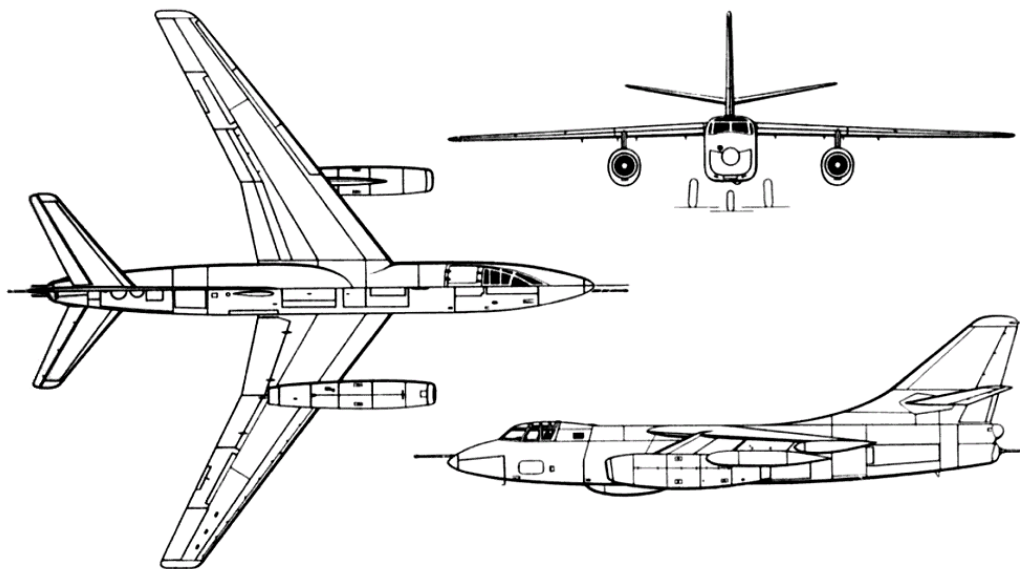
Recently, my wife gave me a book with pictures and drawings of U.S. military aircraft from 1911 to today. As I read through it, I have found what I think are the most beautiful warbirds ever built. There are members in this club who say the most beautiful airplane would be the P-51 Mustang. And I agree, it is one of my favorites also. But, it did not make my "list

Two military airplanes are my favorites. The top of my list would be the Douglass F4D Skyray, the Navy's fleet protection fighter of the 1960's. It did not have one square line on it. It was a swept delta design with a wing shaped like to sea ray. The tail was long and curved as was the canopy and nose. Pilots loved it, and gave it the name "Ford ".



Douglass F4D Skyray

My second greatest beauty was the Air Force's Douglas B-66 Destroyer. It was a medium range Vietnam vintage bomber. It also had a cockpit design that fit the airplane very well. The swept high mount wing fit with the high sweeping tail that gave the airplane the feeling of motion even while on the ground. If you get a chance, look at these two warbirds and tell me what you think



Douglas B-66 Destroyer





Oh, and the ugliest? That would be the Pilatus PC-6 Peacemaker. It was an Army utility aircraft with a long pointy nose with a turboprop engine stuck on the end. It had a square tail and a boxy wing. It looks like it was designed by the Illinois House of Representatives and built with cardboard boxes.



Beginning next month, I'll write the President's column. I have enjoyed writing all this "nonsense" for the last few years. Jon Dewey would like to have one of you to fill this space in the newsletter. What do you think, anyone interested?



