

GREAT Freeze-Fly 2025!

There were 12 in attendance and 6 of us flew.



In attendance: Bill Brucken, Mike Morgan, Tom Bean,
Jim Martin,
John Drake, Troy Sloan, Joe Hammond,
Jim Hammond, Mo Azar, Greg Hladky, Jeff Holsinger,
Bruce Curlette



Wearing the right gear was important as it allowed

people the ability to smile as well as assemble their airplane without suffering from frostbite!



It was cold, windy and little snow pellets came at us side-ways sometimes, but we all had a good time! Is that a JET under the table to the left? Yes, Greg flew his jet!



Special recognition goes to Jim and Joe Hammond
for being REALLY Old
School and flying Glow Engines! Here's Joe flying a
glow powered Cougar or something like that.



Here's Jim's "little" Telemaster after a successful, if not entertaining flight.

Not all of us were as fortunate as the wind was pretty brutal on the little planes. Bruce took several tries to get his T-28 to take off in the crosswind. Finally, he had to take off crossways. Others took off just fine but had a challenge coming in.



But if you know Mike, he is the epitome of positivity. It ain't nothing that he can't fix!



Even at this late date, the field was beautifully manicured by Jeff.



After we all got done flying, we headed off to have lunch!

All in all, it was an encouraging time. Lot's of good conversation, brief moments of flying and much warm camaraderie. We've got a great club!

MIAMI RC WINTER DINNER

January 25th 2025 at T J CHUMPS

We had a GREAT time at TJ Chumps for our Winter Dinner.

We had 39 people, which is 10 more than last year and 11 more than had signed up for the original date! It was so packed that we may need to think about another venue for next year.



The food was good and this year we had plenty of appetizers: wings, cheese sticks, quesadillas and soft pretzel sticks.

Next year, YOU need to come if you didn't come this year. There's lots of good mingling and conversation in addition to the good food.

It was good to have Pam Klingler and Lynn Finn there as well. Pam and Lynn were married to Mark Klingler and John Finn and even now give invaluable help to Miami R/C, especially at our picnics.



The Winter Dinner serves as a fitting end to our 2024 season and a celebration of our upcoming 2025 season, which if this year's Winter Dinner is any indication, will be our best season yet!

Next year, please consider coming and joining the fun. It's a true indication of just how dynamic and healthy Miami R/C is. You are a part of our club's success, so you should be there, too!

I'll see you at the field when the weather breaks!

All the best,

Bruce

Pictures from January 2025 INDOOR FLY at BMS



MIAMI RC WITH STE(A)M NIGHT

At Bellbrook Middle School

March 13, 2025

Miami R/C pulled off another great STE(A)M night at Bellbrook Middle School. 10 members who are committed to sharing our great hobby with young people gave a captivating presentation showing how much fun RC flying can be. A special thank you to Tom Bean for doing the legwork for the past few years that has developed our dynamic partnership with BMS and its students.



It was very crowded around our table! Randy Hatton, Doug Manson, Jim Martin and Keith Numbers were on their feet for over 2 hours answering questions and talking about all the cool models that were on display.

Tom Bean pulled quadruple duty with being the organizer, presenter, pilot and buddy-box trainer for the flying demonstration. Here, he's showing off Keith's turbine.



Randy Hatton put together a neat model showing how the electronics of a RC plane works and talked about it in an engaging way. I mean really, since when is a little girl paying such close attention to an adult? And just look at that little boy! He's fascinated!!!



I think Keith Everly worked the hardest as he had over 50 kids come and learn to fly using the giant-screen simulator. There was always a crowd around him with someone waiting to go next. He even had a kindergarten kid who actually flew without crashing!

Now, is that a great teacher or what?!



