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### AMA CONTEST DIRECTORS:

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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:

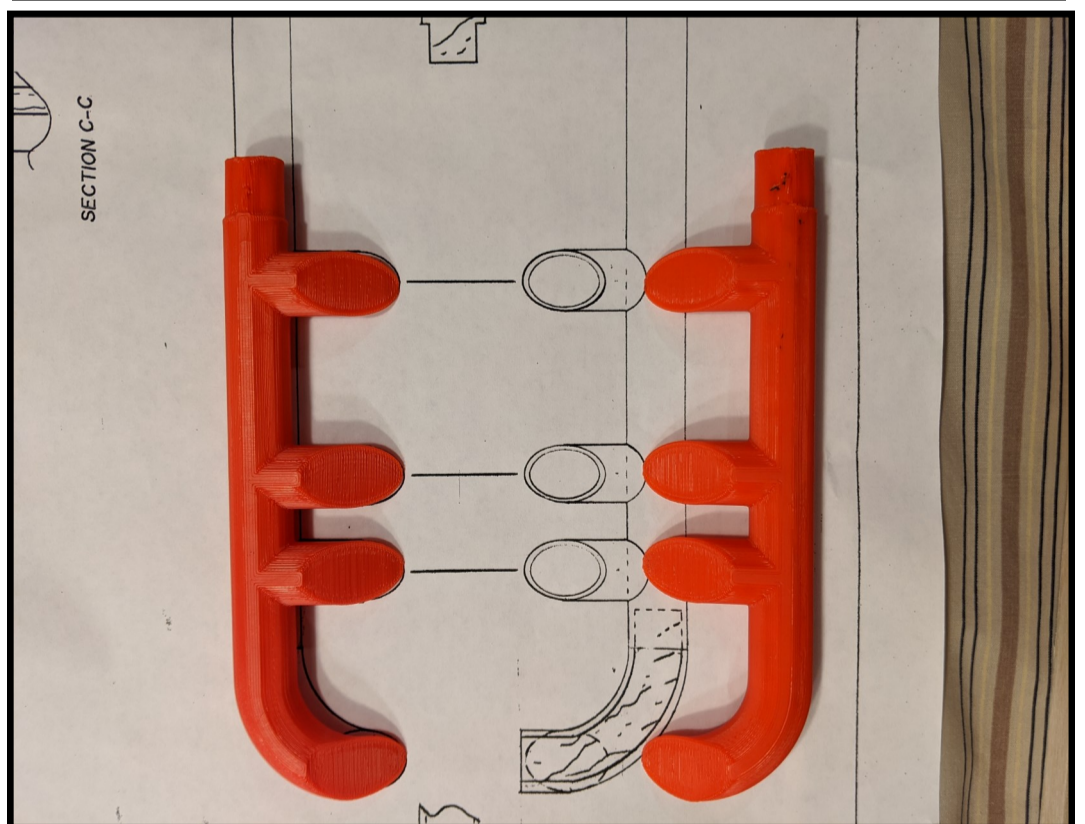
We are committed to having fun and the safe operation of model aircraft. The Peoria RC Modelers is an equal opportunity, not-for-profit organization and always welcomes new members.

### Flight Instruction:

The Peoria RC Modelers offers flight instruction as a free service to anyone requesting it. Contact a club officer for further information



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Kerry D's winter project is coming along nicely

