

Newsletter of The River Valley Flyers

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From the President: It won't much longer now until the snow melts and spring finally comes to Central Wisconsin. I still think spring is still the best season of all the seasons, and I have never really cared for winter that much. I usually refrain from flying outdoor in the winter months because my fingers freeze on the transmitter sticks, and I can't concentrate well when I am shivering. I am hoping that the weather turns warm early this season so we can get outside and fly again.

Indoor flying is still going on for another month, with three more sessions scheduled for this spring, and then it will come to an end on April 3rd. After several discussions during the past seasons, and due to a decline in interest in this event, it has been decided not to renew the gym rental for another season. Perhaps in the future if we again have new interest in this activity, and someone wants to coordinate an event like this, we can choose to do this event again. It was a nice distraction away from the winter weather all of these years, but it's run its course, I guess. The Indoor Flying sessions have been ongoing for many years, and the indoor site at the school were sanctioned and insured by our club during all of those years. I want to thank our current Indoor Coordinator Roger Denne'e for all the years that he has spent putting this event together each week for doing such a fantastic job.

I hope that everyone is somewhat aware of the Remote ID law that the FAA is proposing, as it looks to have a great effect on our hobby if it becomes law as it is currently written. What they are saying is that sometime in the future, when a model aircraft (either a Drone, RC Helicopter or RC Fixed Wing Model Aircraft) takes flight it will need to be tracked by the FAA or some organization while it is in flight. With all the commercial drone activity that is coming on line in the years to come, I can understand what the need for it would be, as the low altitude skies below 400 feet will eventually be quite filled with small aircraft. The bad news for us in our hobby is that our aircraft, even though we only fly visual line of site, which means only about 500 feet out from the pilot, and never above 400 feet, have been put in the same group as the drone pilots who can fly beyond that range thanks to the advanced avionics they have to assist their aircraft while flying. We as model aircraft pilots are also flying from a fixed landing location and not taking off from multiple locations as opposed to the drone pilots would be. Also, the FAA is aware that we fly from and use our flying site to fly line of site with our models. This new law will probably require that we use a more advanced technology to fly if it becomes law. It also sounds like you will need an internet connection available when flying to feed your flight information along to the FAA or whoever is monitoring the flight. The good news is that it is still pretty early on in the process to know where this rule will end up, but it sure may change the way we fly our models in the future. We do need to keep an eye on this as we move through the months ahead. With spring just about here, it will soon be time to dust off the model aircraft and head out to the field. Our flying site is in constant need of attention to support the runways and all of the equipment that we have out there.

Keeping the field mowed to be able to use it during periods of heavy grass growth has been a challenge these last several years, but thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers and their mowers, we have managed to keep up with the task. Every year we lose a few of the volunteers that have and can bring out their mowers for the weekly task. This season it appears that we may have access to a mower that would be kept at the field for use in mowing, which would help may stimulate more people from our membership who would be willing to help mow the field. If we can get enough volunteers to pitch in once every few weeks, we can make less work of this task in 2020.

Don't forget to get your 2020 club dues paid before the flying season begins if you have not done that already.

That's all I have this month. Just remember that there **will not be a monthly meeting in March**, and we will have the next monthly meetings again on April 1st, hope to see you then.

Don

Remaining Indoor Flying 2019-2020

Indoor flying continues, and the wind and weather will be the same each week. Here is the Indoor Flying schedule for the remainder for the 2019-2020 season.

