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#### AMA CONTEST DIRECTORS:

Jim Hogan, Jim Fassino, Jon Dewey, Jim Martin

#### 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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# Photos of the month



**TF TOP FLITE**

**Douglas DC-3**

**T-34B MENTOR**  
1/5 SCALE KIT



*These two prototypes have now found a new home with members of PRCM*

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A few months ago I wrote about how and why the U.S. Army named their helicopters after Native American Tribes and Chiefs. Well here is a continuation of that story.

**D.W.**

FORT RUCKER, Ala. — The U.S. Army will honor Elizabeth Warren and her Native American ancestry with the latest addition to its helicopter fleet, the AH-68 “Warren”, sources confirmed today.

The “Warren” will join the Black Hawk, Kiowa, Apache, and Lakota in the Army’s impressive legacy of combat aircraft named after Native American tribes.

The Warren conquered its two chief competitors, the AH-67 “Redskin” and V-23 “Columbus”, to win the Army contract.

“The “Redskin” just offended too many white people, and frankly, I’m not even sure “Redskin” is a real tribe,” said Army Acquisition Corps Spokesman Maj. Darren Snyder. “And the “Columbus”, well that death trap killed people every time it landed.”

Snyder dismissed concerns regarding Warren’s Native American ancestry.

“Do you really think Harvard hired her just to brag about having a Native American law professor?” he asked.

Unlike Warren’s heritage, there are no questions about the AH-68 “Warren’s” cost efficiency. The “Warren” will utilize a collectivized fuel economy, despite the system’s legacy of abject failure. Department of National Acquisitions reports show the entire “Warren” project totaled only 1/1024th of the cost of the Air Force’s F-35 Lightning program.

Not everyone shares the Army’s optimism about the “Warren”. College students across the nation accused the Army of cultural appropriation.

“Warren is a tribe, not an aerial death machine,” said Chystal O’Callahan, a general studies major in her sixth year at Evergreen State College. “Hasn’t the Army victimized the peaceful Warren people enough?”

Warren thanked the Army, tweeting, “The U.S. Army and Native Americans go together like peas and carrots, which is an old Cherokee recipe my grandmother taught me. Hopefully the “Warren” will see service by January 2020!”

Many experts believe the “Warren” will crash and burn long before then. And that is the rest of the story.

**D.W.**



**She would give a whole new meaning to Commander and "Chief"**





# *Open House*

## **May 11th** **starting at 9AM**

Our Annual Open House will be held on May 11th. Starting at 9am and we will fly all day. Please contact Jim Martin if you are able and willing to help with this event. At the very minimum we ask that you bring out your friends and neighbors to expose them to our hobby, along with your planes to have some fun.

***Let's have  
some fun.***

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# Trends.....

Membership in Peoria RC Modelers stands at 20 as we begin the 2019 flying season. That level of membership is critical for our survival; more about that later. It was only a few years ago that PRCM had over 46 members.

Some of our area flying clubs are having similar issues with membership. Washington and Pekin have both been reported to have experienced declining membership. Joyce Hager, Staff Director at the AMA told me that AMA membership peaked at 200,000 and now is less than 150,000.

But it is not just flying model airplanes that is facing membership challenges. The Peoria Park District's Executive Director Emily Cahill reported there were 225,000 rounds of golf played at Park District's courses in 2000 and just 99,000 in 2016. Peoria Park District has closed two golf courses as a result.

Boating on the Illinois River has shown similar decline resulting in the closing of the Detweiller Playground's Marina this spring, it was organized in 1947.

It would be a mistake to take comfort in the declining participation in other organizations and with other recreational activities. That is because it does not change the financial reality of PRCM membership.

We collect about \$100 per member on average (some take an early payment discount others pay full price). It takes 15 members to pay for fertilization and lawn care, 2 members for AMA insurance and chartering, 2 members for Park District rent and 1 member for fuel for the mower and generator. It takes the dues of 20 members to cover those annual expenses. And that leaves no money for repair and replacement of equipment.

