

## **A meeting of the Hardin County Radio Control Modelers was conducted September 17<sup>th</sup> 2025**

A motion was submitted to open the meeting at 7:00 PM. The motion passed.

### **Attendees:**

Kevin Cartwright	Joe Milesko	John Suarez
Roger Duggins	H Morgan	George Watts
Jake Apperson	Christopher Morgan	Norman Poynter
Glenn Greenwell	Nathaniel Morgan	
William Jones	Al Oertle	
Steve Margolis	Bill Rademacher	

### **Treasurer Report:**

The club has \$499.93 in the club bank account.

### **Secretary Report:**

Membership is 29 paid members

### **Agenda:**

Field Improvements mentioned:

Roof Sealing

Road Grading – Al Oertle will check in with Kenny Wayne who has the grading equipment. Kenny may have had open heart surgery and may be recovering.

### **Nite Fly:**

The nite fly will take place on 18 October 2025. Sun set is 7:00 PM that evening. The alternate date is 1 November 2025.

You may arrive early and fly in the daylight. Of course, the members who are vampires will wait until 7:10 or so to arrive. Bring your own drinks, smokes, food etc. Coffee and donuts will be provided. More info to follow as we get closer.

### **Freeman Lake float fly:**

We will conduct a casual float fly at Freeman Lake on Wednesday 24 September 2025. Bill Rademacher will have the boat for recovery on site at 4:00 pm.

### **Discussion:**

A motion was put forward to widen the landing strip by adding a graduated parallel cutting on the east side of the runway. Motion was approved.

A motion was made to explore cutting a cross wind runway. Motion was approved.

A motion was made to increase 2026 yearly dues to \$75.00. Motion was approved.

The request to put a cloth runway on part of the landing strip was addressed. The president explained that it was not feasible from the prospective of the County Landfill managers.

A discussion was also had over advertising, adding new members and establishing an airshow of sorts for the public. It was explained that several members post videos of their flying to various social media platforms and receive numerous views. It was also remarked that the public is not aware of the club.

I welcome any one who will step up and do the work, the networking, the social media management, and so on. And I am all for participating in events for the public. Lead the way.

Though some of us are old as dirt, we are aware of social media. Bill Rademacher owns a Web Hosing company that frequently advises clients on social media implementations and estimated ROI. George Watts was a CIO of a large healthcare provider which leveraged social media. H. Morgan is a SQL server administrator which is frequently the backend for data collection on social media implementations. And there are others. But we don't film ourselves all the time and upload it. Why would we? Social media does not hold the same spell over older folks as it does younger folks. We just don't need the self affirmation. If you post and get thousands of views, great. Any of those people join the club? If not, then it is just an ego trip, which is fine.

Apparently not every club member knows we have a website. Or that we have a Facebook page and a Youtube channel. These are posted right on the homepage of the website. Think of a website as a permanent reference, an up to date archive of sorts. Always there, any time, available on any media world wide.

The thing that makes me chuckle inside with all these ideas for the club is the work involved in managing a presence, let alone any pieces of the work essential for having a club worth continuing. We have had only a handful of members (if that) do club work like manage the website, manage social media, manage events, run events, and fill club officer jobs, coach new members, interface with the county and with the AMA, share links and event flyers in email and on and on.

If you are not familiar with the history of the club, you would not realize that we used to host Swap meets, Fly-ins, Fun flies, Float flies; all nationally advertised. We have placed brochures at hobby shops. We have performed frequent demonstrations for schools and various organizations. We also set up at the Heartland Festival and flew off Freeman lake frequently there. We also performed at a funeral for a beloved club member. We trained Ft. Knox soldiers how to build and manage their target aircraft. Some of these events are recorded in the photo area of the website. And over and over again, the same people organized and ran the events year after year. I think we have only one contest director in the club.

At 7:42 pm a motion was made to end the meeting. The motion was approved.