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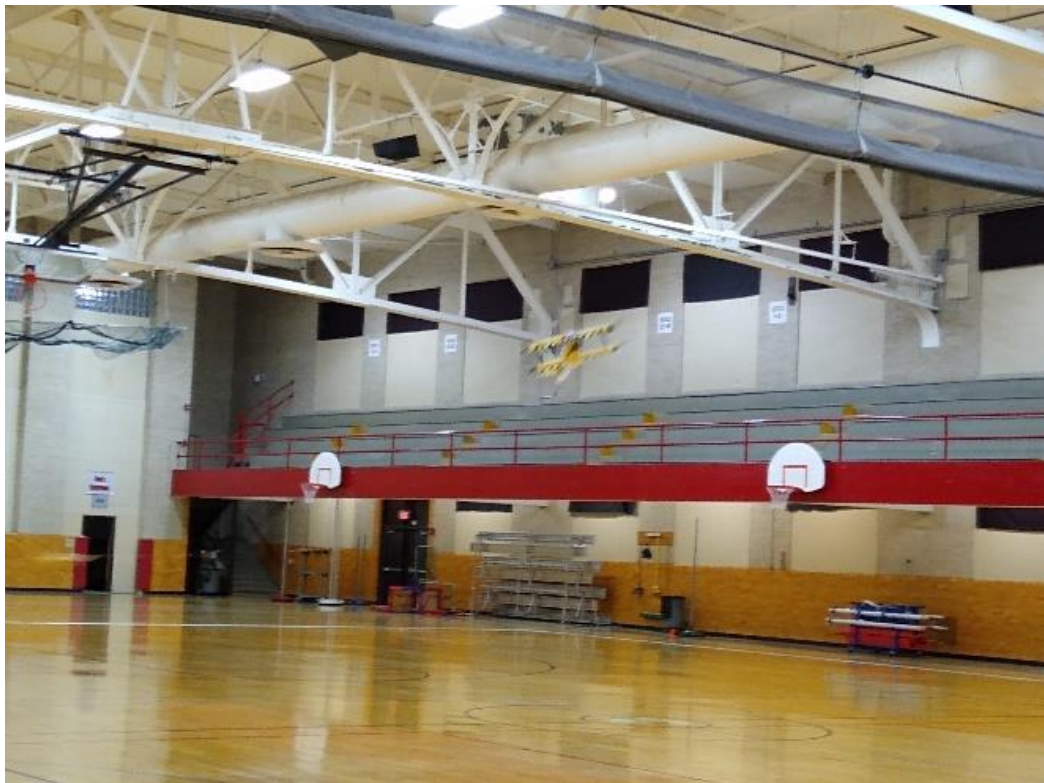
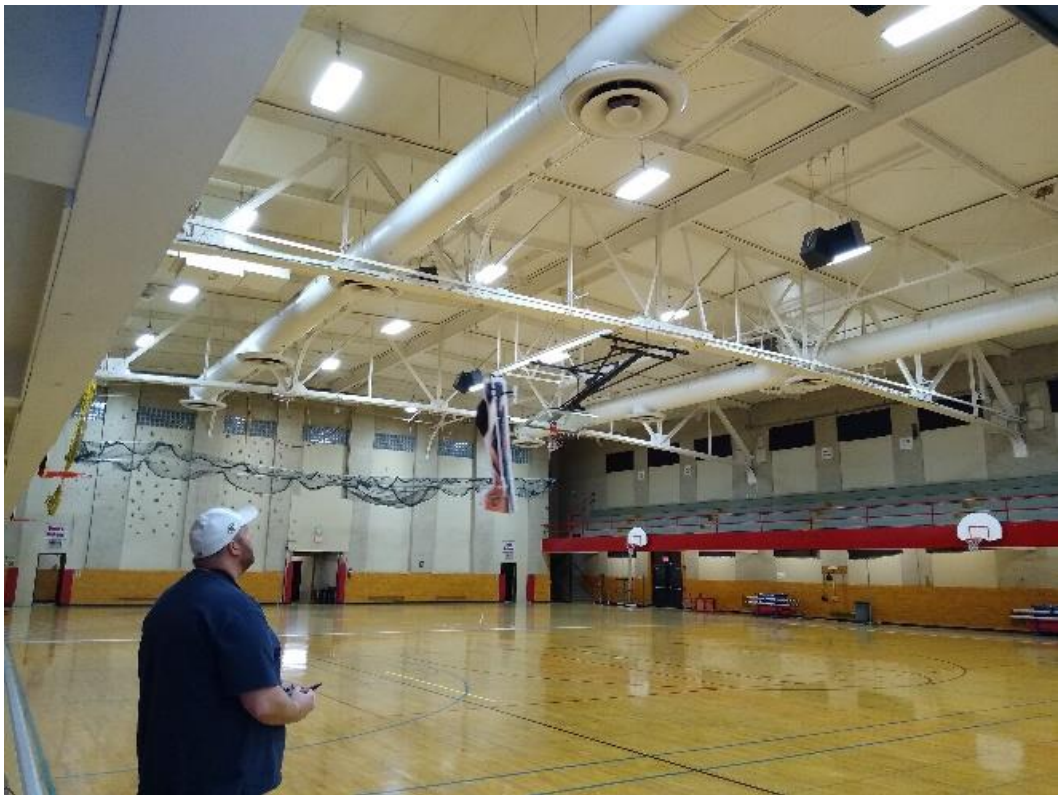
April 3, 2020

It will again be at the East Jr. High School field house in Wisconsin Rapids from 7PM-10:30PM. Same as last year.

Roger Denne'e

A Few Indoor Flying Pictures from the Winter of 2020







River Valley Flyers Model Aircraft Club

2020 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.... \$40

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

Family/Group Membership.... \$45

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.... \$20 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)