



Newsletter of The River Valley Flyers

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From The President and Editor: Summer is just around the corner, but the weather forecast looks like we are stuck in late winter. It's been hard dodging the raindrops and windy days these past few months. I hope this gets better soon.

A lot has happened this past month and a lot happening in June also. We had our Brat Fry at the Ace Hardware in Wisconsin Rapids on Saturday, May 27th. We had a good

turnout of club members to help out, and a good crowd to sell to. The weather was just about perfect that day for a Brat Fry, and we cooked and sold a lot of brats. Thanks to all who helped out that day.

Saturday, June 10th is our club Fun Fly at our field. This is our next big event happening this summer. I hope the weather is perfect so we can get a lot of flying in this day and everyone can enjoy a great time. This is our annual flying, food, and fun weekend.

This spring, I did get my new Trex 550 helicopter airborne, and it was flying great up until the crash in mid May. My first thought was that I had a flybarless controller issue, as I had

intermittent to no right-left cyclic control. After looking at it on the bench at home, everything was working correctly, but it was slow to respond at times on the right-left cyclic [aileron stick]. It appears that my two year old Futaba radio has a bad potentiometer in the aileron stick, and that is what caused the crash, not the controller. I sent my radio off to the Futaba Service Center for repair, which meant switching all my helicopters over to my trusty nine year old Futaba 7C radio. I am hoping my newer 8J radio gets back soon, as I'd like to have it by our Fun Fly weekend.

Another project for me this spring was installing an airplane gyro in my Freestyle airplane. I had trouble with the Freestyle, as it did not like to track straight in wind. Having seen how well the gyros work in stabilizing a helicopter, and the fact that I had seen a few guys using them the last few years with good results in airplanes, I thought this would be a great fix to my tracking issue. Setting it up was not very difficult and the second I switched it on in flight I knew it would do the trick. The plane now flies straight and is an asset to my fleet, and the gyro even improved the landings of the aircraft. The flap down takeoffs with it is pretty spectacular too with the gyro on, and they don't require much runway before lifting off.

As summer begins, let's get back to Monday club nights at the field. This is a night when everyone that belongs to this club can get together for some flying and general socialization, as well as getting help if needed getting into the air. This will happen all summer long on Monday evening's weather permitting of course, from 5 P.M. till dark, and probably won't get started till after our Fun Fly weekend.

Our summer club meetings will take place at the flying field June thru September, and we will try to get in a lot of flying before the monthly meeting. This is all dependent on

the weather on the first Wednesday of the month of course, and we can move them indoors if needed.

So with that said, I'll see you at the field on Wednesday evening, June 7th. We will be talking about the upcoming Fun Fly on June 10th, as well as other club matters

Don

A Bit from Our Safety Officer

Hello fellow flyers! Just a few thoughts on the upcoming Fun Fly and suggestions to keep it a safe and fun event. Ever notice how quiet the latest electric powered airplanes are? That is why we really need to make loud and forceful callouts so the flyers around you are aware of what is going on without having to take their eyes from the aircraft they are controlling. I know the callout issue comes up all too often but when we have a lot of flyers here it is even more important than ever to have everyone on the flight line aware of what is going on! It used to be the noise of the glow powered aircraft alone would keep those around you aware of the takeoffs, not so anymore! The call of "On the Field" is probably the most important of any when someone is walking across the field to retrieve an airplane. I'm sure we will have the limit of 5 aircraft in the air (and maybe more) at one time and most of those will be as quiet as a church mouse so please announce to those around you of your intentions before retrieving your airplane. The call of "Dead Stick" has almost disappeared with the electric flyers but there are a select few that still need to make the call and it does imply an emergency in progress (like anytime I fly).

If you do hear someone call "Dead Stick", it also will alert you to pay attention as you are now going to witness the incredible skill of your fellow model aviators, or maybe not! Either way, it will be exciting. The other callouts of "Taking Off" and "Landing" are pretty much self explanatory so please pay attention. Any of our club members flying on Saturday at the fun fly, please make a good example and be very vocal with the callouts so the visiting flyers will see our interest in safety and hopefully, will follow suit. It's called a "Fun Fly" implying it being fun but we need it to be safe too so maybe we should call it a "Safe Fly" instead. Just kidding and hoping to keep your attention so let's have a safe and uneventful fun fly.

Thanks for listening and fly safe,

Larry Chamberlin
Safety Officer
River Valley Flyers

River Valley Flyer June Meeting Notice

**When: Wednesday, June 7th,
2017 @ The Flying Field.**

**We plan on doing some flying
before the meeting which starts
at 6:30 P.M. If the Weather looks
like rain a notice will be sent to
have the meeting at Hardees at
1821 Eighth Street in Wisconsin
Rapids @ 6:30 P.M.**

Upcoming Area Events

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.

6/17/2017 -- Fond Du Lac, WI (C)
ROBERT WELLNITZ MEMORIAL
AIRSHOW. Site: Wellnitz Field. Douglas
Yaroch CD PH: 920.484.6022
Email: adaero540@gmail.com.
Visit: fdlaa.com. Sanction #17/817. This is
an open fun fly to all size models. Come fly
and enjoy the pristine 1320' grass runway.
Food and refreshments available. Primitive
camping on grounds. AMA membership
required. Sponsor: FOND DU LAC
AEROMODELERS ASSOCIATION

6/18/2017 -- Hilbert, WI (C) FATHERS
DAY FUN FLY. Site: Calumet Flyers Field.
Kelly Sweetman CD PH: 920-901-2088
Email: sweetke62@gmail.com.
Visit: calumetflyers.com. Sanction #17/917.
Open to all aircrafts. 1000' Of smooth grass
runway. AMA membership required. \$5
Landing fee. Food and drinks on site. Large
parking area. Event runs 9am-3pm. Sponsor:
CALUMET FLYERS INC

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

Field Coordinates N44 20 25 W89 37 59

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