

# Pit Talk



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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!*

# We at Madison County R/C Flyers hope you are having a great summer!

Thanks for checking out this issue of *Pit Talk!* Whether you are an old hand or someone who is just starting out in the great sport of flying radio control model airplanes, we would like to extend a warm welcome to you. We can be found at our flying field just north of Elwood on 1850N on nice days, or you can stop by a meeting. Details can be found on our Club website, [madisoncorc.com](http://madisoncorc.com).

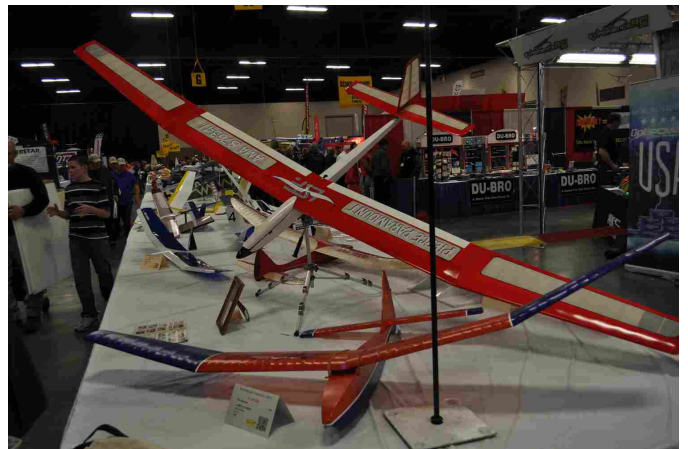
In this issue we have photos of the annual Weak Signals R/C show, held last April in Toledo, OH, along with some odds and ends submitted by our membership. Thanks again, and have a great month!

## Weak Signals Show 2017

Photos courtesy of Jon Fish











## **Airplane identification lesson from member Jeff Montgomery.....**

Here's Mike Sharp's new airplane. Granted it does weigh a bit over 3000 pounds (I think he put too many coats of paint on it), but it does have a wing span of 11 feet. As you can see it has variable pitch wings for maximum ground clearance. His take off speed has been a bit slow so getting much altitude at this point has been an issue. I think he mentioned turbulence as being a problem too, oh yes and there's a heat problem of some kind. With a 50 HP motor, he should be able to resolve the handling and flight issues soon. Look up and watch for a red diesel smoking flying mower. I'm sure he'll fly over the field sometime soon riding on this, smoking his pipe.



**Aaaaaaand that's all I have to say about that.**

**-editor**

## Jon Fish's F7F "Diamond flight"



**"Before"**

The other day while finishing some radio setups on the F7, I noticed that the throttle was reversed. In my attempt to correct that, once I made the change in the radio it immediately went full throttle and took off taking the stand with it. Luckily I was standing behind it when I happened so I didn't get eaten by the props. Damage to plane was extensive. But got new parts ordered so I will be getting this thing in air "officially" soon. Moral of the story, disconnect batteries when making that kind of change in the radio. Also, a three car garage is not an ideal venue for indoor flying of a plane that size. -Jon



**"After"**

editor's note: If you want to know why Jon refers to maiden flights as "diamond" flights you will have to ask him in person, as this is a PG rated newsletter!

## Officers' Reports

### Secretary's Report by Jon Fish (filling in for Bill Hallsworth)

Meeting minutes May 8 2017

President Art Frye brought the meeting to order with 8? members present. No motion was made to accept the minutes from the April meeting as there were no minutes printed and our secretary was MIA

Treasurer Byron Hamrick gave us a run down on monies spent last April, which included the field rent, tractor purchase, and various other sundries. There was no motion made to accept the Treasurer's report.

Byron question the purpose of paying for a business entity through the secretary of state's office.

Jon fish explained that this was necessary to protect the club and members from lawsuits and any other legal actions that may occur.

Tom Seres changed the date of Giant scale meet to Saturday September 30 due to a contest conflict with the Tipton club.

Tom also mentioned the possibility of having some meetings at the field during the summer months. There was a motion made in regards to this and it was seconded and voted 7-1 in favor. The June meeting will be held at the field. (make note folks).

Mike Sharp brought up the Fun-fly. A lot needs to be done. The need for plaques was brought Randy Thomas said he has left over material the Joe Bays had to make these and he said he would see what he could do. Jon Fish said he would handle the concessions. It was also mentioned that we need to get a flyer designed and printed ASAP so we can get the word out about the event especially in the local area in hopes of generating some interest from people who may want to get into the hobby.

Jon fish mentioned that he spoke to one of the trustees at the Eagles Lodge in Alexandria about having the swap meet there. He said the board of trustees was to have a meeting the same night as our meeting at he may know something in a few days.

Byron Hamrick made motion to adjourn and like Elvis "everyone left the building"

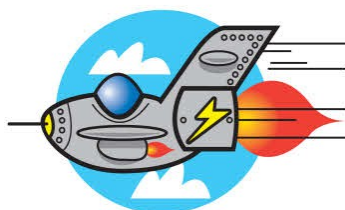
By **Jon Fish** Fill in Secretary

### Treasurer's Report By Byron Hamrick

Monthly expenses for May & June totaled \$2,891.77 Details available at meeting Monday night.

At this rate we will be out of money in 3 or 4 years. Our income is not matching our expenses. I am open for suggestions. The field is in good shape ready for flying. We need to set time for group field preparation for upcoming Fun Fly on Saturday the 17th

Happy flying,



**Byron**



## Field Marshal's Report by Bill DeWitt

We are trying to keep the field up and neatly trimmed ,but we may need to call for a work day before the fly in. I hope that we can get all the work done before that happens. I do want to thank Tom Kelly and Bryon Hamrick and Mike Sharp for the help they have done at the field . I know I really appreciate all they do . The help with the mowers and the weed eating !! I did get the parking lot sprayed so that the weeds would not take it over !! I almost forgot one other person that has helped Kevin Ramey , thanks to you for the cycle bar mower and tractor that you brought to the field and took down the high weeds and grass at the ends of the field where we cannot get with the lawn mowers. I know that I am the field marshal but I still need the help of everyone !!!! Now some more good news I will be getting some glow fuel in within about two or three weeks and at a cheaper price than you can get at most hobby shops and on line so let me know if you want to save some MONEY !! It will be the same fuel that Ron Pierce sold and we have been flying on for good amount of years !!! I have ordered 36 gal. so get with me if you need some . Safe flying and happy landings until next time  
Your Field Marshal ,**Bill D.**

## Newsletter Editor's Report by Dave Johnston

It's been a good month, although busy as usual. Here and there the winds and rain have died down and given us a bit of a break so we have been able to do some flying. By the time you read this, our annual Fun Fly will have taken place so look for some of those pictures in next month's Pit Talk. Thought I would close out this issue with a few random photos of this year's flying so far. Cheers!



Bill preparing to maiden his new Night Visionaire



Tamas's Workshop of Wonders





The electric powered half  
of my fleet



Tamas's beautiful Camel



There were actually 7 of us Club  
members at the field on this sunny  
morning!