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## MEETING NEWS (from February 14th)



Mark conducting his last meeting as 2001 President

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- ◆ The 2002 election of club officers was held during the Annual Meeting, always held in February. The results of the election follows:  
President: Rick Castor  
V. President: Pete Alexander  
Secretary: Matt Kemp
- ◆ As Rick's first order of business, Gene Krodel was asked to continue as Treasurer, and he graciously accepted.
- ◆ Phil Compton will continue as Field Marshal, Matt Kemp as Safety Officer, Laurie Kemp as Newsletter Editor, and Richard Such as Webmaster.
- ◆ Please thank these people for serving in these roles, as without them, we would not continue enjoying the club and its resources!
- ◆ It was brought to the membership's attention that there is a significant lack of adherence to many of the club rules. This includes violating no-fly areas, engines that are too loud, and guests/visitors that are not aware of the rules. Obviously this puts personal safety and our flying site at risk.
- ◆ A motion was made to re-write the Rules to better address these issues. Phil Compton will lead this effort and will accept input from all of the membership.
- ◆ It was also suggested that a training program be established for new flyers. A formal sign-off procedure would be implemented before a beginner could fly unassisted.

### 2002 CLUB OFFICERS

- President: Rick Castor
- Vice Pres: Pete Alexander
- Secretary: Matt Kemp
- Treasurer: Gene Krodel
- Field Marshal: Phil Compton
- Librarian: Gene Krodel
- Safety Officer: Matt Kemp
- Editor: Laurie Kemp
- Webmaster: Richard Such

## Meeting Attendees

Those present at the meeting in February were:

|               |               |                  |
|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Jerry Berner  | Matt Kemp     | Steve Percifield |
| Rick Castor   | Gene Krodel   | Jim Robison      |
| Phil Compton  | Scott Mineart | Mark Schofield   |
| Myron Demaree | Dave Morris   |                  |

## MEETING NEWS (continued)

- ◆ Jerry offered to share an information package that he received from his old Texas club. It was suggested that our club needs to provide a copy of the By-Laws, Constitution, and Rules in addition to a membership card to new members.
- ◆ Dave Morris is investigating obtaining gravel for the drive and parking area. He may be able to get it just for the cost of trucking it in! Thanks Dave !
- ◆ Another proposal was made to fence off a separate area for spectators, separate from the pits and parking lot. Mark and Rick will lead the effort to stake out this area in preparation for gravel delivery.
- ◆ Phil will investigate the cost for leasing a storage container for on-site storage use.
- ◆ Another motion was made and passed to go ahead and write the check for the 2002 lease of the flying field. Gene will investigate the due date and make this payment ASAP.
- ◆ Gene gave his Treasurer's report indicating that we are still in decent financial shape, especially for this time of year, before everyone re-joins.
- ◆ Mark reports that we have about twelve months to go on paying off the new Deere mower.
- ◆ There was no February raffle.
- ◆ Please rejoin now as this will be your last notification before your name is dropped from the membership list. You will not be permitted to fly at our field without re-joining! Mail your payment to Gene.



Plane of the month:  
Scott's Stagger Bee

**Congratulations to Mark and his wife Nicole on the birth of their second child, a little girl!**

**Laney Allison** was born Tuesday, 2/12/02, weighs 6 pounds 20 ounces and spans 18 inches.

- ◆ See you at the next meeting on March 14th at 7 pm. We will meet again at the Westfield Public Safety Building, next door to the Fire Station on Hwy. 32, about 1 mile west of Hwy 31.

## Editor's Reminder

Let Matt or Laurie know if you have any news, articles, pictures, or for-sale items to put in the club newsletter. Use the address or the e-mail addresses on the last page. Notify us by the 15th of each month.

## "Show and Tale"

This month Scott Mineart brought in his newly completed Stagger Bee. This cute little airplane was designed by Andy Clancey, the same guy who designed the popular Lazy Bee. Scott did a fine job with covering his airplane in orange and white Ultracote. An OS.15 engine is used for power. Everything is rubber-banded together for easy transportation, assembly and robustness. There is no radio installed yet, so it has not yet flown. This is Scott's first bi-plane, and it looks like a winner.

Scott, let us know when the test flight will be, so we can be sure to provide all the help you might need!

## "From the President" *Rick Castor*

I want to start off by thanking everyone who attended the February meeting and the one absentee ballot for casting their vote for club officers. A lot of good things were done in 2001 as in lengthening the east-west runway, purchasing a new John Deere mower, and the weekly maintenance on the field to keep it in great shape. This year is starting off with some great improvements. Dave Morris is working on getting gravel to expand and re-surface the parking lot, and Phil Compton is checking on a metal storage container to place at the field so the mower can be kept there to make it possible for everyone to participate in field maintenance.

I don't know if everyone has noticed, but we are getting new neighbors to the west, and to keep them happy there has been some discussion about moving the main runway. This will be discussed further at the next several meetings, so if you have any input, please attend.