*See you in the lawn chairs.*

**Jim "Hollywood" Hogan**

*Editor's Note*



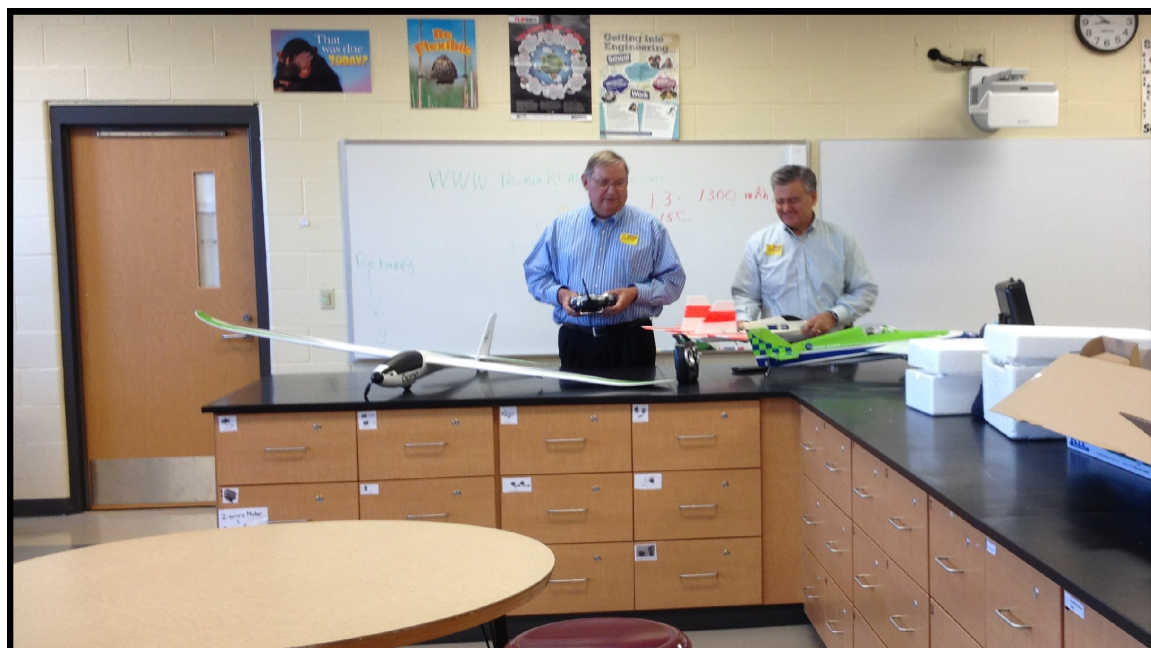
**Das Ugly Stick:**

Is my vote for the Ugliest Warbird. It even has "Ugly" in its name.



## Dunlap High School Project Partners With PRCM

Our club had a display table at the EAA October fly-in (Poker run) hosted by the Mount Holly airport. During that event, Teri Brandt, a teacher at Dunlap High School, asked if our club would be interested in sharing some of our knowledge and flying experiences with her class. Teri was teaching a class of 16 students who were learning about flight principles with hands-on opportunities to use a flight simulator. Jim Fassino and Roger Stegall visited Teri's class the morning of November 7th to share an overview of our club and explain some of the various flight configurations we routinely fly for contests and general-purpose sport flying. Jim and Roger brought a quad-copter and several smaller planes to further aid the class in an understanding of their presentation. The Dunlap class received a Calypso RTF motorized sailplane as part of the materials associated with their line of study. Jim took the Calypso sailplane home with him after the class concluded so it could be assembled, balanced and made compatible with batteries and the buddy box for his Spectrum radio.



"Teachers for a day" Roger and Jim



Terri arranged for a bus to transfer her students to our flying field at 7:30 AM Wednesday 11/9. Roger brought donuts, juice and chocolate milk to have ready for the eleven students who managed to return a permission slip from their parents. We had buddy-boxes at the ready to enable three students to be in the air simultaneously. Don Steadman brought his large electric Trojan (with retracts) and multiple sets of batteries that proved to be a very successful learning platform. Joe Lang brought his reliable electric trainer powered by 5,000 mAh batteries while Jim Fassino had the class's Calypso ready to maiden with three cell 1300 mAh batteries. All students and their teacher had a good 7-8 minutes of flight time.



As you might expect, there was a lot of variation in the amount of intervention needed by buddy box commanders to prevent airframe crashes. Roger Wheeler used his drone with camera to display some flight characteristics of drones and take aerial pictures. The flying and the donuts concluded about 8:45am as the students needed to board their bus in time to guarantee arrival for 2nd period classes. A good time was had by all participants, including club members. Teri mentioned that some of her students wished to do a spring project that would include drone flying. We let Teri know we would be interested to participate in that learning experience. Roger Stegall promised to let Teri know our contest schedule for next season because she and some of her class expressed an interest to gain a greater understanding/appreciation for what we do as a club.