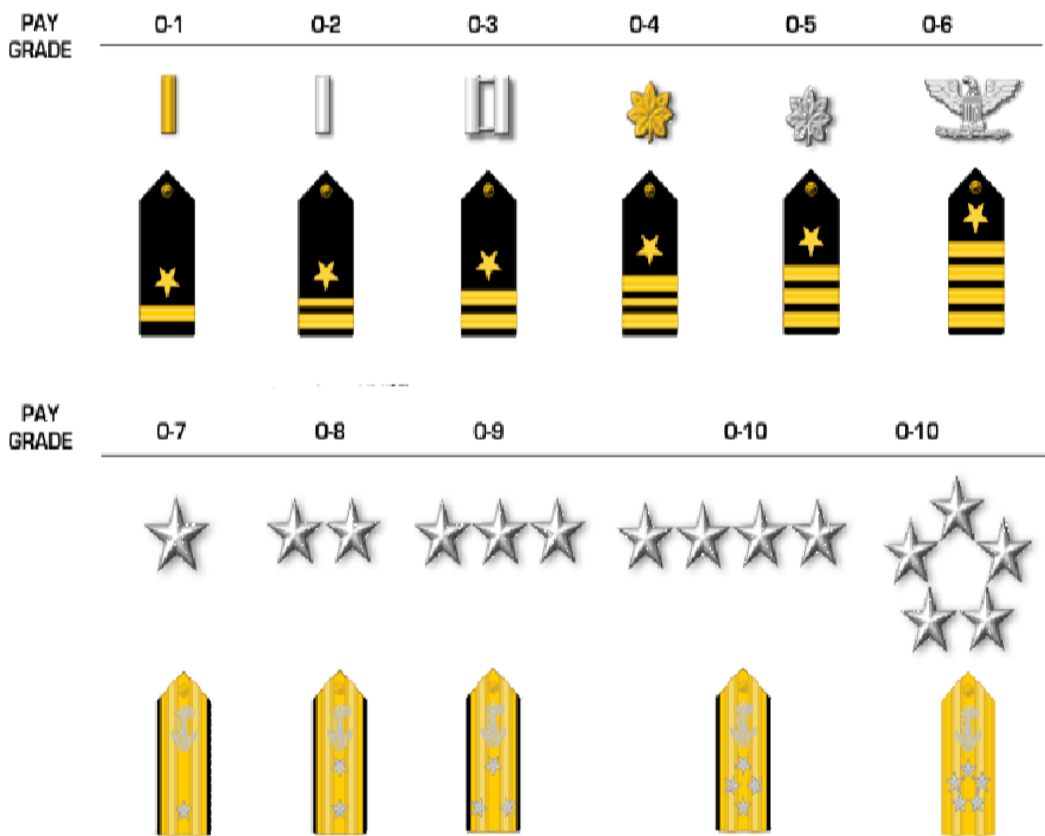
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In the summer of 1986 Pete Michel call sign "Maverick" was a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. The Navy has a different rank structure than the other US branches. A Navy Lieutenant is an O-3 grade, which would be a "Captain" in the other branches. But a "Captain" in the Navy is the Captain of a Ship and therefore is an O-6 which is equivalent to a Full Bird Colonel. As Maverick takes back to the air this summer, the question is, Why is he still only a Captain? I am clearly not the only one who is curious as to why Maverick didn't make it to the rank of Admiral. In the trailer for Top gun II actor, Ed Harris' unnamed rear admiral explicitly addresses Maverick's career trajectory.

#### U.S. NAVY OFFICER RANK STRUCTURE



"Thirty-plus years of service. Combat medals, citations, the only man to shoot down three enemy planes in the last 40 years. Yet you can't get a promotion, you won't retire, and despite your best efforts you refuse to die," Harris scowls. "You should be at least a two-star admiral by now. Yet here you are. Captain. Why is that?" Well, the Navy has a few answers. Here is what Navy Personnel Command said about the lack of advancement for the hot shot fighter pilot.



"The most straightforward answer to have a captain with 35-plus years of service is for the captain to have previous enlisted experience. In the case of Maverick, this scenario doesn't fit " in with the first movie's timeline.

"Another possible scenario occurs if there's a break in service. For instance, perhaps at some point after the famous incident involving the MiGs of uncertain origin over the Indian Ocean, as depicted in the first "Top Gun," Maverick left active duty and did some time in the Navy Reserve. Then later, he returned to active duty. With more than five years in the reserves, Maverick could be pushing 37 years in uniform.

The final scenario for Maverick would be if he were retired but retained in service, a scenario that keeps individuals in uniform after reaching their statutory retirement. Generally speaking, cases of individuals being retired but retained are rare, but not unheard of, according to Naval Personnel Command."

My own explanation of this is simple. They should have made the sequel years ago when the actors were all still young and good looking.



But for some reason they waited 35 years, and they just could not pick up were the first movie left off. So now it is not "prototypical" the have an Admiral up there doing Mach2 with his hair on fire. So I think the easy answer is...He pissed someone off. Instead of flying rubber dog shit out of Hong Kong they just didn't promote him and hoped he would leave the Navy and go fly for Southwest Airlines.



It is almost impossible to kick a "war hero" out of the military so they usually end up behind a desk lost somewhere in the Pentagon, and then they just fade away. Top Gun II won't sell a lot of tickets to see Maverick just doing paper work at the pentagon. Promotion or not, the movie is coming, so get ready to see Maverick again this summer.

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Steve Blessin is leading a small group of PRCM members in discussions with committees from the Washington and Pekin clubs about combining our efforts for joint flying events in 2020. All three clubs have manpower needs to run these events and the discussions are designed to combine our strengths. The idea is to have an event at one of our fields with the membership of all three clubs running it. The strengths of our clubs could reduce the work load on any club's membership. More flyers would attend the meet just because all three clubs would turn out and fly. Give Steve any ideas you have.

