



# BCRC Flyer

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## Philatelic Filler

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



Answer will be given at the next club meeting.

## Flight Leaders

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

Currently, we meet at **El Nopal** Restaurant on National Road. We start at 6:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday each month.

## RC Foam Board Training Box

An idea from Bryan Swank

The attached pictures are of a flight box for carrying the radios and batteries for our training plane. Since several different instructors will possibly be using the plane, I thought it would be helpful to have a way to keep things like the radios and batteries organized and together. Also, a place for a few tools might be useful.

In a prior project I used the 3/16 foam boards from Hobby Lobby to make a jig to align the wings on a biplane. I was impressed by how stiff it was and how well super glue held the pieces together. So, I thought-- why not give it a try in building a flight box?

This experiment ended up better than I expected. It is super sturdy. All joints are simply butted together and attached with medium super glue. The box was made from one 20"x30" foam board for \$1.99 plus a scrap piece of PVC pipe. That seems like a real bargain! If it wears out, we can just pitch it and for less than \$3 we can make another one.

Who knows? Maybe my next project will be designing and building a plane out of foam board!



*Editor: Are you inspired? Share your own creative genius.*



## April 1, 2025, Meeting Minutes

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

At the El Nopal Restaurant, we began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a motion to accept last month's meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter. *Greg moved & Swank 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

### Officer Reports

**Vice President** – *Philip Foiles welcomes new members Nick, Travis, and Amber Easterling! They are working with Philip on the drone build project! All members – please reach out to Philip if you are interested in learning about drone building!*

**Treasurer / Secretary** – *Greg Emerick announced that we are solvent and have 36 paid members.*

**Field Marshall** - *Mike Marthaler proposed the Mowing Calendar. There are reports of the new gate lock sticking; maybe it needs some WD40. Jim Farrar's name should be added to the memorial plaque.*

**Intro Pilot Program Coordinator** – *Bryan Swank announced the plan to start training the first week of May, at 5 p.m. on Thursdays. Bryan is working on pamphlets he can get printed out & pass around at events like EAA Young Eagles & pass around to the public at other places. Bryan's focus will be on making training fun, simple, & safe. Scott Winn donated a trainer to the club training program. He is planning to incorporate aerobatics training & simulator experiences into the program as well.*

### Events

- *The Solid Waste District is hosting Earth Day again, on April 25, and has requested the club's presence. Mike Marthaler, John Vinson & Ken Erickson, and Philip Foiles will attend & show planes.*
- *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 [EEA chapters.org](http://EEA chapters.org) if you have a child who wants a young Eagles flight. Ken Erickson, Philip Foiles, & Bryan Swank may show RC planes and promote our Intro Pilots program.*

