

Squadron
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July
2024

Danville, IN AMA #3032

An AMA Gold Club

August 10 - Blacksheep NMAD rc airshow

Upcoming Club Events

August 7 - Monthly Blacksheep meeting, at the field, 7:30 pm.

August 10 - Blacksheep NMAD rc airshow to support HVAF.

August 17 - Indianapolis RC Modelers Toys for Tots

September 4 - Monthly Blacksheep meeting, at the field, 7:30 pm.

Septemeber 21 - Indianapolis RC Modelers Fly All in the Fall Fun Fly & Swap Shop

October 12 - Blacksheep RC Modelers 17th annual Warbird Fly In

Events Next Week / Weekend...

AMA Nationals, Jul 7 – Aug 9, AMA Natl Site, Muncie, IN - https://www.indyrcsouth.org/forum/index.php/topic,3373.0.html

2024 IRCHA Jamboree, Aug 7-11, AMA Natl Site, Muncie, IN - https://www.indyrcsouth.org/forum/index.php/topic,3419.0.html

Electri-Fly, Fort Wayne Flying Circuits, Aug 9-10, New Haven, IN - https://www.indyrcsouth.org/forum/index.php/topic,3420.0.html

National Model Aviation Day, Johnson Co RC, Sat 8/10 @ 9am, Edinburgh, IN -

https://www.indyrcsouth.org/forum/index.php/topic,3327.0.html

National Model Aviation Day, Blacksheep RC, Sat 8/10 @ 10am, Danville, IN -

https://www.indyrcsouth.org/forum/index.php/topic,3440.0.html

Updated / Recent Postings...

Warbirds & Classics over the Midwest, Aug 15-17, Fond du Lac,

https://www.indyrcsouth.org/forum/index.php/topic,3446.0.html

SKYMAC Warbird Alley & Classic Airplanes, Sep 6-8, Bowling Green, KY -

https://www.indyrcsouth.org/forum/index.php/topic,3445.0.html

June 2024 Meeting Minutes

Rege opened the meeting with 15 members present. We currently have 93 members for 2024.

Our Spring Float Fly-in was a great success with 34 pilots participating. We are expecting to be invited to participate in a Fall Float Fly-in at the Gibbs Memorial Park on October 5.

Morristown will hold a Cubs and Floaties event this coming Saturday.

We are planning to have a Warbird warmup on Saturday, June 22. We will have hot dog and burgers for lunch.

The AMA Fun Fly will be on June 28-30 and we have committed to assist on June 29 where we will assist with trainers and the simulator. Rege is asking for volunteers who will be given an event tee shirt and complementary breakfast, lunch and dinner. He needs to report the volunteer's names by this coming Friday.

We plan to celebrate July 4 with a pitch-in dinner. Since the 4th occurs on Thursday, we will have our club meeting on that day instead of Wednesday, July 3.

Our NMAD event is scheduled for August 12. We hope to have buddy boxes available to give visitors a chance to try flying. This is our event in which we contribute all proceeds to the Hoosiers Veteran's Assistance Foundation, so members are asked to starting thinking of ways to raise money.

Our Warbird event is scheduled for October 12.

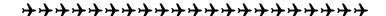
There is an event in Goshen called Rotors and Ribs. Is is an interesting event to view helicopters.

Jets over Kentucky is being held from June 13-20.

Tom Elam brought his newly purchased Super Timber for all to view.

Paul Wycoff

Black Sheep Secretary



BLACKSHEEP RC MODELERS 2024 NATIONAL MODEL AVIATION DAY

RADIO CONTROLLED AIRCRAFT AIR SHOW

AN EVENT TO SUPPORT HOOSIER VETERANS ASSISTANCE
FOUNDATION & RECOGNIZE NATIONAL MODEL AVIATION DAY

Saturday August 10th - 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

residential substance abuse treatment to home



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of Indiana, Inc.

HVAF of Indiana is more than a housing organization – we provide veterans and their families with programs and services that work. We are a dedicated team of more than 60 professionals working to eliminate homelessness among veterans and families. Our Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program helps prevent at-risk veterans from becoming homeless and the Residential Employment Substance Abuse Treatment (REST) program offers intensive

http://www.hvafofindiana.org/
Our Mission: Provide housing and reintegration services to veterans
experiencing homelessness; and administer programs and services to prevent at
risk veterans from becoming homeless

We are the largest nonprofit provider of comprehensive services for veterans in Indiana and help veterans become self-sufficient.

The Blacksheep R/C Modelers are hosting an R/C Airshow as a fund raiser to support Hoosier Veterans Assistance Foundation, an Indiana based organization. Come join us in supporting America's heros right here in Indiana.

- → FREE ADMISSION, this is a public event held at Corsair Field as depicted on the map
- → BBQ lunch will be available for purchase to support the fund-raising efforts
- > All types of radio control aircraft will be flying and on display throughout the day
- → Raffles for r/c planes and a 50/50 drawing
- → All proceeds go to Hoosier Veterans Assistance Foundation
- → Club website: www.blacksheepclub.org





Indy RC Modelers 2024
Toys for Tots
Benefit Fly-In

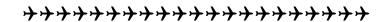


Join us at the Morristown Blue River Airpark, 9850 Blue River Rd. Morristown, IN, for our annual USMC Reserve Toys for Tots benefit fly-in.

