



# BCRC Flyer

Monthly Newsletter of AMA Chartered Club No. 4779

**December 2, 2024**



## Newsletter Contents

Indoor Flying	1-2
November Meeting	3-4
Show and Tell	4
Filling the Low Spots	5
Donating Food	5
Roko Tower Kit	6

## Indoor Flying Adventures

Thanks to Nick Firestone and Mike Bealmear, we have photos of airplanes flown at the "Den" in St Peter's. These were taken at the first two indoor sessions. See more on page 2.



Oops! No trees but the gym has its hazards. How many did it take to remove a plane from this net without a ladder?

## Seasons Greetings!



## Flight Leaders

**President** — Rob Weismiller  
**Vice President** — Philip Foiles  
**Secretary /Treasurer**— Greg Emerick  
**Field Marshall**— Mike Marthaler  
**Safety Coordinator**— Mark Dudley  
**Public Relations**— Open  
**Webmaster** — Colin Mowery  
**News Editor** — Cynthia Scott  
 [cynsinterests@gmail.com]

## Where We Meet

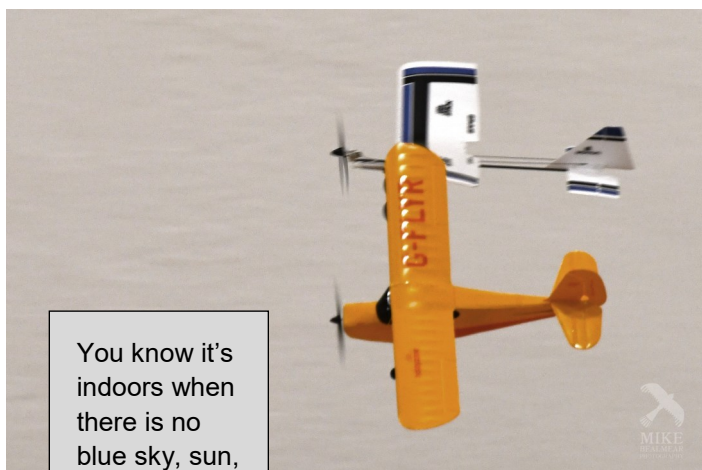
During the winter season, we meet at the **Atterbury Bakalar Museum**. We start at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday each month. **But not in December.**

**Indoor Flying** takes place at the "Den," a gymnasium at the St Peters Lutheran Church in downtown Columbus, on Sundays from 2-4 p.m..





# Indoor Flying, November 2024



You know it's indoors when there is no blue sky, sun, or clouds..



Steve Schroer  
preps his yellow  
bird for take off.



Waiting on  
the Flightline.

Vertical Take Off & Landing  
Aircraft (**VTOL**) are popular  
for military purposes.



## Indoor Flying Schedule

**Sunday afternoons,  
2-4 PM**

⇒ December 1

⇒ December 29

More dates TBD

# Club Business

## November Meeting Minutes



### Minutes from the November 5, 2024 Meeting

We met at the Atterbury-Bakalar Air Museum. Present 17.

### Membership Meeting Agenda

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Motion to accept last month's meeting minutes as published in newsletter, by Rob Weismiller, seconded by Dave Lynch. Motion approved.

### Officer Reports

- (John Vinson) **Treasurer** — we are solvent.
- (Mike Bealmear) **Secretary** — We have several new members: Anthony Perfetto, Nathan Perfetto, and Philip Emerich. Estimated total members now up to 42.
- (Mike Marthaler) **Field Marshall** —
  - Fill dirt has been added to the low spots in the runway. Issue: the fill dirt has a lot of gravel in it and needs to be raked out. November 16 will be a work day at the field to do this. Bring your rake and work gloves. Drinks will be provided by the club.
  - Dave Carothers has completed the second plaque for the memorial. Thank you Dave! It will be installed on Friday. Dave will also install the latest AMA safety code sign he made.

### Events

- Indoor Flying starts this Sunday (November 10, from 2-4 p.m. and is free to all AMA members.

### Old Business, Past action items:

- (Mike Marthaler) was to connect with Dave Carothers about having a sign made with the latest AMA Safety Code for posting at the field bulletin board. Mike has provided the updated code for Dave to start on the sign.

