



Newsletter of The River Valley Flyers

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From The President and Editor: Spring is here and the outdoor flying season has started. We managed to get a few nice days in April that provided some great springtime flying weather. Even though the month was a bit rainy and windy like spring can sometimes be, it was a nice month. If April showers do indeed bring May flowers, we should have a lot of flowers coming up in May.

I am really pleased so far with my winter build, which is a Trex 550E helicopter. I've spent the month of April tweaking it out to get it flying to my style of flying. It is one of my first attempts at a flybarless helicopter, which has a three axis gyro stabilizing the helicopter, unlike my other helicopters which only use a gyro for tail stabilization. I am used to more mechanical setup than electronic setup, so getting this dialed in right took a lot of research. I am really amazed at the way the gyro works, and the way it gives the helicopter a more locked in feel, especially in the wind. My biggest problem so far has been recharging those 4000 milliamp six cell batteries. After draining my car battery dead, I realized that I need "more power" and went and bought a small gas generator to get that job done. I can

really crank out the batteries off the charger now, and I am happy with the way the setup works. This means that I now fly electric powered aircraft with a gasoline engine backup.

On April 12th we had our spring Field Maintenance Day for the 2017 season. We got a lot of work accomplished that day, including cutting and fertilizing the field, fixing two of the flight tables, and moving our storage shed back onto its blocks after the big windstorm in March moved it. Thank You to all who helped out that day and thanks to the crew that redesigned the flight tables so they will now stay straight and not bow in the middle. The field work part really went well, and thanks to all who helped with that part also, as the field looks great. We even managed to get in a bit of flying after the work was done, which is a reward for all our effort out there that day.

Indoor Flying at the East junior High is now over for the season, with the last session on April 14th. I really think we need to thank Roger Denne'e for doing a wonderful job coordinating that for us this past winter again. I also see an e-mail showing the dates for the 2017-2018 season that he has set aside getting the gym to use. We appreciate all the hard work involved with this and look forward to the next indoor flying season.

Coming up in the next few months, we have our Annual Brat Fry club fundraiser on Saturday May 27th in front of the Ace Hardware in Wisconsin Rapids. This is one of our club events to generate some "operating capitol" for club field expenses. We have been doing this event on this date for a few years now, but we still need members to assist with the event. Please help out that day if you can.

On Saturday, June 10th we will be hosting our annual Fun Fly at the club field. I am hoping that the weather will cooperate for this big event as it is always a lot of fun. This year I hope to get in a lot of flying that day, as well as enjoy the company of fellow aero modelers. Mark this on your calendar and don't forget to come on out to the field that day for a good time of flying and talking about the hobby with area flyers.

Field mowing season is now upon us, and the past two seasons we have been getting volunteer crews to come out and do this task on a weekly basis. It actually has been working well, but the secret is to get enough crews to spread the work out so that it can be a once in a three or four week rotation. The field has been looking great these past few years thanks to the hard work by all who took on that task. We can always use more volunteers that can help out here, so please consider this for the summer season. Even someone to bring a string trimmer out to just trim around the spools and frequency board every so often this summer would be very helpful.

We need to decide if we want to designate a night again this summer to have our club night and possibly flight training. Last year, we had it on Mondays to coincide with a freshly mowed field which was also done on Monday afternoons. We can talk about this at the May meeting.

In the next few weeks we would also like to add some matching sides to the storage shed at the field that we built last summer. It won't be a hard job, but we'll need some hands to hold the tin in place while we fasten it down. We can set up a date to get that done and really make that shed look spiffy, but also keep the driving rain out. Also, just a reminder, the "portable facility" will be delivered to the field around mid May, so you might have to hold it till then.

Well, I've used up enough space again this month. We'll have our May meeting indoors at Hardees in Wisconsin Rapids this month on Wednesday, May 3rd. After this month, the June thru September meetings will be held at the field with flying before and after the meetings.

Don

RVF Field Maintenance April 12th



Repairing of the Flight Tables



Roger and "Big John" made mowing quick



Getting rid of the bow in the middle.



Matt and his P-47 electric



Club President and Field Mower



Matt's P-47 in flight



Bob and his Big Stick



Ron and his P-47



The Best of Friends

Upcoming Area Events

May

5/21/2017 -- Lodi, WI (E) LARCC ANNUAL TAILGATE SWAP MEET. Site: N 22234 Hwy J. Kevin Kopp CD PH: 608.220.3678 Email: flyg202@aol.com. Visit: larcc.com. Gates open at 9am. Admission \$5 per car. See website for more information. Sponsor: LODI AREA RADIO CONTROL CLUB

June

6/10/2017 -- Wisconsin Rapids, WI (C) RIVER VALLEY FLYERS ANNUAL FLY IN. Site: Rvf Club Field. Donald Danczyk CD PH: 715-341-0323 Email: dancz823@charter.net. Visit: rivervalleyflyers.com. Sanction #17/814. All aircraft types are welcome, electric, gas, glow (no turbines). Flying 9am-4pm. \$5 Pilots fee. Cash raffle drawings, food and refreshments available. Primitive camping available on site Friday and Saturday for free. Sponsor: RIVER VALLEY FLYERS.

River Valley Flyer May Meeting Notice

**When: Wednesday, May 3rd,
2017 @ 6:30 P.M. at Hardees at
1821 Eighth Street in Wisconsin
Rapids**

**Bring something to show after the
meeting**

River Valley Flyers Annual Fly In

Saturday, June 10th 2017

All Types of Aircraft are Welcome-Gas, Glow and Electric
AMA and Club Safety Rules Apply-AMA Membership Required To Fly



Directions: From I-39, get off at the Bancroft exit #143 [Cty W] and head west 7 miles, the field will be on the north side of the road [Watch for signs].

From Hwy 54, take Cty F south to Cty W. Then take Cty W east about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile. The field will be on your left, north side of the road. [Watch for signs.]



PILOT FEE: \$5.00

Flying 9A.M-4:00P.M

FREE PRIMITIVE CAMPING ON SITE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHT

FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE, CASH RAFFLE PRIZES

FREE EARLY FLYING ON FRIDAY ALLOWED WITH AMA MEMBERSHIP

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