

Newsletter of The River Valley Flyers

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From the President: The first thing you may have noticed in this month's edition of the newsletter is a little different look about it than in the past issues. That is due to the fact that we now have a different newsletter editor starting this month. I did not say "new" editor, because Rich had been our newsletter editor years ago, starting before electronic mailings of the monthly newsletters was the norm. Back in those years, not only did he have to compose the newsletter each month, he also had to print them up, fold them for mailing, affix postage and mail them out every month. That was like a full-time job back in those years. Thank goodness for the internet and electronic mailing these days, as it really simplifies that monumental task, and saves the editor from complete exhaustion. He had always done a fantastic job with it in those past years, and I am sure that will continue on now also. Thanks, Rich Ida, for taking charge of the monthly edition of this club newsletter.

Summer has now turned into fall, and I am hoping that it will stay fall-like for a long while yet before we advance to the next season, which I'm not so sure I am looking forward to this year. It sure was an unusual summer of 2020, because most of the usual summer events did not take place this year. I hope that getting out to the flying field put a bit of normal back in your summer. I am not sure how the months ahead will go, but this winter might be a good time to stay home and build something that you have always wanted to build, as this hobby can occupy a lot of idle time. The other advantage is it will also keep you safe and in your home. These are just my thoughts, and I hope that we start coming out of this health situation soon.

The fall is here, and it's time to select our club officers for 2021. Because the River Valley Flyers is an AMA chartered club, we need to maintain an officer structure to maintain the club's functions during the year. These positions are not for life, and should be replaced or at least moved around occasionally. We are always looking for new ideas to help keep this club at its best, and we need your help to do that. So, please consider joining the team and get your name on the ballot for 2021.

Moving forward this year and as the winter approaches, we need to decide the future of our monthly club meetings. During the summer months, we chose to hold our monthly meetings at the field with a little flying together socially distanced, but now the weather is getting too cold for that. Since any indoor gatherings are not now the wise thing to do, and since we no longer have a meeting place to do it anyway, maybe it is time to move this club to a digital platform, like a Zoom or Google Meet type of venue for our meetings. This would be a big step for those of us who are not comfortable doing it this way, but I think we may get more participation in our monthly meetings as this unfolds, and it would also be something you could do from the comfort of your own home. Since most of us are new to this, we could set up a practice meeting if that would help those who are hesitant to use such a platform. I have used the Google Meet platform in the past month, and although it took a short while to get comfortable, it seemed to be something that those of us who were here before internet technology existed can conquer. Just something to think about in the coming weeks.

Not sure where the October meeting will take place yet, we can either do it at the field again, or try the virtual platform. Watch your e-mail for the exact location and time. On the schedule will be nomination of officers for 2021, and I think we need to look at our budget for next year also. See you then.

Don

Eagle Tree Announcement

After nearly 18 years of having fun with fellow pilots, Eagle Tree will be closing. We will continue to take orders via our web shop (for in-stock items) through September 30, 2020. Warranty service will continue through October 31, 2020.



For warranty service or other inquiries, please open a web ticket with us at <http://ticket.eagletreesystems.com/> or email us at support@eagletreesystems.com

We'd like to thank our many friends and customers who have supported us over the years. Be safe and stay well.

Upcoming Area Events

If anyone hears about any up coming events, please let me know. (Rick Ida)

Also, check out our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/124394500927324>
I will be adding pictures of my Hot Wire Foam cutter I made & the wing that I made for my Slow Poke Airplane!!

River Valley Flyers Monthly Meeting Notice:

The monthly meeting? Stay tuned for email updates!

Website: www.RiverValleyFlyers.org

Fast Foam-Wing Fixes



Let's face it!
Accidents happen
and when it comes
to flying
RC airplanes, the
chances are that,
sooner or later
you're going to
damage
your airplane.
There's no reason to

trash your crash. With today's beautifully molded and great flying foam flyers, you can get back into the air with very little effort. You also can save some bucks by repairing your bent bird instead of buying a new one.

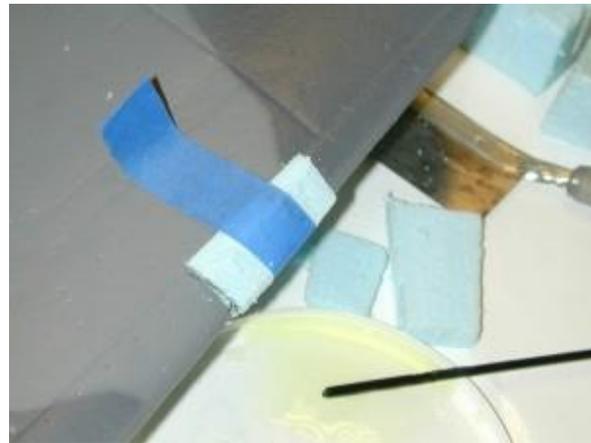


(Above) if you fly, sooner or later you'll be faced with a repair. Easy fixes are better than buying a new wing.