### New Business

- Club Officer Elections: the nominees were Rob Weismiller for President, Philip Foiles for VP, and Greg Emerick for Secretary/Treasurer. Votes were unanimous to approve all candidates.
- (Bryan Swank) Flight Training Program: A progress report will appear in the newsletter. We have a great group of flying instructors who offer their time! Thank you! The Joe Grube event brought forward eight new people who engaged in the RC Flight Training program. Brian is considering how we can advertise the training program in schools and with the EAA group. Brian is also exploring how we can get a couple of other REC training aircraft for the program.
- (Mike Bealmear) FPV Drone Raffle: Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. The drawing will be at the annual January Banquet. Tickets can be bought at meetings and at the indoor flying sessions. This is a fundraiser for the club!



## Minutes from the November 5, 2024 Meeting continued

### New Business continued

- The Club's Annual Banquet is tentatively planned for January 11, 2025. Steve Schroer will coordinate with St Peter's Lutheran church to reserve the room.

### Show & Tell and Announcements

- Mike Bealmear shared his method for heating cold epoxy using a hair dryer and a plastic milk jug.
- For her work on the newsletter, (non-flyer) Cynthia Scott was awarded a special membership card with the status "Honored Member Extraordinaire" on it. The club also bought the Roka kit she had coveted at the Joe Grube event: a wooden mechanical music box representing an airplane control tower. Now she must prove her kit-building abilities!
- Nick Firestone announced that the C-119 will be open for walk-thru by the public. The date is November 9, Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Mike Bealmear added that the Bakalar museum has a need for more volunteers to act as trainers and docents to help visitors use the flight simulator.



### Meeting Attendees

It was a dark and rainy night. Thank goodness we were indoors at the museum!

### Show and Tell



Cynthia Scott receives her "prize" from Mike Bealmear who told everyone about the many raffle tickets she bought in a failed effort to win it.



Mike Bealmear demonstrates how to heat and soften epoxy. The blue hair dryer directs hot air inside the modified milk bottle.

## Try, Try Again: Filling the Low Spots

From the November minutes:

- (Mike Marthaler) **Field Marshall** —
  - Fill dirt has been added to the low spots in the runway. Issue: the fill dirt has a lot of gravel in it and needs to be raked out. November 16 will be a work day at the field to do this. Bring your rake and work gloves. Drinks will be provided by the club.



Field grass won't grow well or evenly when fighting with rocks.

Those members keeping their eyes on club email know that Mike tried rescheduling the Saturday gravel-raking work party several times. The weather just would not cooperate!

Keep watching your email for a work party announcement. It may not be on a Saturday. Mike will pick any day that looks warm and dry enough for success.



Bring a rake and don't forget your gloves.

## Peanut Butter at the Banquet Again?

### FOOD INSECURITY **INCREASES**



Local pantries see more demand for help with food

On the front page of Saturday's *The Republic*, an article about the rise of hunger in Columbus reported the volume of food being distributed by Love Chapel and the Salvation Army. 11/30/2024

Despite a warehouse temporarily full to bursting with donated food, these agencies still need the public to offer more groceries. As fast as the food arrives, it goes out again.

Will we be asking for donations at the annual banquet in January? (TBD?) Maybe even if not there and then, we can still donate on our own.



# The Roko Control Tower Music Box

By Cynthia Scott



Be careful about what you give away. It could come back to haunt you! Your newsletter editor started assembling the Control Tower she received at the November meeting.

This item could appear at a future BCRCF event, perhaps as a fund-raising raffle prize.



Assembly of the Tower began with the motorized base.

The kit is going together much better than I expected for something made in China with thin wood. The music box must be wound using the key in the bottom of the base, which not the best design but workable.

I always read and follow instructions. These do not include the use of *Elmer's Glue All* but there have been a few pieces already that cried for extra strength.

I am planning to paint the airplanes and to maybe affix airplane postage stamps to the base.

## What is Your Winter Project?

Remember previous newsletter warnings? If no articles are submitted to the editor, she will make up stuff to fill the space.

Bryan Swank gave some suggestions. You could send pictures and text about how you stiffen plastic control rods, how you deal with weight and balance, or how you strengthen wings.

And what about crashes and other disasters? I'm sure you have stories to tell. Start sharing soon!

