

# Washington R/C Flyers Newsletter

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### NEXT-MEETING

Our next meeting will be at 6:30 pm on September 9, 2008 at WRCF airport.



### MEMBER MOWING

Sep 7 Beamer, Kempf  
Sep 14 Griffin, Klise  
Sep 21 Hurd, Olson  
Sep 28 Hall, Westphalen

### RUFF RIDERS MOWING

Sep 12 Larry Roberts  
Sep 21 John Bremenkamp

### FOUR STAR RACE NEWS

Come make a day of it in Bloomington as the SIRS club hosts both their annual swap meet and the Formula Four Star racing series banquet.

Flyers are attached for the awards banquet and swap meet both of which will be held Saturday September 27th...we are planning to have famous Dave's cater the event...cost per person will be in the vicinity of \$15.00...spouses, and children are welcome.

Here's how the evening is planned;

- A. Social hour
- B. Meal
- C. Recognition/awards

A. Recognize committee members, significant helpers...

B. Gag awards (can you believe that?) Each club will get an opportunity to contribute

C. Presentation of winners, first, second, third

D. Presentation of cumulative club winner

We are working on coming up with a traveling trophy for the club award. We have give away prizes....SIG has donated gift certificates, ACE will donate one Thunder Tiger pro.40, SIRS will donate two gallons of fuel, We've put together a memorable racing season, let's finish with a memorable banquet to top off a great Formula Four Star racing season! Contact TJ or Bryan for more details or questions!



Broken but rebuilt to fly another day

President	Bryan Miller
Vice President	Mark Reeves
Sec./Treasurer	Tom Clark
Newsletter Editor	John Bremenkamp
Safety & Rules Committee	Matt Holl
Maint. & Grounds Committee	John Bremenkamp
Events Committee	TJ Klise
Social & Education Committee	Kayton Heavrin
Site Committee	Paul Cobb

### LATEST SUPPLEMENTAL WRCF SAFETY RULES IN EFFECT

- 1) **It is not necessary to have a frequency ribbon (the red ribbon is the most commonly used) or a channel placard on the transmitter.**
- 2) **We'll keep our frequency board process ... place your AMA card (WRCF club card is not valid for this purpose) on the frequency board and remove the pin corresponding to the frequency you're using.**
- 3) **Place the frequency pin on your transmitter.**

The logic behind these decisions is:

a) The recommendation by AMA to use frequency ribbons and channel numbers on the transmitters has been deleted from the new manual. The prolific use of 2.4 GHz radios and frequency synthesizers on the 72 MHz radios has created a situation where this recommendation would cause more problems than it would

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solve. If you want, you can still use both items ... they're just not required.

b) Using AMA cards to claim the frequency pin demonstrates that each flyer is a member of AMA and that their/our insurance is in effect. The treasurer could check everyone's AMA card when they pay their dues at the beginning of the year, but using an AMA card also sets a consistent standard that covers visitors.

c) Claiming the frequency pin with an AMA card gives others a name to search for if they arrive later and need to fly on the same frequency.

d) Placing the frequency pin on your transmitter shows you and others that the transmitter has "claimed" that channel number. Do you help others by pointing out to a pilot when they are going to fly with their 72 MHz radio antenna collapsed? Well, now you should also be helping by watching for the individual who turns on their radio without the frequency pin on it. That could save a fellow club member's plane ... and save the one who made the mistake the expense of a plane he'll never get to fly.

e) The use of 2.4 GHz pins will help keep the process consistent, which will yield less mistakes.

So, the only real changes are: Use your AMA card and place the frequency pin on your transmitter.

## MEETING OF AUG 12 HIGHLIGHTS

The meeting started at 6:30 at WRCF. Following a discussion, Tom Clark motioned that members will attach the Hangar retrieved frequency pin to the transmitter of that frequency and optionally display a red flag or streamer from the end of the antenna. Marshall seconded the motion and it carried with a vote.

A WRCF guest visiting policy will be discussed by Tom Clark, Steve Grob, Paul Cobb, Dick Franzen and Wally Walwer to be presented to the club at the September meeting.

After a discussion, a motion was carried that gave Tom Clark, Steve Grob and Wally Walwer permission to install a gate about fifty feet South of Cruger Road if expenses were less than \$500.

The August 16 Club picnic was discussed and details approved.

John Bremenkamp volunteered to do the P.R. for the Club Open House on September 14, 2008.

## 2008 EVENT SCHEDULE

Sept 14	WRCF Open House
Oct 4	WRCF Wiener Roast

**This press release went out to the  
TV and Radio Stations.**

August 22, 2008

**For Immediate Release**

The Washington R/C Flyers will be hosting an Open House and Fly-In

on Sunday, September 14th from 1:00 PM until dusk. The public is invited to stop by the club flying field located at 1774 East Cruger Rd. which is east of the city between Dee Mack and Dieble roads in Washington. A map to the field and more information about the club can be found at

<http://www.washingtonrcflyers.com>.