***Roger Stegall***

***A Big Thank You...***  
***To Roger, Roger,***  
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Open Membership - Peoria RC Modeler dues are \$90 if paid by the December club meeting, \$100 if paid by January 1, 2017, and \$110 after that date. Dues are \$85 for new club members(1) joining the after June 30, 2017. Dues for new club members joining after September 30, 2017, are \$110 which includes the dues for 2018.

Park Flyer Membership(2) is 50% of the Open Membership Dues.

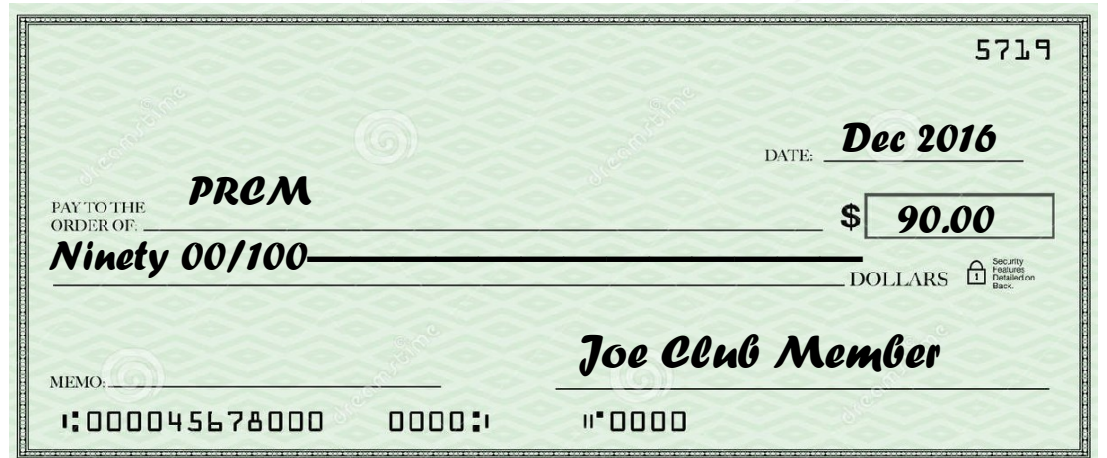
Youth Membership (under 19 years old) is free if their parent is an Open Member of Peoria RC Modeler. If the parent is not a member the Youth Membership is 50% of the Open Membership rate.

Peoria RC Modeler Membership requires membership in the Academy Model Aeronautics.

(1) A new club member is anyone that was not a member of the club the prior year.