The flying demonstration was a big hit! At every half-hour we gave about a 20 minute demonstration. Our pilots were Tom, Doug Erhardt, Jim Martin, Rick Current and Tim Herr. We started off with a Vapor Pylon Race. This really gave the audiences something to cheer about as we had a mid-air collision, two hit the wall and a third hit a pylon. Not all at the same demonstration, though! Tom would routinely win the race but Doug showed how to fly with grace and supremely smooth control. Then we went to our 3-D Aerobatic Headliner, Rick. He put on two demonstrations showing just how daring and imaginative RC flying can be. He held nothing back. In between his two demonstrations Tim Herr flew his micro helicopter.



At the end of each demonstration the pilots talked with the audience. Tom even got the chance to let some of the less shy kids a chance on the buddy-box.



In addition to all of this, we even had a raffle! There was a constant stream of folks signing up.



At the very end of the evening we raffled off the two items.



The T-28 and radio, donated by Jim Dalton, was the grand prize. Newly minted AMA District III Vice President Jim Martin had the honor of drawing the winning raffle tickets.



Here he is presenting the grand prize winner. Nice company shirt, Jim!



No one, and I mean, no one left our table or our flying demonstrations without a smile on their face. Our members did a GREAT job of showing everyone how RC flying can be an enjoyable addition to anyone's life, but especially the young people. STE(A)M night at BMS is just one of many activities that Miami R/C is involved with. Anyone who says Miami R/C is not interested in bringing in young people to our wonderful hobby doesn't know us at all.

Spring seems like it has sprung! I look forward to flying with you OUTSIDE in the coming days! And as you are out at the field, be alert to young visitors and their parents. At every flying demonstration we gave an open invitation for them to come out and discover RC flight. Tom also collected many emails for follow-ups. A welcoming club is a successful club!

By Bruce C.

ROLLING, ROLLING, ROLLING

April 28, 2025



A big THANK YOU goes to members Brian Reber and Rick McCarty for rolling the field!

It's certainly NOT an easy task. The roller travels at about 5 or so miles an hour, so it takes about 3 hours to do the field. And you know what? Our field is pretty big when you start rolling it! For a good perspective, take a look at Rick waving at us from the other side of the field.

So, you see it's quite the time commitment that these two men have made. And that roller just doesn't readily get up and go, either. It takes real expertise in getting that little engine rolling, especially after it has been sitting for about 11 months. Rick is our new Roller Whisperer. Previous Whisperers have been Jim Dalton and Russ Bertke. Thanks to them, all he had to do was rebuild the carb in order for it to run, but he has it purring like a kitten now!



Here Rick is making sure every bump submits to the authority of the roller. The more picky he is, the better the field is for us!

Yessiree, rolling the field is not for the faint of heart! Brian and Rick had a tag-team going. Because the cockpit isn't the most comfortable, each man went around twice or so and then handed it off to the other.

Of course, when a machine is out in the open weird things happen that call for weird solutions. Here's Brian and Rick plugging a hole in the gas can with a foam ear plug.





Thank you Brian and Rick for sacrificing your time and energies in order that Miami R/C might have a smoooooooooth field.

As we get closer to the official outdoor flying season, here's a quick review of our

**2025 INDOOR FLY
SEASON at
Bellbrook Middle School**



This indoor season was our 5th year of flying at Bellbrook MS, and for the past few years we have been holding strong with 7 events. This season started with 1 fun-fly in December, 1 in January, 1 in February, 2 in March, and 2 in April.



We had a grand total of 68 pilots join the fun this season, and we even had one of our Jr. MRC members join us with a new indoor plane he received for Christmas. Isn't that awesome!!



I think it's fair to say that everyone had a good time! While we are all looking forward to the outdoor season, please keep in mind that the indoor season will be here before you know it.

So the next time you are at a swap meet, hobby shop, or online and come across that indoor aircraft you've always wanted - indulge yourself and we'll see you during the **2026 INDOOR Flying SEASON**



SUMMER PICNIC

Saturday May 24, 2025 Report by Bruce

Everyone had a GREAT time at the Welcome to Summer picnic! About 40 people came to usher in the official opening of our flying season and to welcome in summer. Jeff had the field looking like a putting green. All we had to do was get out and fly!