- > \$15 cash entry -or- ~\$15 new toy donation. All toys and proceeds are 100% donated.
- > \$6 optional lunch tickets available; gets cheeseburger, chips and a drink.
- Giveaway drawings for an E-Flite UMX Sport Cub S2, and a HobbyZone AeroScout S2 1.1M
 \$2 per ticket, Winner need not be present (need name and phone # on entry)
- > Generators available on-site. Simple, all-day fly-in flying of all airplane types!

AMA Sanction: #15715 CD: Jeff Thomas 317-412-5514 jatjetsvc@gmail.com Saturday August 17th. Entry Table Opens at 9:00, event to 2:30. Drawing at 2:00





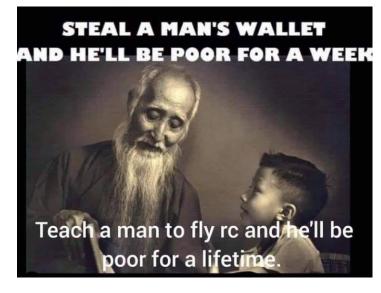
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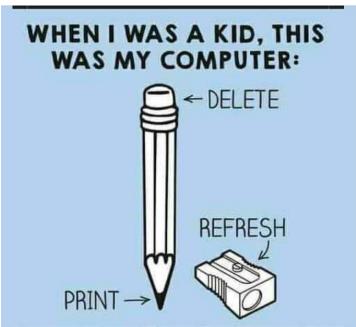


Why don't you see football like normal husbands?!!!











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Flying off Water Made Easy

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With 70% of the earth covered with water, shouldn't we have a similar percentage of RC model float planes? Well, maybe that's too much to ask for but if have never given it a try, you're really missing out. And with suitable open flying sites becoming more difficult to find, flying from public waterways is a viable and fun alternative to sod runways.



Flying off water is new to many RC pilots; however, water planes have existed since the birth of powered flight. Airlines like Pan American used large flying boats like the Yankee Clipper. Canada's north was opened through the extensive use of bush planes on floats, de Havilland Beavers, Otters, Beech 18 and are still used today. Dick Folsom of Folsom's Air Service based in Maine put a DC-3 on floats.



The scale modeler has no shortage of subjects. The sport modeler has options for floats too. Many of the popular ARF companies offer float aircraft like the ElectriFly G-44 Widgeon or Seawind. There are floats available for many ARFs including the Hangar 9 J-3 Cub. Regardless of what aircraft you fly, odds are you can buy floats that can be bolted on.

Wet tips

There's a plethora of information available from the float manufacturers, online stores, and in many back issues of Model Airplane News regarding how to build and mount floats, where to locate the step, how to waterproof radio gear, and more (see the sidebar for some of the setup basics). Two areas that are often neglected are flying from salt water and how to retrieve a stalled aircraft without going for a swim. Flying from water in Atlantic Canada often means flying from salty or briny brackish bodies of water. It is the same as far as the flying goes but when your aircraft gets a lot wetter than planned, you need to hop into action.



First of all, take all the usual precautions to ensure that your receiver, servos, wire connectors, wing saddles, etc., are all well sealed. Anti-corrosion sprays for electronics are available from hobby shops that deal with RC boats and they really will help protect your electronics. Saltwater is corrosive and will destroy your electronics if not cleaned properly. If your plane does get wet inside with saltwater and it gets into the electronics, it is of the upmost importance to open up the servo and receiver cases and rinse the electronic components with warm distilled water to flush out all the salt. You should also use a hair dryer and really dry them out and spray the components with the protectant before reassembling your RC gear.



Don't forget the airframe—metal pushrods, control horns, should all be cleaned and given

a good dose of the anti-corrosion spray as well. Don't forget the switch harnesses and servo extensions too! For glow engines, rinse the with fresh warm water, remove the glow plug, flip it over a few times to make sure all water is out, give it a good spraying of WD-40 and then add a several drops of after-run oil. Replace the glow plug, start the engine, and run a tank of fuel through it.

Off shore rescue

Occasionally, you'll need to retrieve a aircraft stalled on the pond. If it's a club organized event, there is usually a dinghy, canoe or a rowboat of some type available.



When retrieving the aircraft, follow safe boating practices by using life jackets, and carefully lift aircraft into boat. It may be heavier than expected with water inside the aircraft. Another fun option for retrieving a stalled floatplane is to use an RC boat.



A tennis ball and 20 feet of fishing line attached to the RC boat can be used to retrieve a stalled floatplane.



With the tennis ball in tow, make two or three circles around the aircraft. The ball will hook in the aircraft then tow it back to shore. It takes a little practice and is a lot of fun too.

Final thoughts



There are many RC clubs that have float fly events and some modelers fly off floats much of the year. It does require a little preparation and is a relaxing way to fly. Trainers, scale, sport planes, aerobats and any other plane you can think of can all be successfully converted and flown off of water.

Give it a try—I know you'll like it!

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*** Till next month may all your landings be wheels down.