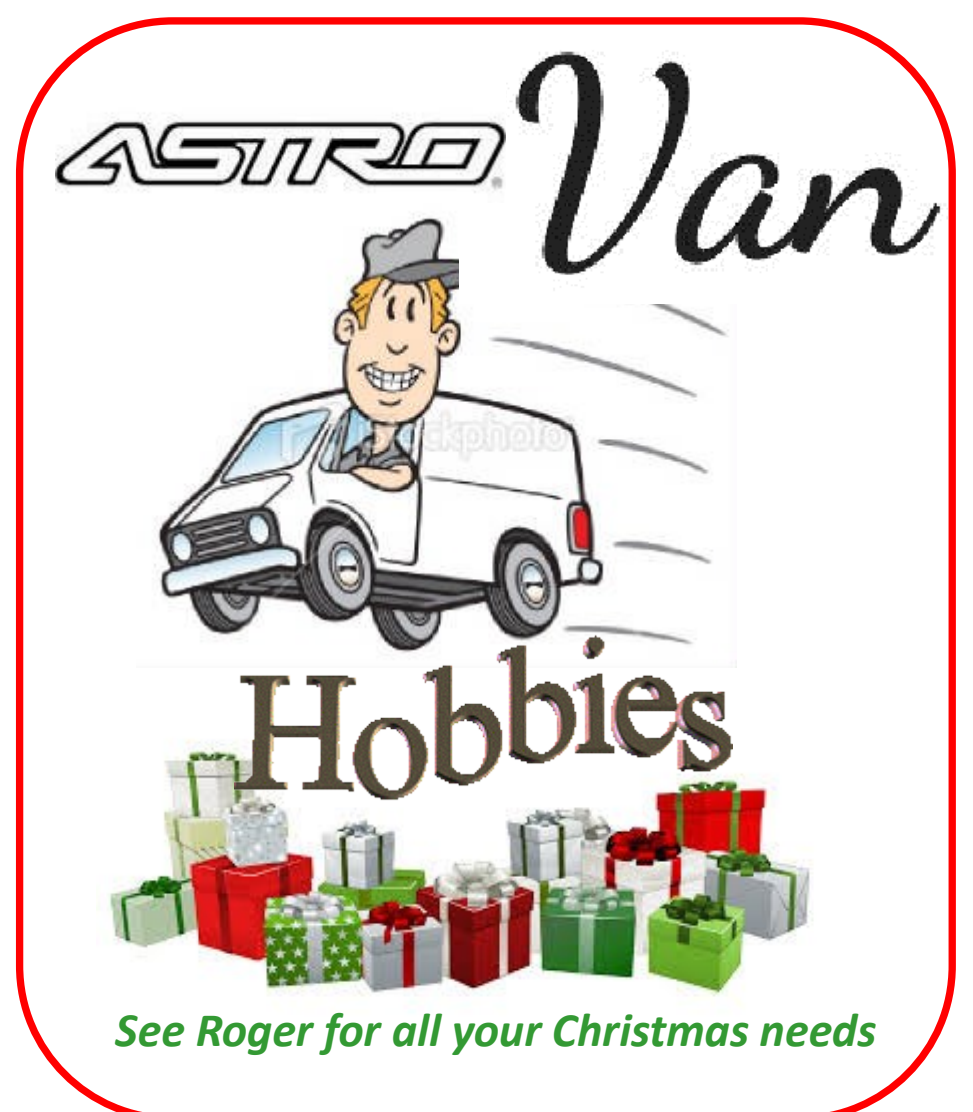
(2) Park Pilot membership is for electric aircraft 2 pounds or less that fly below 60 mph.

**Jim Fassino**



Bring your Checkbook, Credit card or Cash to the December meeting at Bernardi's and save a little money.

**See you there!!!**







# Dear: Sum Ting Wong

? Advice ?  
? Column ?  
? ? ?

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:

I went to the home opener of the Peoria Rivermen last week and saw one of your members in a position of some authority. As the team was heading off the ice at the end of the First period, the Zamboni came rolling out to clean the ice and your member was right behind it with a smile from gimbal to gimbal. As they entered the stadium the crowd rose and gave a standing ovation. I could not tell if it was for your member or for that amazing piece of engineering marvel. Either way, He is one lucky guy! From what I see, he is the only PRCM member to get to fly indoors this winter, and he doesn't have to pay \$10 a night to do it. He is flying one of the largest and coolest models I've ever seen in the arena. He was dropping coupons over the crowd with the greatest of ease to the excited fans. Yes, he is the new chief pilot for the Rivermen advertising airship.

Wow, what a job! So Wong, how much do you think he will make as a rookie pilot flying for a professional hockey team in his first year? What ever the amount, I certainly hope he documents it well. You never know when his tax return should become public.

Signed,



Dear Wimpy,

Well, as you know, the Peoria Rivermen do not play in the NHL, So the team's funds are limited. There are many ways to be compensate for services rendered. First I must ask you, Did he approach the Rivermen and ask to fly the blimp, or did they come to him? If the Rivermen approached him there should be a signed contacted for liability reasons and stating the compensation. If your member asked to be the chief pilot and bottle washer then he may want nothing more than free plain hamburgers and the Glory of the title.

Signed,

*S.T.W*



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Signed,



# Joke of the Month

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A couple was out Christmas shopping. The shopping center was packed, and as the wife walked through one of the many malls she was surprised when she looked around to find that her husband was nowhere to be seen. She was quite upset because they had a lot to do and she became so worried that she called him on her cell phone to ask him where he was.