First of all, although the day started out a little cool, the weather was just right. The sunshine kept everyone warm and the wind was very light.



The sky was beautiful and the flying was terrific. What wind there was was right down the runway.



Here's Rick, Jack, Tom and Tim catching some thermals with their gliders. Tim won the endurance contest as he was up for at least 30 minutes. As you can see, Jack has either lost his plane in the clouds or is suffering from fatigue!



There were lots of neat planes on the flightline. Gerry and his wife came loaded for bear!



Of course, all that flying makes a person hungry. We had a really delicious spread thanks to everyone who brought things to share. We had 3 kinds of homemade pasta salad, we had homemade coleslaw, we had a rice casserole, we had sugar-free strawberry shortcake, we had homemade brownies, we had homemade pie...we had everything you could want! And a special THANK YOU goes to Pat Drake for grilling and to her helpers for making everything just right!



Just look at this spread!

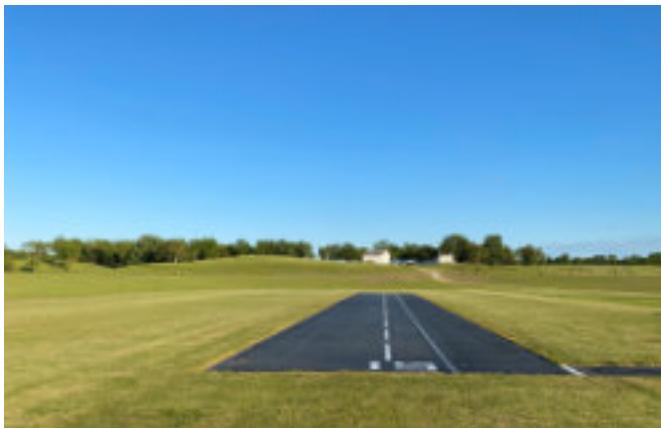


Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves!



And everyone seemed to have safe skies, as well. Towards around 2 or so, the wind really picked up, briefly, but then settled back down for the rest of the day.

Of course, there's always someone who has to push the envelope. Here's Jim, our Old School master, showing everyone what flying with 40-year old Monokote can do for you!



It was a beautiful day at a beautiful field. It just doesn't get any better than this!

If you've never been to one of our picnics, YOU SHOULD! It's just a good time. We are truly blessed to have what we have. That means the beautiful field AND the great members.

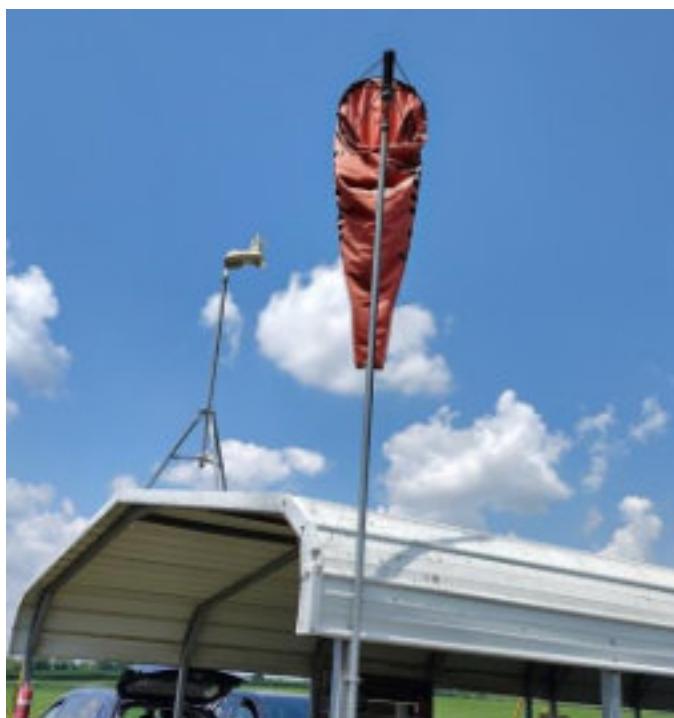
Our next event is July 5. I want to see YOU there!

