



Milan Flyers Gazette

March, 2009

Coming Events

2009

- 16 March **Milan Flyers Meeting**
7:00 PM at the Milan Senior Center
- 20 April **Milan Flyers Christmas Dinner**
7:00 PM at the Milan Senior Center
(Last Meeting until Fall)
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Note: The meetings (7:00PM) continue to be held at the Milan Senior Center located at: **45 Neckel Ct, Milan 48160** (Neckel Ct. is off of Wabash St.)

A few of us still meet for dinner before the meetings, at the Milan Big Boy just before 6:00pm. Please join us.

A very very Special Notice:

I am both thrilled and saddened to make the follow announcement.

John Cramer's estate (through his brother Jim and his mom Margaret: I've had the pleasure to meet them both and they are extraordinary people, as was John) has decided to donate \$1500 to

the Milan Flyers. I'll let the letter from Jim (below) provide the explanation.

I hope we get a large turnout at the March meeting so we can begin to discuss how to best utilize the money in an enduring memorial to John.

Signed,
Bob Hendricks

To the Milan Flyers,

Please accept this check for \$1500 from the estate of John E. Cramer.

The Sanford Road field was where John's boyhood dreams of modeling and r/c flight finally became reality. He soloed there and, over just a few years, he flew dozens of planes that he had built with the engineering-trained eye of a true craftsman; he taught many students the joys of r/c flight, including myself; he helped many pilots improve their aircraft and their flying skills; he learned new skills from the more experienced Milan Flyers; he lead the club as President for a few years; and, he greatly enjoyed many hours of "hanger flying," camaraderie, and just watching pilots of all skill levels enjoy the wonders of flight.

John particularly enjoyed instructing people interested in being r/c pilots. He liked feeling that he was part of the realization of someone's dream of flight, like his MF instructor was to him. Because of this, it is the preference of John's estate that some of the money be used to enhance the instructional program. The club can decide on how best to accomplish this, but since John had gotten into electric-powered flight, and park flyers are becoming a bigger part of the hobby, please consider this when making your decisions.

John also enjoyed the Fun Fly events and the annual Air Show put on by the club. He liked the Fun Fly because pilots and aircraft were asked to do things they wouldn't normally, resulting in unplanned and usually humorous events. He liked the Air Shows because they brought out many club pilots and lots of aircraft for the public to see, possibly generating an interest in r/c flight in some of the many spectators that came to watch. If the club wishes, some of the money can be used to enhance the pilot and/or spectator experiences for these events. Otherwise, the club may do as they see fit with this donation, with the primary goal of benefiting the membership.

Respectfully,

James Cramer (brother)
Margaret Cramer (mother)

Last Call for this Great Club Opportunity!!

Tom Krogell, the sponsor of the ETOC in Toledo is asking the Milan Flyers for volunteer workers. The ETOC and indoor flying occurs on April 3rd and 4th, the same weekend as the Weak Signals Toledo RC Expo. So, you can attend the Expo (getting deals on RC supplies), and also volunteer to have fun making money for our club. When you work the ETOC or other flying gyms, you get to see some of the world's best RC flyers. The so called work is just down right fun. (Just don't tell Tom!) We need around 14 to 16 members. The donation to the club will be more than the \$500 we received last year, if we can get enough members to participate.

This year's event will be held at Toledo's Central High School, a different venue, where there will be 3 gyms in the same building and tom figured that he will need around 15 people to help out, the gym duty will start on Friday around 4 pm until 11 pm, and on Sat it will be from 12 noon until 11 pm and we need to help him with all 3 gyms. He said that he will be more generous on helping us with funding and that any of us can fly free in the 2 open flying gyms when not working.

So, please put it on your calendar and contact Calvin, as soon as possible at:

cmitch232@comcast.net

or 734-677-5842

We plan to discuss our volunteer status with Calvin at the March meeting.
Milan Flyers Minutes

February 16, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Bob Hendricks, at 7:05 p.m.
Eight members were present.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: \$3,866.86 on hand

Old Business:

Mike Penner has accessed the website and is working on content and updates. A discussion was held on what the content might include.

Workers are still needed for ETOC the first weekend in April. Any interested are requested to contact Calvin Mitchell by email at cmitch232@comcast.net.

The business meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ken Gable.

Special Notice:

Please remember to send to Jim Jagdmann your 2009 Milan Flyers membership application and dues. The dues have not changed for 2009 and are still just \$30. Over 90% of the dues goes toward providing field maintenance and the annual cost of our AMA club charter. Please mail yours in soon.

Favorite Web Sites:

Mike Penner (thanks again Mike) has updated our Milan Flyers' website, please take a look.

www.milanflyers.org

Our Milan Flyer's website

www.rippinfoamies.com

(John Cramer's website which his brother Jim has committed to keeping operational. Please visit.)

If you have a good website or two to share, please e-mail them to me at bob-hendricks@verizon.net so I can put them in the newsletter.

The Milan Flyers have plenty of great, yet challenging items to discuss at the March meeting, please attend, we need your input.

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