

On the Fly



By the time you read this New Year's should be in the books and with any luck page 1 is full of

Your Gear Off' pictures filled with smiles or chattering teeth.

So while there is no reason to rally the troops here for a "chili" day. Flying outside is still good reason to look for ways to get everyone pumped up for indoor racing. And while we have; no rules, no single airframe, no single battery (although we did decide on a single cell), no single motor (although we did want a brushed motor), no specific ESC we do have a tacitall desire to make a race happen. On January 14 we hope to have a couple of workable designs flying at North Montgomery. Then we can take a any successful one-design, return home, and build our own.

The fly in the ointment has been building that first one and being prepared to dump it for a different plane or design. Personally I tried to build a 6 inch Nutball but, silly me, I didn't follow a pre-designed plane. It didn't work. I built it too heavy; I had a CG problem, a battery mount problem... Round one: Physics.

So, time to scrap my first

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attempt. Cast aside and try again.

Along those lines, since this is traditionally (re)building season, I'm wondering to myself how bad is bad enough to surrender a plane to the parts heap? Everyone has that plane that needs tweaking, sometimes between flights. But I'm talking how many, not usually disassembled, parts filled in a crash basket is unrecoverable?

Or would time best be spent fixing less critically injured gear. Yeah it was THAT kind of year.

So here is to 2024!



"This is so cool! I'm flying this thing completely on my Palm pilot!"



Our next monthly meeting will be held at Fresh Thyme Market



December Club Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2023

At Fresh Thyme Market community room.

Eleven members were present.

Treasures report by Bill V. stated that \$1299.25 was reported for last month.

An income of \$210.00 from membership fees, and donations.

\$40 was made off the Jack Ott auction.

The balance for this month is \$13102.06

The minutes were approved for this past month.

Old Business:

First was the renewal of officers.

Randy L. continues as V.P. Secretary and Tom S continues as President. We are still looking for someone to fill the post of Treasurer. Please consider serving.

Next on discussion was the possible indoor wing racing ship. Several ideas were suggested. The Test Flight Squirrel, Flite Test nutball to name a few.

Randy L. brought in a kit from Dancing Wing Hobby of a foam wing built like our Assassin wings. It was suggested everyone send suggestions in for micro RC sites to investigate for possible planes to use. Begin building planes to fly at the January 14 indoor fly-in.

Next came the upcoming Club annual dinner. It will again be held at the Red Bird Café in Dayton on January 20th

at 7 p.m. By the writing of this newsletter, you should have received an invitation asking for your food order for the evening.

Some suggested we might have a AMA published swap meet at one of the N.M indoor fly-ins. It will be checked on with Rob the sponsor. Tony brought gifts for the club and handed out tickets for a raffle for them free of charge. Thanks Tony, for your generous gesture.

The January 1 “Freeze Your Gear Off” is annually held at the north field. All are invited to attend. If flooded, the south field will be used.

Motion to adjourn was made by Tony V. and seconded by Bill V.

Submitted by

RLL

December board Minutes

No board meeting was necessary for this month.

Micro RC sites

<https://www.stevensaero.com/>

<https://www.buzzardmodels.com/>

<https://www.dwhobby.com>

<https://microbirds.com/micro-beetle-rc/>

<https://micronwings.com/>

North Montgomery Indoor Fly-in Schedule

Sunday's

January 14, 28

February 11, 25

March 10

Work tables, electricity, AC/Heat are provided.



2024 CALENDAR of EVENTS

Jan 1, 2024	Freeze Your Gear Off	North field	12 noon
Jan 3, 2024	Club and Board Meeting	Fresh Thyme	7 p.m.
Jan 14, 24	N. Montgomery		2-5 p.m.
Jan 28, 2024	N. Montgomery		2-5 p.m.
Feb. 7, 2024	Club and Board Meeting	Fresh Thyme	7 p.m.
Feb. 11, 2024	N. Montgomery		2-5 p.m.
Feb. 25, 2024	N. Montgomery		2-5 p.m.
Mar. 6, 2024	Club and Board Meeting	Fresh Thyme	7 p.m.
Mar. 10, 2024	N. Montgomery		2-5 p.m.
Apr. 3, 2024	Club and Board Meeting	Fresh Thyme	7 p.m.
May 1, 2024	Club and Board Meeting	Fresh Thyme	7 p.m.
June 5, 2024	Club and Board Meeting	Fresh Thyme/?	7 p.m.

Always check the online calendar at the website, <http://lafayettecloudjockeys.us/> for the most accurate dates and times.

January 1, 2024



First dead-stick of the year after loosing a prop.



A possible indoor racer?

Procedure for paying your club dues to the Lafayette Cloud Jockeys, Inc.

Whether you are new or renewing your Lafayette Cloud Jockey membership you will be required to show, or provide a copy of, your current AMA membership card.

If there are no changes in contact information (Address, Phone, Email) a renewal form is not needed for returning members. New members MUST fill out a membership renewal form to provide all of their current contact information.

AT CLUB MEETINGS

See a club officer (preferably your treasurer) and show your AMA card and remit your dues according to the schedule.