Until then, get out here!
All the best,
Bruce

4th July PICNIC REPORT

FANTASTIC!

Our Annual 4th of July Picnic was a huge success! We had over 55 people there--the most we've ever had. How's that for evidence that we are a healthy, growing club?



The weather was great. I mean, really, how many times do you see THIS at our field? Although it was a bit hot, there was just enough breeze to keep us from melting but not enough to interfere with flying any type of aircraft.



Of course, the day wasn't just for flying and visiting...it was for EATING! Pat Drake was kept BUSY for about 2 hours of straight grilling. It was a very good thing that the other ladies pitched in--keeping the food area organized and updated





The field was paced from one end...



...to the other.



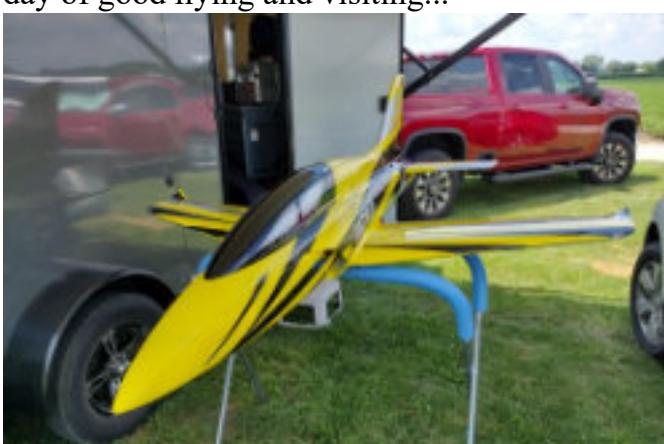
People were settling in for a wonderfully long day of good flying and visiting...



There was plenty of great food and plenty of people to eat it! Here's a list of all the HOMEMADE items:

Mac and Cheese
Cheesy Potatoes
Taco Salad
Devilled Eggs
Rice Casserole
Broccoli Salad
Pasta Salad
Many Desserts

Fresh watermelon was also brought and it disappeared quickly in the hot weather. Everyone had their fill and the food DISAPPEARED!



As I said, there were all sorts of aircraft, from a tiny B-2 bomber that flew really well all the way to turbine jets with everything in between. Here's Jeff's new toy:

Several couples were celebrating momentous milestones this month. John and Pat Drake, Mike and Chris Morgan and Joey and Marianne Brewster are all celebrating over FIFTY years of marriage this month. THIS is what a club should be all about--flying and eating, yes, but more than that-- the celebrating together of these types of important milestones. We also had the great honor of witnessing the spreading of former member John Finn's ashes on the field. John was a very active member of Miami R/C and he is greatly missed. John would frequently come out to the field on his lunch break just to sit and enjoy the area. He was also an excellent pilot and would always be ready to pitch in to make the field better, especially when it required heavy machinery. He considered Miami R/C another home and its members, part of his extended family. Because of this, his wife Lynn Finn, wanted to make our field part of his final resting place. She and a number of other family members took turns spreading the ashes.

Thank you, Lynn, for allowing us to walk with you in what could only have been an intensely bittersweet experience. Thank you for sharing John with us--while he was a member and in this solemn act.



There is still plenty of summer left! Don't forget about Hot Dog Wednesdays (1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month through August). Our next full-scale picnic will be in early October or late September. Until then, I look forward to seeing you at the field!

All the best,
Bruce

Great Times! 2025

Hey Miami R/Cers!

We've been having GREAT times the past weeks, despite the rain, heat and humidity.

First of all, we had a HUGE turnout for last week's Hot Dog Wednesday!



Hot Dog Wednesday will continue next Wednesday, Aug. 20 and into Sept. as weather allows. A BIG thank you goes to Pat Drake for grilling and setting things up and for cleaning up. It's not an easy job, but she does it with a smile.



