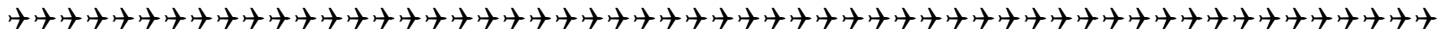




Squadron News September 2024

An AMA Gold Club



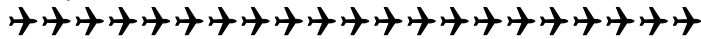
Upcoming Club Events

October 2 - Monthly Blacksheep meeting, at the field, 7:00 pm.

October 5 - Fall Float Fly In at Gibbs Memorial Park. 9AM to 2PM.

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

November 6 - Monthly Blacksheep meeting, at the field, 7:00 pm.



Blacksheep RC Modelers

September 2024 Meeting Minutes

Rege opened the meeting with 13 members present. He reported that we collected \$8,751.00 for the Hoosier Veterans Assistance Foundation.

Rick Gilmore and Paul Wycoff set up a static display at the Hendricks County "Lunch at the Airport" event. We have committed to participating in the same event next year.

Rege and John Loudon attended the Toys for Tots event at Indianapolis RC Modelers.

We have scheduled a Fall Float Fly-In on October 5 at the W.S. Gibbs Memorial Park. We have also scheduled our 16th annual Warbird Fly-In on October 12.

Rick Gilmore gave the Treasurer's Report and Paul Wycoff reported that we have 104 members.

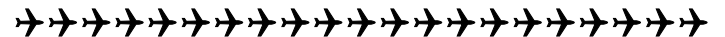
Brian Baumer announced that there is an RC and Full-Scale display of WWI aircraft this Wednesday through Saturday at

the Springfield Beckley Municipal Airport in Springfield, Ohio.

We had a new member, Michael Franklin, join the club this evening.

Paul Wycoff

Black Sheep Secretary



Notes from the president -

- Wow, fall already and two Blacksheep events coming up. First up is Saturday the 5th of October, our now annual Fall Float Fly at Gibbs Memorial Park. John and Scott reporting the water level is a little lower than in the spring, however certainly flyable. Check out the event flyer on our website or later in this newsletter for more details. Second up is our annual Warbird Fly In the following Saturday, October 12th. This is our 17th event and weather for both events looks good.

I want to send a big THANK YOU to the dedicated members who came out Wednesday evening 25-September to host the church youth group for an evening of education, fun and introducing a bunch of 8 to 10 year olds and their parents to our wonderful hobby. Really big thanks to Warren for setting up a flight simulator on the tv in the clubhouse. Each youth got a balsa glider to fly, a chance on the simulator and to fly a trainer. And thanks to those who brought a trainer, or Maule, to get training flights in. A great community project.

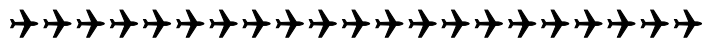
It is time for 2025-2026 club officer nominations. The nominations will start at the meeting Wednesday evening. Or, if you are unable to attend the meeting, you can nominate by sending an email to blacksheep3032@gmail.com. The voting will be at the November meeting or by mail prior to the meeting. Plan is

to conclude voting and announce the 2025-2026 officers by meetings adjournment. For your awareness, the current officers are listed on the Introduction page on our website.

We had 8 members attend the Indianapolis RC Modelers Fly All in the Fall event 21-Sep. Our attendees brought a wide variety of planes including a large number of turbine jets, EDF jets and a large Laser 200. It was nice to fly there in light winds that were mostly down the runway, however, it was a rather hot day! John Killinger was brave enough to try the jet bowling event and Ryan Jones' 1:4 scale F-86 was awarded Best of Show for the event, there are some photos on the Pictures page on our website.

Get out and enjoy the coming nice fall weather, fly safe, fly often!

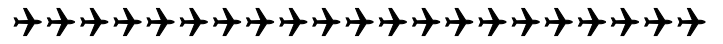
Rege



17TH ANNUAL WARBIRD FLY IN
SATURDAY 12-OCT-2023

- Corsair Field / Danville, IN
- Warbirds and Classics of all vintages and sizes
- Pilots & Directors Choice awards
- Pilots drawing and open raffles
- \$15 landing fee includes one lunch ticket

- AMA Sanctioned event # 17195
- Lunch: burgers, hotdogs, chips and drink
- Additional lunch tickets are \$5 each
- 750 ft x 80 ft grass runway
- Rain date is Sunday 13-Oct-23



10 Field & Bench Tips

Model Airplane News How-tos



BLACKSHEEP RC MODELERS
BLACKSHEEPClub.ORG

FALL FLOAT FLY!

OCTOBER 5TH
9AM - 2 PM

AMA ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS
MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED
AMA Sanctioned Event

ELECTRIC AIRCRAFT ONLY!

WEST END OF LAKE BY BLUEGILL SHELTER

W.S. GIBBS MEMORIAL PARK
4521 Gibbs Road, Danville, IN 46122



With time, experience and lots of trial and error, we RC modelers all learn good way to do accomplish workshop tasks and/or flying field repairs. The simplest things can often make the biggest difference. Be sure to leave comments about your favorite field or bench trick or tip.



