



Pit Talk

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The official newsletter of the Madison County R/C Flyers, AMA sanctioned club chapter 291



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Meetings held the second Monday evening of each month at 7:30pm at the Anderson Municipal Airport. The public is encouraged to attend!

Welcome to the February 2018 issue Of Pit Talk. We are finally beginning to see a bit of light at the end of the tunnel as far as the weather goes. so it's time to start thinking about putting finishing touches on winter projects, checking batteries, stocking up on glow plugs, and doing all of those one hundred and one little things that will guarantee a smooth start to the upcoming flying season!

If you haven't yet taken care of your Club dues, the next meeting on Monday, March 12 would be a good time to do that.



It's almost time for the annual Weak Signals show in Toledo, which will be held April 6-8 this year. It would be great if a good number of our Club members would be able to attend and bring back some stories and pictures.

Kind of a light newsletter again this month, but hope you enjoy it!

February Albatros update

As you monthly readers know, I have been following Tom Seres' Albatros build. Well, just when we thought it was finished, he had to go and add some mods. I shamelessly stole both the text and pictures from some of Tom's Facebook posts.

When I started this Albatros project I thought Mercedes engines went into all Albatros planes. Then I found out this wasn't the case. I had already bought and built the BUSA engine kit. I told myself that I already have it so I'm using it. Well time passed by and my OCD kicked in. So now I'm going to try and scratch build an Austro Daimler 200 HP engine of my own. My new friend [Adolf Matonoha](#) inspired me to do it. The stuff he builds is out of this world. I'm sure my first try wont be as nice as his. I just want people in the know to recognize it as a AD 200.

Here is my effort so far.



I started making a mold of the winter engine cover that the Austro-Hungarian Albatros' used in the winter to help keep heat in the engine. I wasn't going to build one at first but decided to, just in case I want to participate in a scale event. I haven't been able to find any good close up pictures of the shield. Typical of WW-I planes. So I'm using the picture on the 1/48 scale model box. About 3/4 finished with the framing. Still have to glue up the back of it then there is a lot of sanding and filling and sanding and sanding before I can lay up some fiberglass. This will only be used for static displays. I will have it off while flying to aid the engine in cooling.



Finished product next month???

Randy's \$20 Escalade project

In addition to serving as our Webmaster, member Randy Thomas has been the most faithful member when it comes to helping me out by sending me Pit Talk content. Here is his latest submission.

Thanks, Randy!

The title of the article is my \$20 airplane. During our last Swap meet on the way out I was offered an airplane for \$20.

There was just one small problem; it needed little work, basically the landing gear. The airplane was an Escalade 30 CC airplane from Tower Hobbies. As you know, repairing the landing gear on an airplane where it's been torn out a couple times requires going deeper into the construction. And maybe just a little reengineering. I will enclose several pictures so that you can see the progress, and what a little work will do for you.

I've installed the proper metal gear servos, and JC 30 CC engine with the 19 X 8 prop. I also ordered the aluminum spinner for the Escalade which I found very affordable. If you take note of the bottom plate of the landing gear, the original was only the center part. Good luck on everybody's treasure hunting for the winter see you in the spring.

Randy Thomas





Secretary's report:

A few notes from the secretary:

Please don't forget to pay your dues for 2018. If you can't make it to a meeting, you may mail them to me at 2917 Morton Street, Anderson, IN 46016. The locks at the airfield have been updated with the new codes for this year. If you have paid your dues and haven't received a new card, please let Mike Sharp or myself know and we will take care of it.

January minutes:

January 8, 2018 MadCo RC Minutes

The meeting was called to order at precisely 7:30 by president Art Frye. There were 9 members present. Dues were collected by treasurer Mike Sharp (and yes, dues are, well, due...).

Mike Sharp reviewed the earnings from the Swap Meet. The club made quite a bit of money and we will look into trying to have the 2018 meet at the same site. Mike also presented the monthly treasurer report. A motion was to accept the report as read; passed unanimously.

Minutes were read aloud by secretary Bill Hallsworth. A motion was made accept; passed unanimously.

The Frozen Finger fly in was cancelled due to extreme and dangerous temperatures. Only one brave (or maybe bat excrement crazy) soul showed up.

Dave Johnston brought up new business. November and December Pit Talk wasn't posted until last week, because of a communication error. The latest newsletter has been posted. PLEASE send him something to put in the newsletter.

Please keep Jon Fish in your thoughts and prayers.

Please keep Tom Kelley in your prayers as well. The chemo has been very rough on him. A motion was made for the club to purchase a card for Tom; passed unanimously. The card was hand delivered by Dave Johnston.

Dave Johnston presented his cub. It's awful cute and we can't wait to see it fly.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. As always, it passed unanimously.



Newsletter editor's report:

Well, other than doing some framing of the wings on my Easy Sport 40, I wasn't able to do much with models this month. Hoping to do better in March. As always, please keep sending me content, and talk to you next month!

-Dave