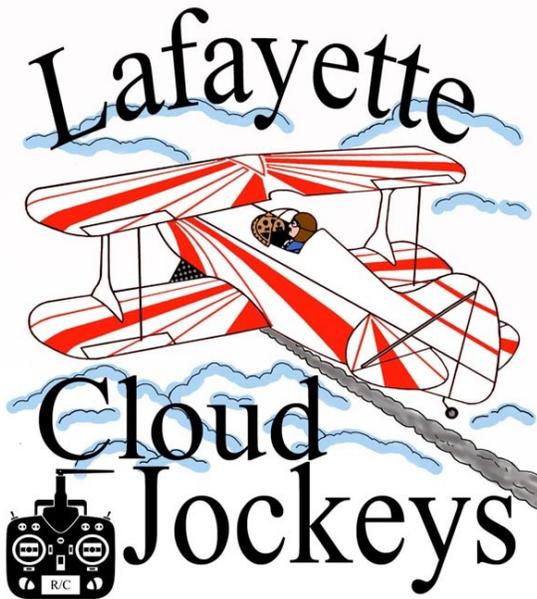
STEVE'S HOBBY WORLD*

Fill out the membership renewal, if needed, and include a copy of your AMA card. Remit the correct payment for your dues (checks preferred) enclosed in an envelope and placed in the LCJ drop box.

MAIL IN MEMBERSHIP*

Same as above except the envelope is posted to :
Lafayette Cloud Jockeys
Attn. Treasurer, P.O. Box 236
Dayton, IN 47941

(Please call or email an officer to insure the mail will be picked up.)



* If you use either mail or the drop box please take the additional step of emailing:

Lafayette.cloud.jockeys@gmail.com

To insure your renewal gets processed quickly.

Membership Renewal Time..

A.) Members pay \$50 for the entire year no matter when they renew their membership. There is no penalty for late payment but also NO dues reduction for a partial year.

New members:

B.) From January 1st to May 30th. a new member pays full membership dues of \$50.

C.) From June 1st to September 30th. New member pays \$30.

D.) After October 1st a new member pay \$50 and this will also cover the full following year.

As always for full membership in the club you must present your current AMA card or the receipt of payment for your AMA dues.

Name

Street / Apt:

City, State, Zip:

Phone (Land or Cell):

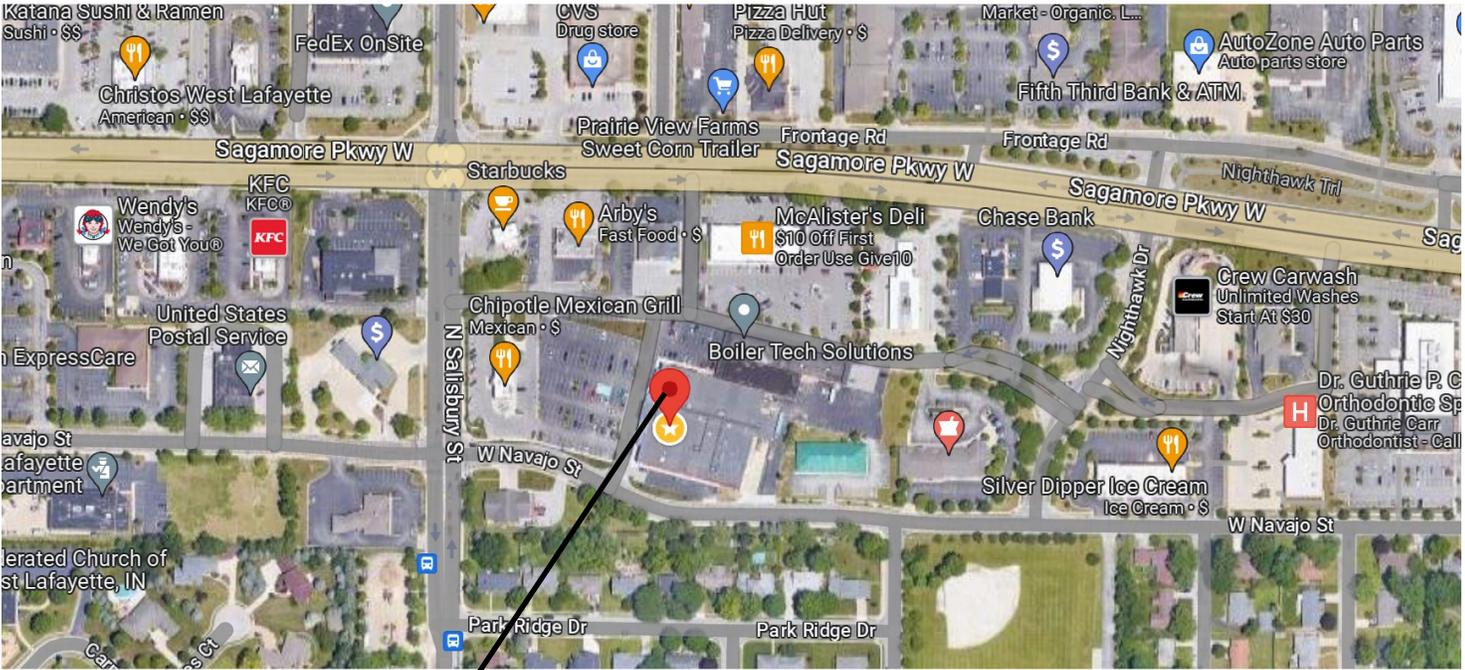
Email :

(Email copies of the Flypaper and other alerts are distributed as blind copies to maintain individual privacy.)

Amount Paid: Check No.

\$ _____

AMA # _____



Fresh Thyme Market

If you can walk away from a landing, it's a good landing. If you use the airplane the next day, it's an outstanding landing.

Chuck Yeager



Courtesy of www.iflyamerica.org
"It's been a long winter, so I thought I'd catch up on some flying time. I should only be gone for a month or two."



Courtesy of www.iflyamerica.org
"Yes, boss, I am in bed sick. That noise? I'm watching a movie with a plane in it."

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Always check the online Calendar for the latest updates