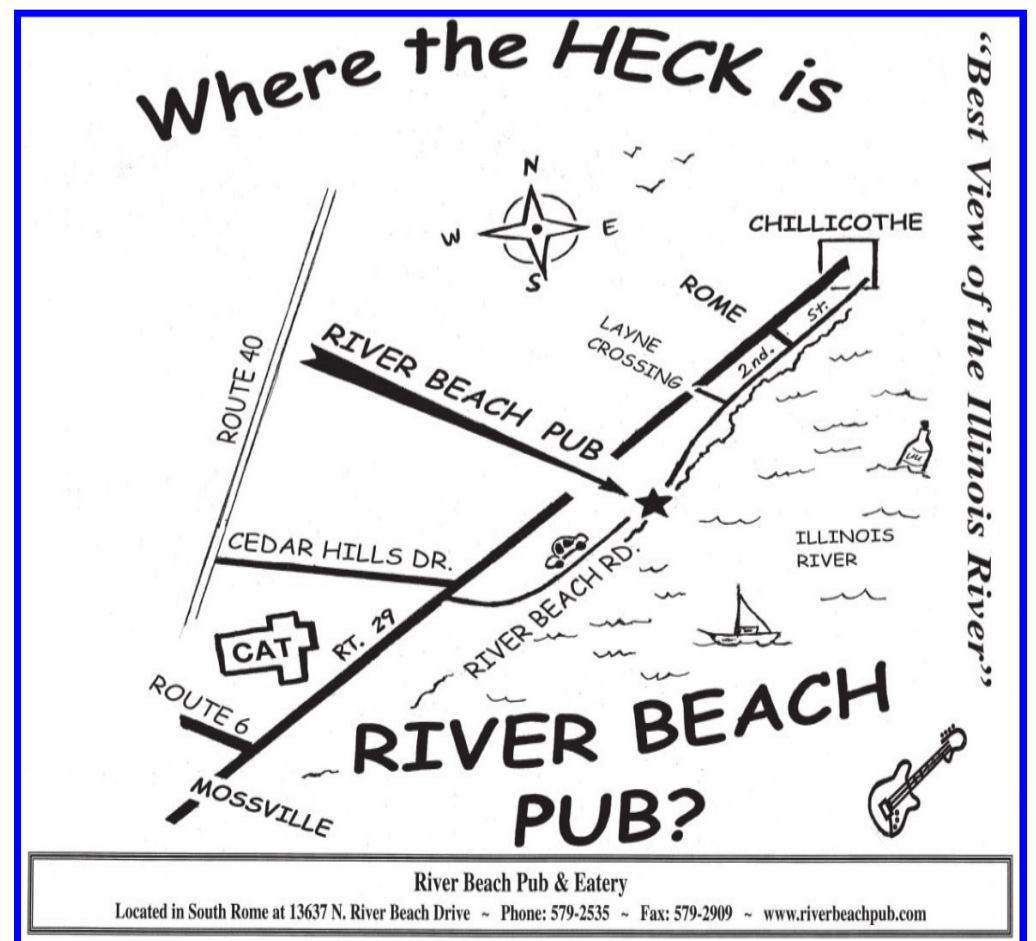
The good news is we typically have 5 or 6 new members join during the year. Our Club's challenge is to insure that those new members have an experience that results in them renewing their membership. These individuals have lots of options available to spend their entertainment time and money and we need to do our best to make our hobby and our club an experience they enjoy.

This would be a good time for all PRCM members to reflect on what they like and don't like about our club. What we can do better and how we should engage new members. Also to think about what we need to do to retain current members and promote development of new members.

It is easier than ever to have fun in our hobby. You don't have to spend a winter building a balsa airplane and then buy a \$400 (1970's dollars) radio system. Today you can buy a ready to fly electric foam beginner system for a few hundred dollars and have fun the same day, and having fun is key.

The trends for many hobbies and sports are not good; from golf to tennis to bowling. PRCM has a lot going for it with a beautiful flying field. Lets work together and make our club and our hobby the place new members want to spend their recreational time and money and reverse the trend.

*Jim Fassino*



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# Lawnchair



## Report

Most of us remember the days before the "out of the box" ready to fly airplanes. You will remember the days when you would go to the local hobby shop and buy model airplane kits. Those were the days before the internet and no "on line" hobby shops. I remember going into hobby shops and looking at kits from Comet, Sterling, Sig, and Top Flite to name a few.

I remember seeing advertisements in the model magazines and pictures of the airplanes on the boxes. Airplane kits were a box of lumber and you had to build your airplane using a razor blade and airplane glue. I wondered who built the first model of a kit? If you are going to sell model airplane kits, the first proto-type had to be built real good to sell kits to others. I recall the Top Flite DC-3 model was offered with drawings on the box of an Eastern Airlines plane with the old "red eagle" tail design. Most of these prototype models were never sold and remained the property of the kit manufacturer



Recently, Brian Burcar from Dynamic Balsa had an opportunity to buy many of these old prototype airplanes as a Hobbico building was closed. Steve Blessin helped Brian move them to his store in Leonore, and told me about them. When I got there, I went upstairs to see them. I could not believe it, the original Top Flite DC-3 in Eastern Airlines colors was among them. I had to have it! After putting on my "cold stone face look," to negotiate with Brian, I bought the airplane.

If you have interest in these airplanes, and the quality of the build, I suggest a trip to Dynamic Balsa to see them. Who knows, you may come home with a piece of history.

*"See you in the lawn chairs." (Very soon.)*



*Jim "Hollywood" Hogan*





Giddy-Up!

Photo by: Scott Sloenn  
 April Co Pilot  
 of the Month



2019 APRIL



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 APRIL FOOLS' DAY!	2 Club Meeting!	3	4 ROAD TRIP i'm lovin' it	5 <b>Toledo</b>	6 7AM CHILDERS EATERY
7 NATIONAL BEER DAY	8	9	10	11 7AM i'm lovin' it	12	13 7AM CHILDERS EATERY
14	15 Taxes Due!	16	17	18 7AM i'm lovin' it	19 Bike Day	20 7AM CHILDERS EATERY
21 He Is Risen	22	23	24	25 7AM i'm lovin' it	26	27 7AM CHILDERS EATERY
28	29	30 International Jazz Day				



**Important**



**Club Meeting!**

**Relocated!**



**BY ORDER  
OF THE  
PRESIDENT**

*The April club meeting has been relocated to Bernardi's Pub in Dunlap. April 2nd. Dinner at 6pm Meeting at 7PM. Last indoor meeting for the year.*



**"That's all folks!"**