That's enough for now, so I hope to see everyone at the flying field.

## "How To Pay For All This Stuff" *from: [www.geocites.com/crazy4planes2000](http://www.geocites.com/crazy4planes2000)*

Thinking about getting into the hobby of R/C aircraft and wonder where the money is going to come from? The original article was written by Rick Giannini of the New York County Fliers and shared it in the November 1998 York County Fliers newsletter. Knowing that everyone needs help with money once in a while....here are some really great ideas:

Check around the house for anything of value that you really don't need. These include any of those old items handed down from relatives that you never liked anyway. What are antiques anyway but old furniture? Since you eat in the living room watching television, the dining room set is a good place to start. Your wife won't miss it, she only uses it a couple days a year and hell, she never let you build airplanes on it anyway, so what good is it?

Sell any of the kid's toys that they may have misplaced or have not used for a few days. TIP: Remember expensive "do it all" toys are bad for the imagination. Balls of aluminum foil and pieces of scrap wood force them to use their imaginations.

Look for that sweater that your Aunt Hilda made. Clothes like these are good items to sell. TIP: Buy only long sleeve shirts and shorts. In the summer the shorts will be cool and in the winter the shirt will be warm, no need for a different set of clothing for the winter and summer.

Continue scrounging around for any items that are definitely not needed for survival or flying, and then yard sell those suckers. Wow! I bet you picked up a good pile of cash for your hobby fund. Right?

Next, take a look at that retirement savings account. Do you really think it is necessary? When you're eighty years old, you will probably not be capable of flying anyway, so why not spend it on models now? Fly and build while you're young enough to enjoy it. (ed: Jim, you're an exception here!) TIP: You can live with your kids when you're old!! It will be long past pay-back time by then anyway.

Take a look at those credit cards. If you haven't topped them out, well, do I need to say more? Go for it. You can always get a fresh one when that one is full!! See how easy this is? TIP: It is a well known fact that the country's financial health requires a large consumer debt, what are you, un-American?

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### NEXT MEETING:

March 14th at 7:00 pm  
Public Safety Building on Hwy  
32, West of Hwy 31 Westfield

**We're on the Web! Visit us at  
[www.angelfire.com/in3/indynorth](http://www.angelfire.com/in3/indynorth)  
(see Richard Such for Member's access area!)**

## "How To Pay For All This Stuff" (continued)

Let's also not forget those cash draining grocery bills. Kids love to eat peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Think how happy they will be to have to eat them every day for every meal! Powdered milk is really cheap, and only one glass is necessary each day. Water is healthier to drink, so knock off those expensive soft drink purchases. Think how happy you and your wife will be with your slim new figures as a result of that bread and water diet you're now on! TIP: Visit your local soup kitchen every so often. If you tell them you are homeless, or fly model airplanes, they will let you eat for free.

Birthday presents can be purchased at the Dollar Store and Christmas presents too. Think of how much that nice year-end savings on Christmas expenses will fatten up that hobby fund. TIP: There are certain religions that do not celebrate birthdays or Christmas, consider changing your religion, or at least saying you did.

Borrowing from relatives is also a good idea. Almost any excuse can be used. After a while, they will stop asking what happened to the money and when you will pay it back. Note: Trying to get some money out of a fellow hobbyist, even if he is a relative is a waste of time, they don't have any money either.

Try to get a loan from a bank, they have plenty of money. TIP: Be honest, tell them you are going to use the money to buy an airplane, just don't tell them it's a model. Dropping hints about 747's and starting new airlines always helps.

Children are a bad idea, incredibly they cost even more than R/C models!! Divorcing the wife is also a bad idea. You not only lose half your income, but all of her income too! Instead, learn to use your assets, get her a second or third job. TIP: If you already have children, dropping them off on the way to the field at highway interchanges with crudely lettered signs begging for money, could be a way of recouping some of the money spent on their upkeep.

As we all know, utilities are a big part of the household budget right after airplanes and housing. Electricity is one of the largest items, unfortunately doing without electricity is not an option, you have to be able to run vital electric items like battery chargers and covering irons. You can however find ways to cut back. Cooking over an open fire in the fireplace can be helpful in cutting the bills down. It also helps heat the house and your wife will love the romance. Natural gas is of little use to modelers and you can always fill up bottles of water at work and bring them home. TIP: Instead of using a battery cyclor to run your battery packs down, use the left-over energy to light the house.

Check around for any vehicles you don't need. All you need is one truck and a cargo trailer to haul your air force around in. Any other cars, bicycles, big-wheels, skateboards, or other wheeled vehicles are to be considered non-essential and immediately converted to cash. Get rid of that riding mower too, since you will be too busy with your models you won't have time for grass mowing at home. TIP: Goats keep the grass cut, make excellent low upkeep pets for the kids, and give free milk.