



## **Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, March 15, 2022 (delayed one day due to room availability)

Meeting was held at Dye's Walk Country Club.

As normal, several members showed up early to enjoy dinner before the meeting.

Meeting was called to order by President Chuck Baker at 7:35 pm.

There were 17 members + 2 officers and no new guests.

## **Prior Meeting Minutes**

Chuck Baker read the February meeting minutes (Adam was out-of-town for work). There were no questions concerning the minutes.

A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made and seconded. The minutes were approved as read by a show of hands.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Doug read the treasurers report, starting with a financial recap of the Club Dinner on March 5<sup>th</sup>. The dinner made a net profit of \$236.52. Entry fees did not quite cover the food and facility, but the eight items raffled pulled in enough to cover the shortfall and then some. Thanks to Hobby RC and club members for their donated items!

Tracking the delayed dinner as part of the prior year's financials complicated things. True February income was \$500.06, mostly from sale of donated items and member dues, and there were no expenses. If any member wishes to have a copy of the treasurer's report, please contact Doug.

Total current paid membership for 2022 is 36, versus 41 at the same time last year. There were no questions concerning the report.

A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made and seconded. The report was approved as read by a show of hands.

## **Former Flying Site Status:**

One of the members reported seeing earth-moving equipment up on the gravel drive (behind the trees) but the structures are still standing at the former field.



### Potential Flying Site updates:

- #51 (5.7 SE) E of 625E, S of 350N, hayfield behind house at 3093 N 625E (Rick Sallee)
  - Initially interested, zoning/tax questions – will try it out after 1st hay cut
- #54 (11.5 NW) SE of Mann Rd/Southport Rd, NW corner of Southwestway Park
  - Responded to Park Mgmt concerns via email – awaiting a response
- #55 (7.6 SE) Dead end road (CR 150 N), ½ mile W of 2nd Mt Pleasant Baptist Church (Rick Sallee)
  - Letter sent to landowner to see if they are interested.
- #58 (14.0 WSW) Land SE of Centenary Rd, at approx 6398 (James Craig)
  - Land owned by Bex Farms Inc – landowner located in Kalamazoo, MI.
  - 2/18 - Emailed info – received initial response – they will discuss and get back to us.
  - 3/10 - Emailed proposed layout and addl info, called on 3/15 and left msg
- #59 (6.1 NNE) Field behind The Creek Church on Franklin Rd, S of Edgewood (Wayne Riddell)
  - Would be a west-facing field. Anyone attend there or know any church leaders?
- #60 (7.0 SW) Land N of 340 N between 200 W and 250 W (The Hurkmans)
  - Would be north-facing sport flyer field, landowner owns other area properties
  - Called agent to gauge interest and get contact info for landowners – left message
- #61A/B (6.0 SW) Land E of 75 W, between 200N and 350N (The Hurkmans)
  - Would be east-facing small aircraft/sport flyer field depending on location
  - Mailed info to both landowners to see if they are interested.

### Club Dinner:

Chuck gave an overview of the dinner. There were approximately 38 people attending and everyone seemed to have a great time. It was good to be able to have a dinner again!

Al Tucker talked about the Flightline B-24 Liberator he put together in honor of a local WWII veteran, Bob Pedigo, that flew in B-24s during WWII. He surprised Bob with the plane at a prior event where Bob and another WWII veteran signed the center of the wing. The plane hasn't been flown yet, and Al is understandably nervous about getting it into the air.



*Al Tucker with his Flightline B-24 Liberator*



Al then introduced Bob Pedigo, who was our guest speaker at the dinner. Bob served as a nose gunner/bombardier in the B-24 Liberator, part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division of the 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force in England during World War II. Bob shared several interesting experiences he had during the war.

- Meeting Eleanor Roosevelt at a train platform in the wee hours of the morning.
- Speaking with Jimmy Stewart, who was friends with one of his commanders.
- Meeting Princess Elizabeth (now Queen) when she visited the air base to see the planes and aircrew. Bob's plane, "Silent Yokum", was selected because it didn't have any risqué nose art, that might not be appropriate for the princess.

Barb Middleton then spoke about writing Queen Elizabeth, informing her of Bob Pedigo celebrating his 98<sup>th</sup> birthday. She received a response from one of the Queen's ladies in waiting, wishing Bob well on his birthday and thanking him for his service!



*Guest speaker Bob Pedigo, WWII veteran*



*Barb Middleton and the Queen Elizabeth story*

We then had our traditional "Christmas" gift exchange for which Chuck noted that a high number of the presents were alcoholic beverages.

Doug presented special awards to deserving members and we drew for the 8 raffle prizes (see below).





## 2021 Financial Summary

Doug reviewed our 2021 financial summary that documents the income/expenses for the year. All items are noted and are pulled from the monthly treasurer's reports. Graphs were presented and discussed that provided a visualization of major income and expense categories.

We were able to realize substantial financial gains last year due to membership support of monthly raffles and events – especially the Last Chance Fly-In, and sale of donated items. Our expenses were also lower last year, as we only paid rent for part of the year, and the Porta-Potty supplier gave us a break. These extra funds will definitely help us develop the new flying field.