A variety of model aircraft types and sizes will be flown throughout the day and refreshments will be served. The event will also include a fly-in where R/C modelers from throughout central Illinois who are members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics are invited to join the local club members for the afternoon of flying.

The Washington R/C Flyers, formerly known as the Summit Valley R/C Flyers, is in its 18<sup>th</sup> year of existence. The club's old flying site was located just off Farmdale Road in East Peoria until 2003 when the club changed its name and relocated to its present flying site which is located on property leased from the city of Washington.

The group has hosted flying demonstrations for Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, pre-school classes and elderly members of the community. Past sponsorships and displays include a

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Caterpillar continuing education program, the Prairie Air Show, the Washington Public Library and numerous individuals who stop by the field just to watch model airplanes in action.



Above is the finished product of installing our new gate. Below are some of the guys who made it happen.



Clark, Roberts, Heavrin, Grob, Bremenkamp, Norman, Walwer,

## FIELD TRIP TO WRIGHT PATTERSON AIR FORCE MUSEUM

This August four WRCF members went on a road trip to the Air Force Museum in Dayton Ohio. It was a 6 hour drive so we left Monday afternoon, toured the museum Tuesday and returned home about 8pm that evening. Dick Franzen, Steve Grob and Wally Walwer shared the driving. Having visited the museum recently, I knew what to expect, but the others were quite surprised by the sheer size of the place and the fact that it was free to the public. With Dick Franzen being a retired Air Force officer, we were granted driving privileges on the base and were able to tour the Presidential hanger and the experimental hanger before they were open to the public.

The main hanger depicted the development of flight over the last 100 years with planes of every size and shape. Displays were well done and there was plenty of room to inspect each plane and take pictures. Bombers on display ranged from the



first all metal mono-plane B-10 built in 1933 to the B-52, plus the B-1 and the B-2 stealth bombers.

Classic planes included one of the most famous planes ever built, the four engine B-17 Flying Fortress. This plane, the Shoo Shoo Shoo Baby, flew 24 combat missions in WW II. And of course no one forgets the P-51 Mustang and its Merlin engine.



The SR-71 is always an impressive machine with its subtle changes in wing shapes and the huge engines that make it coast along at 2000 MPH. Two planes were on display including the powerful SR-71 engine.

This plane was operational in the 1960's. Makes you wonder what might be operational today.



Don't miss this great museum. We all left thinking about the next model we wanted to build.

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**Dick Franzen finally got his plane back from a fly-away.**

to the T-intersection (farmhouse driveway to your right)  
Admission \$1 – Tables \$9  
Advance registration suggested.  
Space is limited.  
First come first served.

Contact:  
D\_mock@hotmail.com  
309-868-4227

Four Star Racing Series Banquet

When: September 27th 2008

Where: Covell town hall Covell Il.

Cost: 15.00 per person

Social hour begins at 5:00 pm

BYOB

Dinner served at 6:00 pm

Catered meal featuring food from

Famous Daves

Awards ceremony begins at 7:00

pm

RSVP- Call Jerry Worden 309-531-0073

- Overnight Parking for "self contained Campers"  
- Registration begins at 8:00 AM  
- Flying begins at 9:00 AM  
- IMAA & AMA Sanctioned  
- Must have IMAA & AMA to fly - Applications available at registration  
- Free lunch for the flyers  
- Prizes for pilots, Raffles for everyone

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## THINGS AROUND THE CORNER TO LOOK INTO

1. WRCF Open house/Fly-in - Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM till dusk. Newspaper ads and flyers on windows will be inviting the general public.
2. S.I.R.S Swap meet - Saturday September 27, 2008 9 AM to 3 PM Sell and swap your stuff for more stuff at the Covell Community Center Saturday September 27, 2008 9am to 3pm Planes! Trucks! Helicopters! Tanks! Boats! Bring them all out for fun, cash, or trade. From Bloomington/Normal Go West on Route 9 to Covell Road (Approx. 3.5 miles) Go South on Covell Road (Approx. 3 miles) Right turn to Covell sign Continue to West end of town SIRS Field 1 mile further south on Covell Road

3. Four Star Banquet  
When: September 27th 2008  
Where: Covell town hall Covell Il.  
Cost: 15.00 per person  
Social hour begins at 5:00 pm  
BYOB  
Dinner served at 6:00 pm  
Catered meal featuring food from Famous Daves  
Awards ceremony begins at 7:00 pm  
RSVP- Call Jerry Worden 309-531-0073
4. Pekin Big Bird  
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2008  
Hermon D. Lowery Field Pekin, Illinois  
Sponsored By Pekin R/C Club And IMAA Chapter 37  
The general public is invited to attend.  
Food and refreshments served after 11:00  
Bring the kids, they'll have a great time.  
- No Landing Fee  
- 175 Ft. Paved Runway  
- Acres of Closely Cut Grass

## 5. This is from an email I received...

Hello,

My father used to fly with the Peoria R/C club.

He passes away about a year ago and my step mother is selling all of his radio controlled planes (plus a ton of tools and misc) at auction.