### New 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.*



## Show and Tell

*From Minutes:*

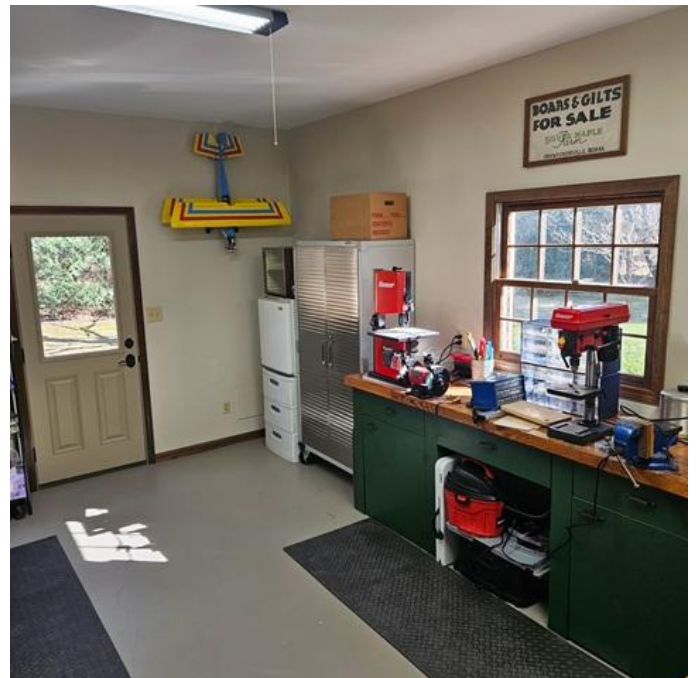
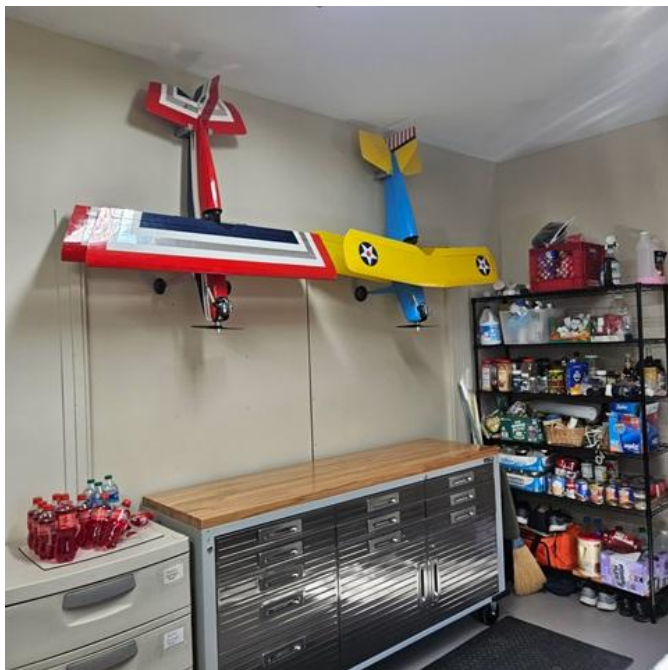
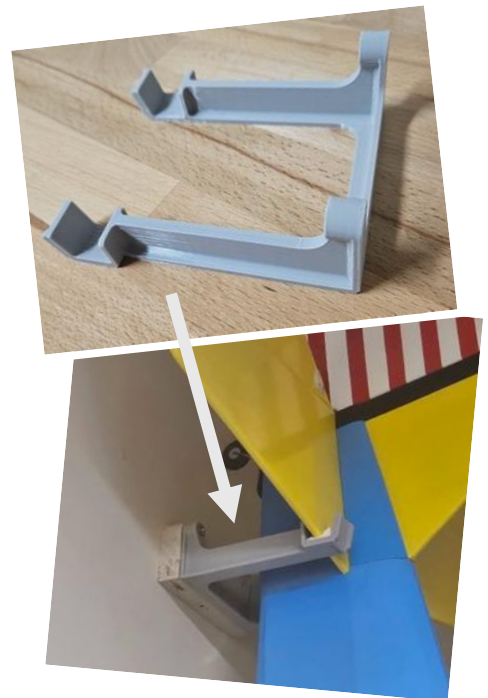
**Bryan Swank** showed off his beautiful **Aeromaster biplane**. He made a lot of special modifications himself to improve performance & reduce weight by 20 ounces. Powered by a Saito 65 four stroke glow engine. Total weight is 90 ounces.

## A Workshop That Took 48 Years to Finish

It took me 48 years, but I finally have my workshop in order! As I told you before **I usually do my plane projects all over the house**. Now the challenge will be to break my old habits.

I was getting ready to design and build brackets for holding the plane on the wall when I ran into a nice plastic L-shaped bracket on E-bay that was specifically for hanging models, so I purchased several. They seem to work great.

So now I am looking for my next project see If I can stand being so organized. For my entire life I have always worked in cluttered spaces and left a lot of debris in the wake of my projects. Time will tell if old habits can be broken! ---Bryan





# The Intro Pilot Program is Off the Ground

Excerpts from an email on April 21, by Bryan Swank.  
Newsletter trimming and emphasis by the Editor.

**We start training Thursday, May 8 starting at 5:00 pm.** In the next day or so I will be sending out an email to prospective students and will copy the trainers on that email. Please look that over when you get it to make sure I haven't missed someone.

The following is my current list of trainers. If others come to mind that you think would possibly be interested in being a trainer let me know. The six people on our team now are: Greg Emerick, Bryan Swank, Gary Waters , Bob Cundiff, Rob Weismiller and John Hudak.

I realize that everyone cannot be available every time so we will just play it by ear each week. Coordinating the availability of pilots and students was the biggest challenge last year. Please help by **telling me your availability by Monday or Tuesday of each week.** I am not expecting perfection but anything you could do to minimize the calls I have to make would be great.



Sonja Kodgule  
learned from John  
Vinson, last year.



Gary Waters  
"Buddy Boxing"  
with Shelby  
Murray.

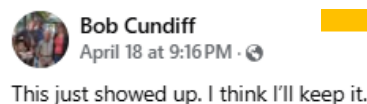
This week I plan to send you some training guidelines. These are guidelines, not rules. However, I do think some level of consistency is important. The main goal to keep in mind is that we are trying to increase interest in our hobby as well as increase local club membership as well as national AMA membership. I think **the most critical first step in this process is to make sure training sessions are a safe and enjoyable experience for the student as well as family members.** If we can't accomplish that, there is no need for a second step.

Also, **the training also needs to be enjoyable for the trainers.** Part of that recipe I think is to keep the administrivia to a minimum. Reviewing Ken's prior years of notes, the administrative burden of the official AMA Intro Pilot Program was more than I want to take on. Some elements of the AMA program material are great so using that as you see fit, unofficially, is great if it matches your style of teaching.

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## Found on Facebook

Taken when Editor needs more news...



Winter collection awaiting their maiden flights.  
L-R: FW 70mm Panther, FW 80mm Skyhawk,  
FW 80mm Sabre.