



BCRC Flyer

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Sorry You Missed It: Super February Raffle

Our **fundraising raffle** on February 6 was an event full of impressive items to win. Ticket sales brought the club \$78.

There were five new items purchased by the club from Bob Smith Industries. And eight items were donated by club members. Five ticket holders swept up the dozen offerings: Mark Dudley (1), Stan Durnal (2), Greg Emerick (4), Matt Finney (2), Steve Schroer (1), and Gary Waters (2).

These images of the many prizes are representatives taken from The Internet. (The editor makes no claim to accuracy.) See what you missed by not being there or not joining the raffle!



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To The Blue Yonder

We sadly mark the recent passing of members who are missed. We want to believe they have clear skies and a smooth flight ahead in their next universe.

- **Russ Kuhn**, 1963-2023
- **Jim Sachleben**, 1947-2024
- **Dan Patton**, 1937-2024



Two More Indoor Flying Dates

The 2024 Indoor Flying Season has two more dates. Join us at St. Peter's Lutheran Church (in the "Den") from 2:00 to 4:00 PM on Sunday, **March 10** and **March 24**. Come and enjoy the Buzz!

Have a story? A fond flying memory? Your newsletter editor can help you shape it into an interesting piece for the next edition. Email: cynsinterests@gmail.com



Greg Emerick is scheduled for heart surgery in March. Check back here for President notes in future issues of the newsletter.

Regular Club Meetings



BCRCF meets on the first Tuesday each month at *El Nopal* Mexican restaurant on National Road. Business starts at 6:30, but arrive by 6:00 if you want to have dinner and some social time.

What's Next in the Air?

- * **March 2** (Sat.) Monroe County RC Club SWAP Meet 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Monroe County Fair Grounds 5700 W. Airport Rd, Bloomington. Contact Tim Mellott 812-821-6137 warbird142@gmail.com.
- * **April 13-15**, Jim Richmond Open, Indoor Free Flight at West Baden Springs. <https://www.indoorffsupply.com/event-registrations/2024-jim-richmond-open-west-baden>
- * **April 20** at 9 a.m., Phil's Hobby Shop Swap and Sale, Fort Wayne. *Ed. Note: Their Facebook page says other vendors are welcome; they had 75 last year.*
- * **May 24-26**, Memorial Weekend Impromptu Fun Fly at the AMA Site #3 in Muncie. <https://www.modelaircraft.org/events/memorial-day-impromptu-fun-fly-3>
- * **May 25** (Sat.) Electric Fly-in/Swap hosted by Midwest Sundowners, Wheeler. <https://www.sundownersrc.com/>



Our Flight Leaders

President — Greg Emerick
Vice President — Rob Weismiller
Secretary — Mike Bealmear
Treasurer — John Vinson
Field Marshall — Mike Marthaler
Safety Coordinator — Mark Dudley
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What Do You Know About Bill Lear?

Tom Hartman worked for Bill Lear in the 1970s in Reno, Nevada.



From Wikipedia:

William Powell Lear (June 26, 1902 – May 14, 1978) was an American inventor and businessman. He is best known for founding [Learjet](#), a manufacturer of [business jets](#). He also invented the [battery eliminator](#) for the [B battery](#), and developed the [car radio](#) and the [8-track cartridge](#), an audio tape system. Throughout his career of 46 years, Lear received over 140 patents.

One of Lear's most innovative projects was his last — a revolutionary aircraft called the [LearAvia Lear Fan 2100](#), a seven-passenger aircraft whose single [pusher propeller](#) was powered by two turbine engines. The fuselage of this aircraft was made of lightweight [composite materials](#), instead of the more typical aluminum alloys. The Lear Fan was ultimately never completed; at the time of his death Lear asked his wife, Moya, to finish it. With the help of investors she attempted to do so, but the aircraft failed to obtain [FAA](#) certification and so was never put into production.

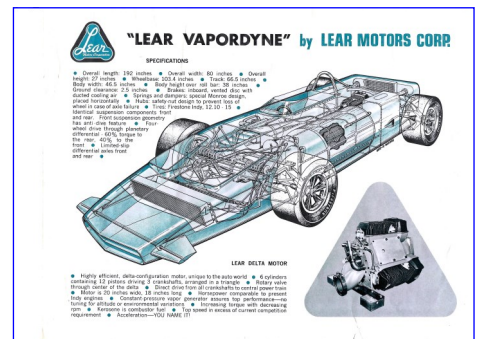


First Edition biography, signed by Moya Lear.



Promotion Kit with photos and brochure.

Race car and engine Tom worked on.



AMA NEWS

Part of an article from the AMA website: January 17, 2024, by Holly Silvers

Remote ID Compliance and Resources

As a reminder, the FAA will be ending its Discretionary Enforcement Policy for Remote ID compliance on March 16, 2024. Radio-controlled operators must then comply with Remote ID requirements through Standard Remote ID, use of a broadcast module, or by flying at a FRIA site. AMA has shared with the FAA that most AMA sites have FRIA status or are close to receiving a Remote Identification Authorization Exemption; however, many individuals are still finding it difficult to obtain a module. Although the FAA recognizes that modules are still scarce, more have become available since the original compliance date in September of 2023. With the progress in broadcast module availability, the FAA has stated that it will not further extend the deadline.

For a more detailed look at the requirements, view AMA's Summary of FAA's Final Rule on Remote ID. Please note that if your aircraft weighs at or under .55 lbs (250 grams), you are not required to comply with Remote ID or registration requirements.

Nostalgia Corner

Treasures from old modeling magazines.

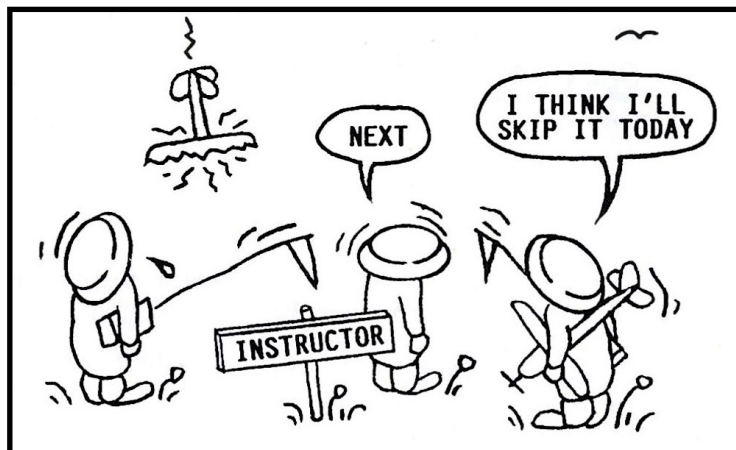
Advertisement from *Flying Models*, Aug-Sept 1963:



● **MONOGRAM MODELS INC.**, (Chicago, Ill.) have added the famed Chance Vought F4U-4 "Corsair" and Grumman F6F-5 "Hellcat" to their 1/4" scale plastic line. Both were widely used by our forces in the Pacific campaign. A Jap "Zero" and the Grumman "Wildcat" are also available in the same series, for an authentic collection.

Editor's Note: I have just three old modeling magazines to scan for material. They are from: 1962, 1963, and 1999. If you have any items 25 years old or older and want to share, they can appear here.

From *Model Aviation*, August 1999: "The Microhenrys".



The Philatelic Hangar, by C. Scott



You can add to your love of all things aviation by becoming a stamp collector! Ask the Editor how to get started.