

Hangar Talk

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NEXT MEETING
February 16th, 7:30

From the Prez'
Club President Bob Kleis



“Hi Guys”

Electric RC Planes

It is no secret that I have embraced electric powered RC Planes more than most members in the club and I hate to admit but I have had an inferiority complex about that for a long time. When I look at some of the detail and size and complexity of some of the larger gas and glow models that members fly at the field it makes me feel pretty stupid, with my little electric planes and foamies. I suppose I could fly one of those big models. I had quarter scales in the past, (back in the last century) and needless to say, the time trouble and money that are sunk into those models makes them pretty impressive.

Getting back to my dilemma, I remember a year or two ago, I was so embarrassed, I swore I would never buy another foam airplane. Now, most of the models I fly, or plan to build are foam. I just keep buying them, and dragging them to the field. As I see it, some of the advantages, if you can call them advantages of the recently developed foam planes are, that they are light weight, have the ability to shape the models to look like the real McCoy (from a distance) and price. Those advantages don't override the feeling that they aren't really a quality model that you can be proud of. They start going down hill the first time you take them to the field. Some of the EDF's (electric ducted fans) fly really slow, and the dings, and asphalt and even the trunk of your car takes a heavy toll on the “beer cooler foam”. Probably the most impressive foam plane I have flown is my Electric Airliner. I have to admit it is pretty neat and looks pretty real in the air. One of the biggest disadvantages to electric airplanes is the fact that you can't fly them on very windy days. Five to ten mile per hour wind is about max for many of the electrics.

That being said, it seems to me the last year, things are really starting to change again and another evolution in the Electric RC planes seems to be on the horizon. There are some, and maybe even many electric planes that are starting to get larger. They are being made out of fiberglass and wood and covering and they weigh pounds instead of ounces. They are sleek, powerful, reliable, fast and painted to rival and even surpass some of the glow powered planes in many instances with their size and power. Most of this has been brought about because of the ever improving batteries, brushless motors and more powerful electric components. It's pretty evident to me that with the R & D money being spent on electric powered vehicles for use to drive in the future and better batteries for cars, phones and computers, electric power will only get better and cheaper. One of the drawbacks is that it's kind of like other forms of electronics, by the time you have bought it, it's outdated and there is something bigger and better to take its place.

There are many changes taking place in our hobby and it's hard to roll with the punches. Who could say what it will be like in five more years. One thing is for sure, it will be very different.

Your President
Bob Kleis, Jr

The VP's Perspective
Club Vice President Mike Bryant



Well hello again,

See you all at the next club meeting.

See You Out There
Mike

Support your local Hobby Shops!

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Meeting Minutes

Fred Rasener – Recording Sec.



**Meeting Minutes
November 17th, 2008**

Meeting called to order at 7:30

Pledge of allegiance

Minutes from last meeting read and accepted

Treasurer's report – read and accepted

OLD BUSINESS

1. Several members attended the swap meet in Charlestown In

NEW BUSINESS

1. Club events are posted on the website and in the newsletter
2. Since JCP has upgraded the meeting rooms they are starting to charge rent for meetings. They have quoted our club \$25 per meeting. General discussion was for continuing to have our meetings in the park office when the weather is bad. Bob Kleis made a motion to keep using the park office for meetings and pay the \$25 fee. Seconded by Steve Maxwell and motion was voted on and passed.
3. REMINDER you will need your new AMA card to fly Jan 1st so please plan accordingly.
4. The coke fund did well last year raising a considerable sum for the club.

SHOW & TELL

Randy S. had a plane he picked up at Charlestown. He wondered what it was. The plane was identified as a Dirty Birdy having a fiberglass fuse.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00pm

*Come see us on
the web!!*

www.jcrf.net

**Sign-up to keep up to date in between meeting happenings. Download Club Newsletters, Fliers etc.
It's a great way to stay in touch!**

(Did I mention it's free & painless?)



From the Editor
Dennis Runge

Hi everybody.

Well guys, here we are a little over a month into another year. Hope everybody had a great holiday. Now it's time for weather to get warmer so we can get back out to field flying😊😊😊.

We had a good turnout at our annual Christmas dinner in January and everyone seemed to have a good time. Glad to see those that could make it.

Our next BIG club event is the swap meet March 14th. Please help spread the word as for some reason it didn't make the AMA magazines' calendar of events. This is probably the clubs biggest yearly event so plan on helping out for a few hours if possible. Any help you can give is greatly appreciated as always.

JUST A REMINDER. The last club member to leave field remember to make sure shed and restrooms are locked and secure.

Enough said. See you at field. HAPPY FLYING.

Denny

Club Safety
Safety Officer- Steven Maxwell



We have new neighbors at the field; the car track will now be located behind the restrooms and to the north next to the road. They don't do much except for Saturdays most meets start at 5pm and go till midnight and beyond. Don't think we will see much of each other, but being extra careful should always be first thought.

Always be safe

Steven Maxwell
Safety Officer

2009 R/C SWAP MEET

Johnson County Radio Control Flyers Inc.

Saturday, March 14th – 9:00am – 1:00pm

Bartholomew County 4-H Fair grounds

(Family Arts Building)

Columbus, Indiana - South of Hwy 46 on Hwy 11

Vendor set-up starts at 8:00am

Doors open to public at 9am

General admission \$3

Kids 12 and under free

Don't stop for breakfast!

Kitchen will be open for breakfast and lunch

100+ tables available

Tables are \$10 in advance/\$12 at door

To reserve tables call Denny Runge at

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Randy Schwersenska at (317) 422-5516

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Door Prize and 50/50 raffle tickets available at door

Please keep in mind we will have 2 fly-ins later this year.

See you at the SWAP MEET.....

You're welcome to fly at our field after swap meet

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at Parks Office



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