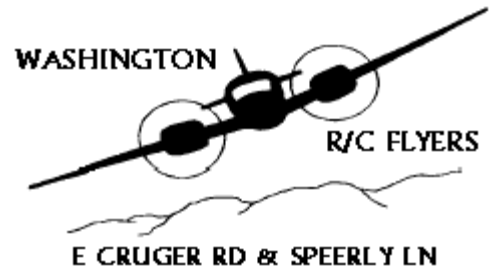


Washington R/C Flyers Newsletter



December 2006

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Next Meeting



Our next meeting will be at
7pm at Katie's
Restaurant on
Tuesday,
December 12th

Mow Schedule



No mowing until spring 2007!

Safety Update

Maintain your batteries. There are many theories on how to maintain the different types of batteries over the winter. Basically all of them work to some degree. The key is to do something and not just hang your airplane up for the winter and ignore the batteries. And don't forget the batteries in your transmitter(s), your glow igniters and your field box batteries. If you ignore your batteries over the winter, you may have an out of control airplane next spring and create an unsafe environment.

This month's Golden Nugget is awarded to Kayton Heavrin. Kayton says to make sure you keep your airplane in front of you when

you are flying and always wear your sunglasses. If your airplane gets behind you and in the sun, it is difficult to recover. Kayton had to wiggle his fuselage to get it out of the hole it dug in the dirt.

From the Presidents Hangar

Some things get better with age! For instance, wine. The saying goes that no wine is good before its time. Whiskey is another of these things that gets better with age. It requires 7 + years for this beverage to obtain its full flavor and mildness. Summit Valley R/C Flyers, now doing business as Washington R/C Flyers, has also gotten better with age. From its humble beginning some 15 years ago the Club has grown from about 10 members to 50 + members. The second home to this Club is better than the first. One thing that hasn't changed much is the fellowship and the consideration each member has for one another. Just yesterday a member was flying a twin engine aircraft when a "funny sound" was heard. He was able to land the plane safely and on observation one of the props was missing. One member said, "We can find that" and all 5 of the members present walked out into the bean field and sure enough the prop and spinner were found. You may not think

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Social & Education Committee	Kayton Heavrin
Site Committee	Paul Cobb

this is a "big deal" but if you analyze what happened, it is a big deal. One member had a problem, and 100% of the members present stopped what they were doing and helped him solve that problem. As I have said before, Club membership is 40% work, 50% fellowship and 10% flying.

Merry Christmas!

Vern

Annual WRCF Banquet

Please mark your calendars for the 2007 WRCF Banquet. It will be held on Tuesday, January 9th at Katie's Restaurant in Washington. More information will be available at the December meeting and in the January 2007 Newsletter. Please let us know if you are coming by signing in on the website. Click the following link:

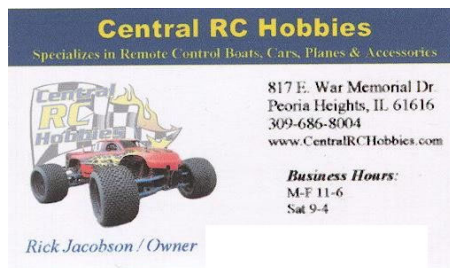
[WRCF Banquet signup](#)

2007 Dues

Be aware that your 2007 WRCF Dues will soon be due. The following is an excerpt from the WRCF By-Laws concerning Club Dues. "Dues/Initiation Fee: An annual membership fee as determined by the club each year will be payable in full by March 15th. After this date, renewing members, will be assessed a 25% late fee. For new members joining after March 15th, the dues will be pro-rated quarterly with a minimum of \$50.00. An initiation fee as determined by the club each year will be payable upon acceptance into this club."

Fly Big Ones!

In an email dated 10/27/06, Gary Hunt wrote: "Jared has made a full recovery from his knee surgery and has had a very successful high school soccer season. He has also been working hard on getting his private pilots license and is very close to his first solo. He was recently accepted at Lewis University into the Aviation Flight Management program for the fall 2007 semester and is a recipient of the Michael and Francis Fitzpatrick Scholarship Award." Congratulations Jared!



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How to Build Skis

A very timely article was submitted by Eric Thatcher on the topic of Skis to convert your airplane into a winter flyer.

Eric says he used the basic design but modified it slightly by using a 1/2 in block of wood where the landing gear goes through. Click here to see the plans:

[Link to Ski Plans](#)

Thanks Eric!

Fly Low

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to fly a jet fighter at dangerously low altitudes? Click here:

[FlyLow](#)

WOW!



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Quote

"While we are focusing on fear, worry, or hate, it is not possible for us to be experiencing happiness, enthusiasm or love."

- Bo Bennett

Painting Foam Models

From the "Robbins Nest" by Dennis Robbins

Many people are building with foam these days, and Blucore fanfold and Depron seem to be the material of choice. One drawback to scratch building with foam is the color choices. You get to choose from either blue (Blucore) or white or gray (Depron). Most of us like a more visible color scheme, and painting is the only way to obtain the desired look. I paint most of my aircraft, and I'd like to share my simple techniques for painting foam.

The first step is to make a paper template of the design you want. I then place this on the airplane in the desired location, and mark the corners of the template. I use some type of colored permanent marker which hopefully matches the paint color being used, and connect the dots, more or less. This gives me a border, and paint can be applied between the lines. The paint I use is the cheap, acrylic, water-based paint found at your local craft store. These come in small plastic bottles and only cost roughly \$.75 to \$1.00. You will be amazed at the color selection. All you need to get started is a small container to squeeze a small amount of paint into, and several sizes of inexpensive paint brushes. I also keep some craft sticks on hand for stirring the paint if needed. To thin the paint, add water and stir away! The last thing you need to know is be patient! Let the paint dry completely and you will be rewarded with a model everyone will be envious of.

Agenda

Washington R/C Flyers

Katie's Cafe

December 12, 2006

"The will of the members will propel the Club forward!"

Welcome & Pledge	Vern Mall
Roll Call	Jim Martin
Quorum	Jim Martin
Financial Report	Jim Martin
Guests	1 st time?
	2 nd time ? Larry Speerly, David Lee

From this point on: Please stand to be acknowledged, and when addressing the membership.

Officers Comments	Wally Walwer - Jim Martin - Steve Grob
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Safety Update	Bryan Miller
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Old Business

Item

1	Events for 2006	Kayton Heavrin
2	Field Report	John Bremenkamp
3	Other Old Business	????

New Business

Item

1	????	????
2	Other New Business	????

Entertain motion to adjourn

Show & Tell	None
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