We found a restaurant called "Highjackers" in Palm Coast, Florida. It is a Burger and Beer joint located at the county airport. It has a "Funny" aviation theme because it has broken stick and tissue model airplanes hanging from the ceiling. Everything is broken or has missing parts. It's hard to explain because it sort of mocks aviation with the stuff hanging from the rafters. The active flight line is right outside the door and you can watch airplanes while you munch your burger.

*"Sitting in the lawn chair thinking about you"*

*"Hollywood" Hogan*





Each race last about 10 minutes, depending on the wind. So according to "Smokin Jimmy" you have to concentrate longer than at *No Fear*. There are no Midair's and destroyer airplanes, only "salty language" and your boat *should* last a lifetime.

Have you ever wondered what RC pilots do in the winter when there are no pylon races or Air to Air combat events? Well it is easy...they race RC sail boats in Florida of course. Can you guess which of our members spent the morning hours by the pool getting mentally ready for an afternoon filled of sail boat racing?



I wonder if they ever have to watch out for an English board side from another type of RC ships sailing in the Florida waters?



On every Tuesday and Friday, that would be the third and fifth Saturdays on the 7-5 retirement plan, a group of 8 to 10 sailboats take to the starting line for some afternoon racing. The group calls themselves the "Ancient Mariners". They all race the same course at the same time, no maximum of four airplanes at a time here. They don't have to worry about who has the correct engine, prop, speed control, or battery. They all sail the "Laser Sailboat". It is all about individual skills and not their equipment.

*Good luck on all your "Saturday" adventures, Jim!*



**Jon Dewey**





# FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30 7AM 	31	1 7AM 
2 	3	4	5  Club Meeting!	6 7AM 	7	8 7AM 
9	10	11	12	13 7AM 	14	15 7AM 
16	17 	18	19	20 7AM 	21	22 7AM 
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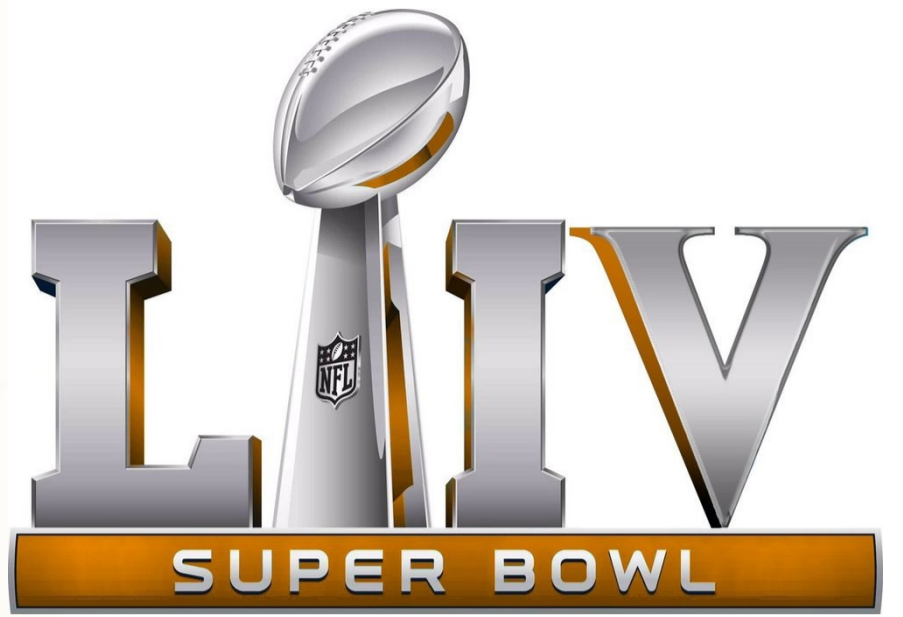
## Club Meeting !

Wednesday February 5th:

Dinner @ 6pm, meeting at 7pm



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of our Co Pilots  
of the Month.

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# Joke of the Month

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# TOP TEN list

## Top Ten Reasons Why Men Favor an RC airplane Over a Wife

- #10. You can trade an old .61 for a new .25.
- #9. You can keep one plane at home and have another for when you're on the road.
- #8. If you admire a friend's plane and tell him so, he will probably let you try it out a few times.
- #7. Your primary airplane doesn't mind if you keep another airplane for a backup.
- #6. Your airplane will stay with you even if you run out of nitro or lipos.
- #5. An airplane doesn't take up a lot of closet space.
- #4. Airplanes function normally every day of the month.
- #3. An airplane doesn't ask , "Do these new wheels make me look fat?"
- #2... An airplane doesn't mind if you go to sleep after you use it.
- #1. YOU CAN BUY A MUFFLER FOR A PLANE

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