1 Charged Battery ID

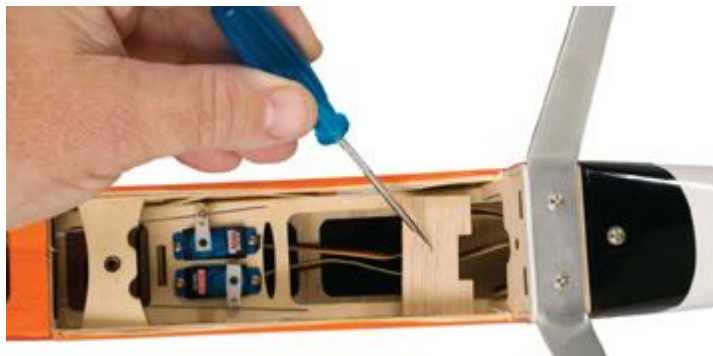
If you have a bunch of battery packs you use over and over, knowing which ones are charged and which are not can get confusing. An easy way to identify packs is to place a small ID sticker on the packs after you charge them.

Once you've used the pack for a flight, peel the sticker off so you'll know it's in need of a recharge.



2 Propeller Safety Tips

To prevent accidents, full-size aircraft are equipped with propellers that have brightly colored tips. Do the same with your model airplane propellers. Mask off the tips and spray on some bright yellow or white to make the prop tips more visible while it's spinning. The finger you save might be your own!



3 Small Parts Sticker

When building (or repairing) a model, it is sometimes hard to place a wooden part properly inside a narrow fuselage. An easy way to do this is to use a sharp awl as a "part sticker." Now, simply add glue to the part, stick it with the "part sticker" and guide it into position.



4 Emergency Screwdriver

It never fails that whenever you need a specific tool for the job, you'll find that tool anywhere but where you need it. If you find yourself in need of a common, straight-blade screwdriver, you can always take a modeling blade and place it backwards in its handle. The exposed part of the blade can now be used to tighten that screw.



5 Throw-away Epoxy Mixing Pad

While mixing epoxy, use a pad of Post-It notes for the mixing surface. Then after applying the adhesive to the model, simply throw the used note away and you're ready to mix some more adhesive. No clean up required.



6 Easy Control Surface Alignment

When you install and adjust your pushrods, it is better and easier to do if you lock your control surfaces in their neutral positions. Use a pair of coffee mixing sticks and a couple of clamping clothespins to keep the surfaces from moving.



7 Easy Clevis Keepers

If a clevis were to pop off one of your model's control horns, you could lose control and crash. A simple and cheap way to prevent this from happening is to add a clevis keeper. Simply slice a thin section from some model fuel tubing and slip it over the clevis. It will act like an O-ring and keep the clevis securely in place without binding.



8 Handy Clamp

There are a hundred tasks in modeling during which you simply need a third hand. Soldering connectors to wire leads is a good example. In a pinch, you can use a pair of pliers with its handles wrapped with a rubber band. The pliers are heavy enough to act as a steady base and the rubber band provides enough clamping force to hold delicate items without damaging them.



9 Simple Building Board

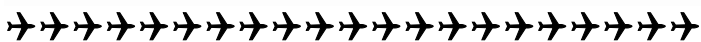
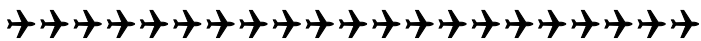
You don't need a complete building bench or table to build model airplanes; just use a straight piece of pine board. But to make it easier to insert pins to hold the wood parts in place while the glue dries, get some cheap

Peel-n-Stick cork sheeting from a hardware store or a convenience shop and stick them to the building board. Place your plans on top and protect it with some clear kitchen wrap or wax paper. Should the cork get damaged or you get some glue on it, simply peel the cork away and replace it with a new piece.



10 Sheet Separator

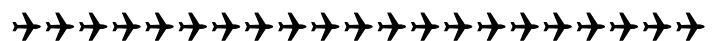
If you build from plans or kits, you have to cover your model. Often, it is very difficult to separate the covering film from its backing sheet so you can iron it into place. The easiest way to do this is to apply strips of masking tape to each side and use them as pull tabs to separate the two thin layers of plastic.



Funny Airplane Puns:

1. Airplanes and I have **something** in common—we both wing it!
2. The pilot told a joke, but it went right over my head.
3. Why do airplanes never get lost? They always have a flight plan!
4. I can't handle jet lag; it's plane torture.

5. Flying economy class is just plane and simple.
6. I wanted to be a pilot, but I didn't have the altitude for it.
7. The plane chef served wings. It felt right.
8. My love for flying is sky high.
9. Airplane jokes really lift my spirits!
10. When the plane's engine broke, the pilot just winged it.
11. Pilots are always up for a higher challenge.
12. Why don't airplanes ever gossip? They keep everything under the radar.
13. I started a flight school, but it never really took off.
14. What's a pilot's favorite exercise? Jumping to conclusions!
15. I thought about buying a plane, but the cost was sky-high.
16. On a plane, it's **always** about altitude, not attitude.
17. Airplane mechanics have the best tools; they're always above par.
18. I told my friend I was flying first class. He said I was planeamazing!
19. The in-flight movie? It's always a real blockbuster.
20. I love window seats. They give me a clearer view of my flighty thoughts.
21. The pilot's humor was dry, but the plane's drinks weren't.
22. I got upgraded to first class—it was plane amazing!
23. Airplanes are really down-to-earth until they take off.
24. Some pilots have plane charisma; others are just grounded.
25. I wasn't afraid of flying, but I had some takeoff thoughts.



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