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Our Days of Flying are Numbered!

The weather has suddenly turn into Fall.... There are only seven days left of Daylight Savings time which will pretty much curtail our night flying. There will be some Indian Summer days ahead so take advantage of those when you can. Mowing is scheduled for the next few weeks but may not be needed.

We welcomed a new member at last month's meeting, Jack Leffew. Be sure to introduce yourself to him at the field. Our membership has grown this year to 61 members. Thanks to all for your recruiting. There are a few members whose AMA registration expires before the end of the year, be sure to keep your membership current.

Sadly, Craig Everhart's father, Jerry, passed away recently. The Club and all its members offer our sincere condolences.

Our SUPER SCALE event was a great success this year. There were 30 registered pilots and several guest in attendance, one of our largest crowds in a long time. Revenue from the event was \$478. Thanks to all members that supported the event. Thanks to Jim Milthaler for the great table arrangement. Some pictures below and more on the website.

Swap meet season is in full swing with the Indy RC meet on November 8th in Greenfield, IN. followed by the Lexington meet on November 15th then the SMAC meet in Springfield on November 28th. The Stricker Grove meet turned out well with lots of visitors and a few airplane sales. Ron Siler is selling some of his airplanes. Contact Doug Miller to see what Ron has for sale. Included below is an article about the Midwest Collection.

The new training program is still progressing and should be ready by Spring of 2026.

Chef Greg ended the cooking season with \$136 left from the weekly donations. Many thanks to Greg for feeding the Club.

The Club is working on a new 5-year lease with the Hummel family. Our current lease expires on June 30, 2026, and we hope to have the new one in place long before that. Speaking of our rent, DUES FOR 2026 WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER MEETINGS.

October is nomination month for Officers and two Board members. The open positions are highlighted below.

Be sure to mark your calendars for our annual Christmas Party at TJ Chumpps, Tuesday, December 2nd at 6PM. We need RSVPs at the November meeting!

Our November meeting at the Franklin library is November 20st at 6:15PM. Please note the change, it is a week earlier to avoid the Thanksgiving Day holiday. See everyone next week.

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Open (2025)

Terry Wyant (2025)

Shawn Kappner (2026)

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Kim Birdseye

Next Board/Club Meeting

**Thursday, October 30^h
6:15PM, Franklin Library**



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What's Happening in the Club?

- Next meeting Tuesday, October 30th, 6:15PM – Franklin Library
- Nominations for Officers and Board members being taken this month.
- Swap Meet Season is in full swing, see the narrative.

2025 Officers and Board Members and Term

President – Tom Hapner (2025)

Vice President – Tom Shafer (2025)

Treasurer – Greg Newman (2025)

Secretary – Kim Birdseye (2025)

Board Member – Open (2024-2025)

Board Member – Terry Wyant (2024-2025)

Board Member - Danny Barnett (2025-2026)

Board Member – Shawn Kappner (2025-2026)

Mark your Calendars

October Meeting - October 30th, 6:15PM – Franklin Library

Old Timers Year End Luncheon – November 13th, 12 Noon-

Bennett's Pubical Restaurant, Miamisburg



November Meeting – November 20th, 6:15PM – Franklin

Library

WORKS Christmas Party – December 2, 2025, 6PM -

T J Chumpps, hope Santa's not a Chump!

Freeze Fly – Wednesday, January 1, 2026 - 11AM

WORKS Swap and Market

Here's some news from our Swap Master, Tom Hapner! Many of you know that I like to buy and sell at several swap meets in our area during the fall and winter months. To that end I monitor Facebook for airplanes and related items I can pick up and resell at these meets. Two weeks ago, I saw a post pop up for a room full of very dirty airplanes.



Among the comments of trash and offers of bonfires was one post about these being special. So I took a chance and commented about wanting to look at them before making an offer. The original post was looking for a thousand dollars. The poster then contacted me thru private chat and agreed to have me come look at them. The address they sent me was 400 South Indiana Street Hobart In. The address did not immediately register until later that evening. Then when it did come to me I ran downstairs to find my control line plans for the Midwest Products profile P40 that I printed last week. There it was on the plans.... I was going to Midwest Products.... I felt like Charlie, and I had just been given the Golden Ticket. So, on the following Monday I traveled the 3.5 hours to Hobart and met Paul King. Paul has been with Midwest for a little over 10 years. His wife has been with Midwest for almost 40 years. Their nephew in law just recently purchased the company to keep it open in Hobart. They still manufacture some of the highest quality balsa sheet and strip here and the also now make items for the home and garden markets. My visit there allowed me to tour the plant and meet many of the people that have brought joy to thousands of kids over the years. It was truly a visit that I will cherish the rest of my life. The airplanes I had come up to see have been hanging in the plant for almost 40 years. When they began to fall randomly, they took them all down and put into a part of the plant that has not been used in years.

So these airplanes are the prototypes and camera models that were produced by paid model makers and engineers at the company during their rather long history of making model aircraft and boat kits. If Midwest made it there is a very good chance, I have one or three of them. In an agreement between the current owner of Midwest and Myself they are



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mine to sell and place into the hands of people who will care for them properly. Some may go to the AMA museum, and some will be cleaned up and sold at the various swap meets I attend. And many will be cleaned up and kept or passed onto club members who have fond memories for Midwest. I am attaching some pictures of the airplanes prior to them being cleaned up and a couple of shots of one or two after cleaning so you all can see what is possible. If anyone is interested in any of the planes, please contact me and let me know so I can hold them back from the swap meets.

WORKS Flying Club 2025 Mowing Schedule As of: October 26, 2025

Week	Dates	Mowers
31	11/02 - 11/08	Shawn Kappner & Tom Hapner
32	11/09 - 11/15	Greg Newman & Al Asbury
33	11/16 - 11/22	Tim Anderson & Sam Parfitt

Alternate: Steve Richardson - 513-317-0646 - dorman07@yahoo.com
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Our new FEAST tables!!!



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SUPER SCALE Photos



Who Invited all these people!

