



# BCRC Flyer

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## First Field Meeting of Season

### Was Well Attended

Lots of members showed up for the May BCRCF meeting! And most brought their planes to fly afterwards. We were all grateful the weather gave us the chance to get outside.



## Flight Leaders

**President** – Rob Weismiller  
**Vice President** – Philip Foiles  
**Secretary/Treasurer** – Greg Emerick  
**Field Marshall** –  
**Safety Coordinator** – Mark Dudley  
**Intro Pilot Program** – Bryan Swank  
**Webmaster** – Colin Mowery  
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## Where We Meet

Currently, we meet at **the Jim Murray field**. We start at 6:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday each month.



Admiring the powered glider "Night Walrus" from Hobby King.



Prepping for take-off.



## May 6, 2025, Meeting Minutes

*Notes from Greg Emerick, edited/amplified by Cynthia Scott*

At Jim Murray flying field shelter, we began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a motion to accept last month's meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter. *Philip Foiles moved & Dave Lynch 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

### Officer Reports

**Vice President** – *Philip Foiles gave an update on the Drone Build project he is leading. Steve, Travis, Nick, and Bob joined him at his garage to get started. Progress is being made! Contact Philip if you are interested in joining the project.*

**Treasurer / Secretary** – *Greg Emerick update on accounts and membership records given. We are solvent.*

**Webmaster** – Colin Mowery proposed a public Facebook page as replacement for the website. A motion was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Field Marshall** - *We need an interim field marshal to help maintain the mower. A mowing calendar sign-up will be passed around. We need a workday organized for weed spraying, geo-tec clean-up and reseeding. The shed needs painting.*

**Intro Pilot Program Coordinator** – *Bryan Swank announced training starts this Thursday, May 8, at 5 p.m. He has some nice student logbooks and has created handouts to advertise the program. Great job, Bryan!*

### Events

- June 6-7 Aviation Day at the Columbus Municipal Airport. It includes two car shows and a night drone light show. BCRCF has not been asked to man a table.
- Young Eagles will fly on May 17<sup>th</sup>, June 14<sup>th</sup>, July 12, August 9, September 13 at the Columbus Airport. They can fly on May 10<sup>th</sup> and September 6<sup>th</sup> at the North Vernon Airport. Sign up at [EEAChapters.org](http://EEAChapters.org) if you have a child who wants a young Eagles flight. Ken Erickson, Philip Foiles, & Bryan Swank may be able to attend to promote the club and our Intro Pilots program.

### Old Business

- Rob Weismiller has a collection of donated R/C supplies, tools, and models currently stored in the shed at the flying field. We need a volunteer to either sell or promote for club meeting raffles.
- Tom Kohler suggested applying for Gold Leader status with the AMA. He will look into the latest requirements and make a proposal.

## May 6, 2025, Meeting Minutes

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### New Business

- The sweeper is on its last legs. It broke down today and needs repairs. Bryan Swank moved to purchase a new sweeper for an estimated cost of \$500. Bob Cundiff seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- John Hudak reported there is a club in Seymour doing para-motor flying, May 7-11.
- Show and Tell: Philip displayed his 50-gram “Hummingbird” quad copter that has video capability.

## Mowing Lesson



At the May meeting, **Bryan Swank** points out some mower features and offers cautions. Potential mowing volunteers gathered around for their training:

Philip, Amber, Steve, Travis, and Ron.

*Photo by Nick Firestone*

### Bryan's Additional Tips and Comments

... the mover pulleys do not have covers over them. Probably not a big deal but I was thinking today it is probably a good warning to make sure you don't have any loose clothing or things like long shoelaces that could get caught in the pulley/belt.

... I have tried a couple of patterns but what has worked best for me is to break the field into two long rectangles and mow the perimeter of each with the discharge directed to the center of the rectangle. This way the clipping will all get picked up or thrown to the center. When I get close to the center with like 8-10 feet to go, I shut the mower off and raise the deck and just sweep that un-mowed area. Then I lower the deck, turn it on and mow that area. This way, most of those accumulated clippings don't get blown back on the runway.

... when I hitch the sweeper up, I put it in the put the top slot on the sweeper. The bag is in bad shape, so I have ordered a new one. Even with the big hole in the current one it does okay.



# Flight Simulators in the Library

from an email on April 21, by Bryan Swank.

We always try to do training at the field every Thursday. On Tuesday it was looking like weather would be our enemy again and this would be the third Thursday we had to cancel. Mid-day Tuesday **Bob Cundiff** called me with the great idea of doing simulator training at the Bartholomew County Library. So, Bob went into action to secure a room, and I sent out texts to folks on the training list. The response was amazing. We had one adult and three kids that said they would come. There was only a small room available, but we went for it anyway.

It turned out that in addition to Bob, **Philip Foiles, Ken Ericson, and Gary Waters** showed up with simulators. We had more simulators than students! One student was ill and couldn't make it but **Sam Foiles** (in the red shirt), **Sam Engelau**, (in the grey shirt and green hat) and **Amber Easterling** showed up for training. Amber's son Nick is already a good flyer, and she thought she would give it a try. Ken got her on her way, and she made a lot of progress in one evening. I think Sam Engelau might have flown every model in the simulator, and I told his mother we saved them \$9000 in crash expenses in that one evening. Sam is making great progress and is starting to work on his landings. Sam Foiles in the red shirt flew an Ultra Stick and did a great job. Sam's dad Philip brought his drone simulator and Bob and I both tried some FPV simulator training. I can't speak for Bob but all I did was try to hover and found it challenging. I have a new appreciation for the skills it takes to fly drones in races on obstacle courses.

