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Flying Field Location:

The field is located off Old Galena Road, 1/2 mile North of the Caterpillar Technical Center on the west side of the road. Field is about 1/8 mile in.

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. All members must belong to the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) - www.Modelaircraft.org

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.

Attention all club members!

Meeting December 6 will be at Beachler's Shell Station at War Memorial and University in the basement of the oil change building in back at 7PM.

Month Events:

Iowa City Aerohawks Inc

Jan 27 2024 Swap meet

4540 Melrose Ave, Iowa City, IA, 52246
(41.65837, -91.60305)

Contact Rich Vedepo for tables

Phone: (319)358-8519,
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Just a reminder that a number of Peoria RC Modelers (both current and past members) meet at the Original Pancake House for breakfast or just coffee at 7AM on Saturday mornings. They offer discounts for seniors and for military.

The address is:

**7425 North Grand Prairie
Peoria, Illinois 61615**



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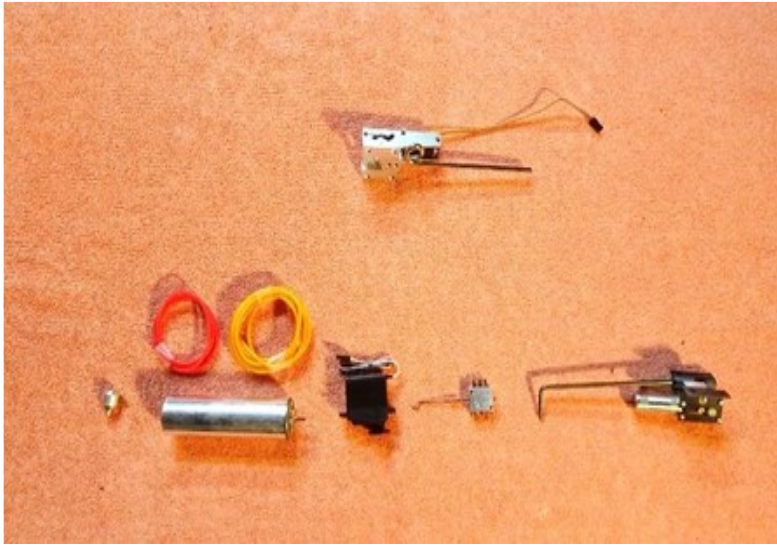
Spitfire Hibernation

I built this Supermarine Spitfire approximately 25 years ago and for various reasons never flew it. After recently staring at it and thinking that it was now or never, I finally decided to bring it to life. It was built from a PICA (formerly Dave Platt Models) kit and finished with .75 oz. glass cloth and polyester resin. The paint is Hobbyoxo epoxy with flat catalyst. I used to love two part epoxy paint like K&B and Hobbyoxo. They sprayed nicely and were nearly bullet proof. Of course both are no longer available (progress, right?). I added some after-market details to the kit like the pilot, exhaust stacks and decals. I also scratch built the 20mm cannon barrels and recoil mechanisms from hardwood. The paint scheme depicts that of Canadian Battle of Britain ace Johnny Johnson.



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Power is from an O.S. .61 FSR with a 12-6 Rev Up prop. The radio is a Spectrum 6 channel with HiTec servos. Now all I need are some ME-109's to chase.

Jim Martin

2023 DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 <i>McCafe</i> Meet at 8am	2 Original Pancake House 7am
3	4	5	6 Club meeting at Beachler's Shell at 7PM	7 Pearl Harbor- Never Forget!	8 <i>McCafe</i>	9 Original Pancake House 7am
10	11	12	13	14	15 <i>McCafe</i>	16 Original Pancake House 7am
17 Wright Brothers' First Flight Anniversary	18	19	20	21 1st Day of Winter Solstice	22 <i>McCafe</i>	23 Original Pancake House 7am
24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29 <i>McCafe</i>	30 Original Pancake House 7am
31 New Year's Eve						

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