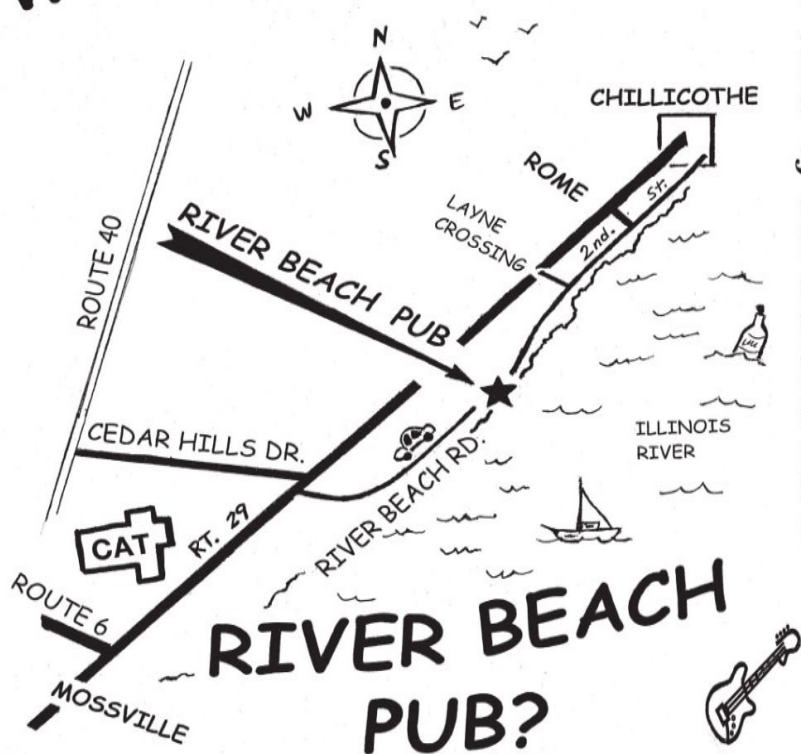
In a quiet voice he said, "Do you remember the jewelers we went into about five years ago where you fell in love with that diamond necklace that we couldn't afford, and I told you that I would get it for you one day?"

The wife choked up and started to cry and said, "Yes, I do remember that shop."

He replied, "Well, I'm in the bar next door."

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*On December 7, 1914, Pope Benedict XV suggested a temporary hiatus of the war for the celebration of Christmas. The warring countries refused to create any official cease-fire, but on Christmas the soldiers in the trenches declared their own unofficial truce*

Starting on Christmas Eve, many German and British troops sang Christmas carols to each other across the lines, and at certain points the Allied soldiers even heard brass bands joining the Germans in their joyous singing.

At the first light of dawn on Christmas Day, some German soldiers emerged from their trenches and approached the Allied lines across no-man's-land, calling out "Merry Christmas" in their enemies' native tongues. At first, the Allied soldiers feared it was a trick, but seeing the Germans unarmed they climbed out of their trenches and shook hands with the enemy soldiers. The men exchanged presents of cigarettes and plum puddings and sang carols and songs. There was even a documented case of soldiers from opposing sides playing a good-natured game of soccer.

Some soldiers used this short-lived ceasefire for a more somber task: the retrieval of the bodies of fellow combatants who had fallen within the no-man's land between the lines.

The so-called Christmas Truce of 1914 came only five months after the outbreak of war in Europe and was one of the last examples of the outdated notion of chivalry between enemies in warfare. It was never repeated—future attempts at holiday ceasefires were quashed by officers' threats of disciplinary action—but it served as heartening proof, however brief, that beneath the brutal clash of weapons, the soldiers' essential humanity endured.

During World War I, the soldiers on the Western Front did not expect to celebrate on the battlefield, but even a world war could not destroy the Christmas spirit





To:



From:

*Santa's Helper*















Merry  
Christmas



*From : The Co Pilot  
Of the Month*





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4	5	6 Club Meeting ! Dinner @ 6PM Meeting @ 7PM	7 	8 NORTH  i'm lovin' it®	9 11AM 	10 7AM <i>Bob Evans</i> DOWN ON THE FARM®
11	12	13	14	15 KNOXVILLE  i'm lovin' it®	16 11AM 	17 7AM <i>Bob Evans</i> DOWN ON THE FARM®
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25 <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26	27	28	29 7AM  i'm lovin' it®	30 11AM 	31 7AM <i>Bob Evans</i> DOWN ON THE FARM®
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That's all Folks!

Merry Christmas to All  
  
And to All a Good Night