Then, we've had three very committed members work hard to keep our field in top condition.

First, the farmer got a new fertilizing machine with 100 foot booms. 50 feet of one boom went over our field and it got fertilized, along with about another 50 feet from the wind. Now, this weird grass (goose grass) has taken over like crazy and is growing so fast that Jeff has to cut 3 times a week--and at the beginning 2 days in a row. Every time he cuts, which now takes about twice as long, he's got to go power wash his deck to get all the grass out. Plus, he's burned through 2 belts because of this. Thank you, Jeff, for being faithful and determined to keep the grass cut in a way we can all fly off from it.

Second, Mike Morgan put in a new latch on the Port-o-Potty. Now we can all go there to do our business without fear of someone interrupting! Thank you, Mike!

Finally, Rick McCarty cleaned out the gutters in the shelter, got rid of all the bird stuff, and put in screens so they can't come back. This will make a huge difference in the amount of the bird poop that we usually find in the shelter.



Rick also put brushes at every table to we can clean off whatever the previous evening left us.

Thank you, Rick, Mike and Jeff!

A club like ours depends on all its members, and it's members like these three men that make Miami R/C great!

There's still lots of time left in the season. I look forward to flying with you soon.

All the best,

Bruce

P.S. Our Annual End-of-Summer Picnic will be Sept. 20.

Hey Miami R/Cers!

We had a good time at our So Long Summer picnic. The weather was perfect, the winds were perfect, Jeff had the grass looking perfect and Pat grilled everything perfectly!

The club gave Pat a big box of chocolates for her faithfulness and expertise in grilling for EVERY picnic and EVERY Hot Dog Nite! THANK YOU, Pat!!!

Also, Rick McCarty did Pat a favor by taking the grill and pressure washing it. Talk about a dirty job! But, the grill worked great, Pat was happy and the burgers and dogs tasted great!

There were a number of ladies who helped with the set-up and clean-up. Thank you to everyone who made the picnic enjoyable! THAT'S a hard thing to do when there's so many guys around.

Here's the main course table.



Baked beans, deviled eggs, taco casserole, home-made coleslaw and more. Of course, we had Ruthie's broccoli salad. That's the only way we let Henry come to the picnic.

There was also a large dessert spread, but by the time I remembered to take a pic, everything was gone or mostly so!

It was a good crowd, 37 total. We usually have about 45, so that's a little fewer than normal, but the food disappeared, so everyone enjoyed themselves. The line was pretty long but no one got left out.



We had lots of flying as almost everyone came with something to fly. We even had the president of the Clinton Model Aviators join us. He was impressed with our large turnout. He has graciously invited us to the CMA fly-in on Oct. 4. Food will be served and everyone from Miami R/C is invited!



Here's the flight-line at 11am. Already it's filling up and more came throughout the day. Hey, look at that windsock! Is there something wrong with it? It's not sticking straight out!

All in all, it was a very good time. Everyone flew without incident except for a couple equipment failures. Still, no one crashed or landed in the corn.

This is our last event for the season. Our next event is our Annual Freeze-Fly. Brrrrrrr! Let's not talk about that until we have to!

I hope to fly with you before the cold sets in.

All the best,

Bruce

MRC & BELLBROOK MS 7TH GRADE STEM CLASSES



This past September, three volunteers (Rick Current, Jim Martin, and Tom Bean) from MRC worked with 7th graders at Bellbrook MS students in their STEM classes (Flight & Space).



Indoor and outdoor flight demonstrations, an aviation presentation, and buddy-box flying with 12 students took place.



The highlight of each class was Jim's candy drop with his big Red Hen.

Glider build and Fly w/ BMS STEM

Big thank you to four of our MRC members who lead a FliteTest foam glider build and test fly afterwards with STEM students at Bellbrook Middle School (Flight & Space classes) in late October. Rick Current, Keith Everly, Jim Martin, and Tom Bean helped over 50 students with their builds and test flights. All went well and the students had a great time.