He had a ton of RC items so I wanted to pass on this auction sale bill.

Thank you very much for considering this information.

Paul

Sale conducted at VFW, 1729 N. Santa Fe, Chillicothe, IL. (30 min north of Peoria on Rt 29)

Sunday, September 7, 2008, 12:00 AM  
<http://www.biddersandbuyers.com/ads/090708placher.htm>

## MODEL PLANES, TRAINS, MISCELLANEOUS:

**2 radio controlled boats**

**radio controlled airplanes, approx.**

**50, nearly complete some w 4',5',6'wing**

**spans, 1 w water pontoons**

**large amount airplane parts**

**new engines, still in boxes: Mod O.S.**

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Max 20 FP; OS four stroke FS-91;  
OS ma. 25 SF; OS Max 40 FP; OS  
Max 10 FP  
Approx. 50 engines not in boxes  
Hirtenberger Engine 40F-RC Gold  
Cup  
Cox 400 all purpose model engine  
starting kit  
Webra Mod. 1037 RC Speed 91 RC

Approx. 20 plane kits, still in boxes  
Sev. unfinished planes  
Lg. amt. Balsa wood  
Wood toy sailboat  
Plastic mod. Boats, trains & planes still in  
boxes  
0 gauge trains, locomotives, coal car, cars  
& caboose w track  
Spectrum Magnum Ultra model railroad  
power system  
HO & N gauge trains, engine & car still  
in boxes  
The DeWitt Clinton reproduction in box  
Ranging Spectrum 500  
Monokote rolls, sev. new rolls  
Mod 114 AC/DC six-seven cell charger  
Approx. 20 Futaba radios

## LINEAR EXPONENTIAL TRANSMITTERS

Some of the expensive transmitters have a built-in feature that allows you to switch your stick(s) from linear to exponential or vice versa. This feature is used only on the rudder, elevator, and ailerons. When you are in the linear mode and you move the stick 10 degrees, the control surface moves 10 degrees. In other words the control surface moves in direct proportion to the movement of the stick. In the exponential mode, as you move the stick around center or neutral position, the control surface hardly moves. When the stick is at the end of its movement, the control surface has the same deflection, whether it's in linear or exponential mode, except the exponential gets there by following a

programmed curve. This feature is nice if you have a tendency to overcontrol a model or to tame down a sensitive model.

## HOW TO HURT A CLUB

- 1) Don't attend meetings, but if you do, arrive late.
- 2) Be sure to leave before the meeting is over and make sure everyone hears you leave.
- 3) Sit in the back so you can talk with other members during the meeting.
- 4) Never have anything to say at meetings; wait until you get outside, then always be negative.
- 5) After meetings, find fault with club officers and fellow members.
- 6) Hold back your annual dues as long as possible, or better yet, don't pay at all.
- 7) Never accept an office or serve on a committee. It is much easier to criticize than to do.
- 8) When everything else fails, abuse the club's officers.
- 9) Don't bother enlisting new members; let the others do it all.
- 10) At meetings, agree to everything, then go home and do nothing.
- 11) Don't tell the club how its policy can help you, but if it doesn't help you, tell everyone else it's useless.
- 12) Do nothing more than what's necessary, but when other members roll up their sleeves and willingly use their ability to help matters along, complain that the club is being run by a clique or dictator.
- 13) Talk cooperation but never cooperate.
- 14) Get all that the club has to give but give nothing in return.

- 15) Threaten to leave the club if something isn't the way you want it.
- 16) If you're asked to help, always say you don't have time.
- 17) Never read any mailings or seek information. You might find out what's going on.
- 18) If appointed to a position, never devote any time to it. Let someone else do it all.
- 19) Overlook your own shortcomings and concentrate on what they are not doing.
- 20) Repeat all the unpleasant things about your club to anyone who will listen.
- 21) Always criticize club officers whenever the opportunity arises.

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## 2008 WASHINGTON R/C FLYERS OPEN HOUSE

Sept. 14, - 1:00 PM till dusk  
1774 East Cruger Road

You are invited to join us Sunday, September 14 at Washington R/C field for our annual OPEN HOUSE. Our members and visiting clubs will be flying throughout the afternoon. Refreshments will be served. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, there is plenty of grass.

### DRIVING DIRECTIONS

**From Washington Square:** Go East on business 24 toward Eureka, turn left on Dieble at the edge of Washington for one mile to Cruger. Turn right on Cruger for  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile and at our sign turn right.

**Going East on Route 24 bypass:** Turn South or right on Main Street intersection for  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile to Cruger and turn left or East toward Eureka for  $1\frac{3}{4}$  mile to our sign. Turn right at our sign.

**From Eureka:** On Route 24 going West toward Peoria, turn at the first intersection (Dee Mack Road) left or South for  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile to Cruger. Turn right or West for  $1\frac{1}{4}$  mile to our sign and turn left.

**Our entrance on Cruger Road is well marked. The lane to the flying site is just less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile.**