## Indy RC South 2022 Events

The IRCM (Eastside) and JCRCF (Atterbury) clubs have agreed to let us hold a couple of Indy RC South club events at their flying fields this year. We are also planning to participate in the Greenwood Airport Aviation Day again this year. Planned event dates are as follows:

- Sat 5/14, Ticket Fly #1 @ IRCM (Eastside) Morristown, IN
- Sat 6/??, Strawberry Festival?
- Sat 6/18, Ticket Fly #2 @ JCRCF (Atterbury) Edinburgh, IN
- Sat 7/13, Ticket Fly #3 @ IRCM (Eastside) Morristown, IN
- Sat 8/27, Greenwood Airport Aviation Day
- Sat 10/8, Ticket Fly #4 @ JCRCF (Atterbury) Edinburgh, IN

## Alternate Field Information

Chuck mentioned that he had updated the club website to add a new “Where to Fly” page under “Club Information” - <https://www.indyrcsouth.org/club-information/where-to-fly/>

This page includes links for directions from our old field to each of the alternates, as well as their club websites, field rules and facebook groups. Please review the field rules for these sites before flying there.

Feel free to use their Facebook group pages to coordinate flying sessions with other club members.

## Center Grove High School – Swap Meet before 4/9 Indoor

The CGHS RC Flying club will host a swap meet from 8am-Noon, prior to the 4/9 indoor flying session. If you'd like to pre-register, use the following Google form - <https://forms.gle/3mcSqCRI3joccYHWA>

Please consider supporting this swap meet as the proceeds from it will benefit the students in the radio control club at the school.





### Upcoming Events (prior to next meeting)

- Monroe Co Swap Meet (Bloomington) - Sat 3/19 @ 9am
- RC Silent Auction (Brownsburg) - Sat 3/26 @ 10am
- Jim Richmond FF Open (W. Baden Springs) - Mar 26-27 (Dave Duff)
- St. Peter's Indoor (Columbus) – Sun 3/27 & 4/10 @ 2pm
- Center Grove HS Swap & Indoor (Greenwood) – Sat 4/9 @ Noon

### New Business:

No additional new business items from the floor.

### Next Club Meeting

Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 at Dye's Walk

### Show and Tell:

Dave Duff – Indoor Free Flight

Dave has been preparing for the upcoming Indoor free flight Jim Richmond Open to be held in the atrium at West Baden Springs Hotel in French Lick this coming March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

Dave brought his rubber-powered free flight model that he will enter in the Limited Penny Plane class. The class has a lower weight limit of 3.1 grams! He provided considerable detail of the model's construction and the technologies used for airframe, covering and propulsion.

Dave's presentation was especially interesting because competitive indoor free flight is a subject many of us are not very familiar with. There was considerable interest and questions for Dave to respond to.

Dave jokingly said he was hoping for at least a last place finish in the competition. All present wished him well.



## 2022 Jim Richmond Open

March 26-27, 2022  
9am- 5pm

8538 W Baden Ave, West Baden Springs, IN

SPONSORED BY:

Join us at West Baden Springs for the  
**3rd Annual Jim Richmond Open**  
an AMA sanctioned Cat III contest (#12010)  
 Contest Director: Rey Mazzocco (aprvpilot@gmail.com)

**Events**  
 All indoor AMA/FAI events except gliders, electric free flight, and bostonian are welcome to be flown

**Arrangements**  
 Attendees are invited to stay on site at a discounted rate of \$189 plus tax per night

Booking Website:  
<https://book.passkey.com/e/50225330>

Discounted reservations using the hotel code are only guaranteed until February 26<sup>th</sup>

**Registration**

Register and pay BEFORE 1/31/2021	\$125
Register and pay BY 3/15/2021	\$135
Register and Pay onsite	\$150
Juniors (18 and under)	\$25

One tank of Helium will be provided at no additional cost.

Registration & Info Contact  
 David Lindley  
[JRO\\_WestBaden@outlook.com](mailto:JRO_WestBaden@outlook.com)



Doug Gifford – EdgeTX SW update

The latest evolution of OpenTX transmitters is the Radiomaster TX16s.

This radio has incorporated significant improvements over its predecessors the FrSky Horus series and the Jumper T16. The radio features a built in Multi-protocol RF module with a module bay that can support a second Multi-protocol or other type RF module. The Radiomaster also provides a full touchscreen but for some time the OpenTX software did not support the touchscreen function.

This past year some new software developers formed a new open source development branch of the OpenTX software called EdgeTX which provided support for the touch screen. After waiting for a few revisions to sort out early issues Doug decided to load up his transmitter with the latest release this past January.



Doug reported that the software loading, conversion of models and transfer of any custom sound files and graphics files all went smoother than he had expected. It is required that you reconstruct the telemetry display screens for each model using telemetry but the touch screen made that process go relatively quickly. Doug has flown a few of the models behind the house and all works well so far.

### Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at around 8:30 pm by Chuck.

### Meeting Raffle:

The regular meeting raffle this March was a Hobby Zone Sport Cub S2 won by Eric Munevar and a GWS Formosa won by Dennis Waltke... eventually. Thanks to Hobby RC for the generous discount on the Sport Cub and Gene Bond for donating the Formosa!