Dent Removal



The leading edge of the wing can really take a beating but dents are really only cosmetic issues and you can quickly cut away a section of the damaged leading edge and glue in some new foam. (Note: we tried the “hot water trick” to bring the foam back to its original shape, but no dice.)



Use a razor saw and cut the damage out. Cut some new foam to length and insert it into place. Mark the ends of the foam block to match then use your saw and a sanding block to remove most of the unwanted material.



Glue the new foam into place and after the glue cures, Cut and sand the replacement foam flush with the surface of the wing. Apply a little hobby filler around the edges to fill in any gaps and when it dries, use fine sandpaper to smooth the repair.



Use a foam safe paint and apply some matching paint to complete the leading edge wing repair. The hardest part of this repair really is finding matching paint. Usually, the instructions that come with your airplane will call out the colors used. If not, go to the hobby shop and check out the Master Modeler and Tamiya brands of acrylic foam safe paints. You'll be able to match the color chips and then lighten or darken the colors slightly to match. In real life, warbird repairs seldom matched the rest of the airframe! That's scale weathering!



Back at the flightline, no one will even know you bashed your favorite warbird. This repair technique is almost invisible and it saves you some coin in the process.

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SAFETY REPORT

Hello fellow flyers,

I'm going to step out this month on a safety topic and instead just give you a website I happened on while looking for a safety topic. The website I am posting is a wealth of information on building topics but also has safety information too. I'm sure you will find something in this site helpful, enjoy!

Airfieldmodels.com

And a little something I have mentioned previously,



I love the KOHOE arrival into Denver. In fact, I even took a photo of our FMS showing my favorite fix sequence.



No I was not the pilot on this one but have flown the arrival in years gone bye... ✈️

Fly Safe,

Larry Chamberlin

Safety Officer

RVFRC

FOR SALE



I have 2 brand new still in the package 1100kv motors complete with motor mount and prop adapter. I ordered them and then found out I didn't need them.

Asking \$8 each.

Thanks.

Don Horne



Hobby Eagle A3-L Stabilizer, basic 2D, 3D style. New, decided to use a different brand. Cost about \$19.00, asking \$10.00

Thanks
Rick Ida

For Sale Continued...



FlightLine F7F-3 Tigercat 1600mm (63" wingspan)

It comes with the upgrade landing gear-not installed

I fly it with 2-4000mAh 4s batteries. It flies great. Batteries not included

I also have some spare prop blades

It has Callie Graphics "King of the Cats" graphics

It is in excellent condition.

\$300 with Admiral Receiver(RX600SP) which has gyro and recovery

Bob O'Connor oconnorfam1@gmail.com

Pictures from the Field



River Valley Flyers Model Aircraft Club

2021 Membership Form

The "River Valley Flyers" are a model aircraft flying group interested in all aspects of Model Aviation and are located in Central Wisconsin. We are a chartered Academy of Model Aeronautics [AMA] club. All club members must also be AMA Members. We maintain a flying site in southern Portage County in the Township of Grant in the Central Wisconsin area.

Membership Categories and Dues

Full Adult Membership.... \$50

Age eighteen years and older by January 1st of the year of application. Includes voting rights and club field usage rights.

Family/Group Membership.... \$55

All members covered by a Family/Group Membership must have a direct spouse or offspring relationship, Father-Son, Husband –Wife and or Junior Member. Includes voting rights [except for junior members] and club field usage rights.

Junior Membership.... \$15

Under age eighteen years old by January 1st of year of application. All junior members need to be sponsored by a Full Adult Member even though they are not related by an offspring relationship. Includes field usage rights but no voting rights.

Guest Membership.... \$30 For someone who belongs to another local club but wishes to access our field for flying as well. Includes field usage rights but no voting rights. Must send a copy of current AMA and Local Club Membership Cards with application.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Please bring completed application form below with proof of AMA to RVF meeting or mail to:

Bob O'Connor 2220 Lovewood Drive Wisconsin Rapids Wisconsin 54494

Make checks payable to **River Valley Flyers** (Only Cash or Check Accepted)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail _____

AMA# _____ Membership Category: _____

Dues Enclosed: _____ (Cash or Check Only)