Overall, for a first attempt we felt it was a great start. Thanks to Bob's thinking outside the box, we now have a good training alternative when the weather doesn't cooperate. Hopefully next time we can get a larger room and more students. \* \* \* \* \*



Ken helps Amber Easterling get started.



Sam Engelau is concentrating.



Bryan hovers his drone image.

## Ramp to Shed Rebuilt!

Photos by Philip Foiles

Philip Foiles made a new ramp for the shed so that the mower will roll into it more smoothly.

*Editor: Wood does deteriorate over time as we have all seen. I wonder if staining it will slow that natural progression down.*



Other shed improvement projects are on our list. An email went out last night to invite workers to start on them today, Saturday, May 31.

## Windsock Pole Rehab

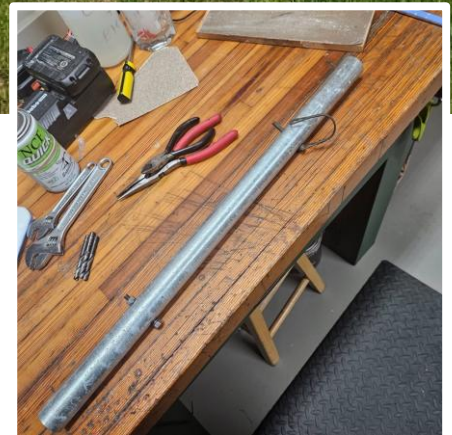
Bryan Swank

A visit to the field in the spring revealed that the storms caused damage to the pole for our windsock. It failed where it was threaded together with a coupling. Rethreading for a new coupling at the field was going to be a big deal so I started brainstorming other ways to fix it.

I immediately thought that it sure would be nice to have a simple sleeve that the pipes could slide into and be pinned to avoid having to thread anything. So, without a great deal of optimism I started searching for steel pipe that had an inside diameter that was close to the outer diameter of the old pipe.

Luck was on my side in two ways. First, I stumbled onto a size of rigid steel conduit that had an inside diameter that was perfect. Second, was when I went to Crescent Electrical Contractors on Marr Road and asked by chance if they had a scrap piece of 1" rigid conduit? They were helpful and looked, but didn't have any. They did, however, have 10-foot pieces for \$55. When they heard more about what I was trying to do for our club they decided to give it to me for free!

Since it was a nice slip fit, I decided to bolt it at the bottom but put a clevis pin in the top piece so it would be easy to lift it out and store it in the shed during the winter. Projects like this are fun when the wind is with you and everything works out!



## Philatelic Filler



Why do stamp collectors call this Jenny stamp "Too Fast?"

ANSWER:

The plane is off center in the frame, seeming to fly out of the picture. This was caused by a misalignment during the second run (blue ink) through the press.

### Another, More Famous Error:

The **Inverted Jenny** is a 24 cent United States stamp first issued on May 10, 1918, in which the image of the [Curtiss JN-4 airplane](#) in the center of the design is printed upside-down; it is one of the most famous errors in American philately. Only one pane of 100 of these was ever found, making this error one of the most prized in philately. Various single stamps and blocks of four have been auctioned for prices ranging from \$825,000 to \$2.7 million.



# Intro Pilots Fill the Field

Text by Bryan Swank, Photos by Robert Cundiff

After cancelling the last three training sessions the weather finally sort-of cooperated. Although it was cloudy, it was reasonably calm and therefore pretty good conditions for flying. Wow, what an evening! At last count we trained seven students with six instructors there to help. The students were made up of adults and children as well as a good mix of those who had never flown before and those that are well on their way.

John Hudak one of our instructors showed a couple of the students his fleet of WWI and WWII airplanes. The kids were surprised at the size of the planes as well as their weight -- one weighing almost 50 pounds. Seeing those planes, I think made them even more anxious to learn to fly.



John went on to train Louis who at 10 years old says he wants to be a commercial airline pilot



Ken worked with Amber to use what she had learned from simulator training last week at the library. She said she thought it was a good day since she did not crash the plane.



As you can see, we had a full house on the flight line all evening. Notice how nice the field looks. Steve Beigle, one of our new members mowed the runway and the pits on Monday.



Please join us for our 6<sup>th</sup> annual Radio Control

## "Cubs and Floaty Flyers"

No water involved! Just "floating" on the air! This is all about low wing loading, slow and relaxed RC flying, and enjoying the low end of the performance envelope.



**Where:** Indianapolis RC Modelers Blue River Airpark located at 9850 Blue River Rd, Morristown, IN 46161

**When:** June 7, 2025. Gates open at 8:30 Pilots meeting at 9:30. Event officially ends at 2:30 pm but you are welcome to stay later or camp Friday evening.

**Landing Fee: \$15** - Cheeseburger/chips/drink lunch is available for \$6

"Pilots Choice" Award - Decided by your fellow pilots!

750' x 150' Grass with a 450' x 45' Geotex runway.

**We also have several great "Floaty type aircraft" as raffle items**

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