

# The Flying Times

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## Pres's Korner

Hi all,

If you don't know, I had a mishap last Sunday at the field which left me a little immobile.

I was putting away the speakers after the Jumbo in the hanger and had the bench of a picnic table tip up throwing me off at the other end. From what I saw yesterday, my foot went down a groundhog hole which had steel beam over part of the hole. My foot rolled and I guess my ankle bone caught the beam. The end result is that I shattered my heel bone. I now have a cast and using crutches. By the looks of it I will need an operation to put in some screws to hold everything together. It's too swelled now to do anything. Go to the DR. next Thursday and get the news.

I was going on a motorcycle tomorrow to Niagara Falls but that is out of the question now, in fact it will be months before I get back on the bike.

All I can say is **THINGS HAPPEN**. I don't think a preflight would have spotted that one.

The next meeting night falls on **JULY 4th**. That's **INDEPENDENCE DAY**.

A lot of people probably have celebration plans

Talking to the Board it was decided to have the **Next meeting** the following **SUNDAY JUNE 9th at 2:30 PM**

We could also make it into small picnic. I would say -- bring along only the food and drink that your family would consume. I'll keep the meeting short

Pres. Dave. the tumbler

## Safety First=====

Official AMA Aircraft Safety Code

Yes, Virginia, there is an "Official" model aircraft safety code established by AMA. And, they expect us modelers to abide by it. The thing that caught my attention is how many things have been added over the years.

While I do not intend to recite all of them here, I will point out a few that I know have been added. I will also suggest that all members, old and new alike, read over these rules, both the "General" and "Radio Control" sections. The Free Flight and Control Line doesn't apply to anyone in this club that I know of. So here is some of the more recent ones listed under "General".

3. I will abide by this Safety Code and all rules established for the flying site I use. I will not willfully fly my model aircraft in a reckless and /or dangerous manner.

6. I will not fly my model aircraft unless it is identified with my name and address, or AMA number, inside or affixed to the outside of the model.

9. Children under six (6) years old are only allowed on a flightline or in a flight area as a pilot or while under flight instruction.

Under the "Radio Control" section:

1. All model flying will be conducted in a manner to avoid flight over unprotected people.
3. I will not fly my model in the presence of spectators until I become a proficient flyer, unless I am assisted by an experienced pilot.
7. With the exception of events flown under official AMA Competition Regulations rules, EXCLUDING TAKE OFFS AND LANDINGS, no powered model shall be flown closer than 25 feet to any individual, except for the pilot and the pilot's helper(s) located at the flightline.
8. Under no circumstances may a pilot or other person touch a model aircraft in flight while it is still under power, except to divert it from striking an individual.
9. Radio controlled night flying is limited to low-performance model aircraft (less than 100 mph). The model must be equipped with a lighting system which clearly defines the aircraft's attitude and direction at all times.

These were taken from the 2006 rules. Next time you are at the field, be sure to read over the entire section. They are posted in the frequency impound area. Or, go to The AMA site and read them.

### Meeting Notice =====

The July meeting of the Valley RC Flying Club will be **held at the field** instead of the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren, Sunday, July 9, 2006 at 2:30pm.

### Jumbo Comments:

Hello fellow flyers...Just wanted to congratulate all the membership on a great job on the Jumbo last weekend. Really got some nice weather (a little hot!) and a great turn-out of flyers and spectators !

Cherri says we did real good, too..and will have the figures for us next meeting.

Thought Roger's concession stand was outstanding as usual, and enjoyed Todd's snowballs as well !

Even though Friday got off to a little rough start with 3 crashes, we were able to settle down, figure out the problems, and turn around a possible fiasco into an outstanding event. A big thank you to everyone involved for the support. Dan B.

Sunday, June 18 while picking up and storing all our equipment used during the Jumbo event our President, Dave Burgess suffered a broken (shattered) heel bone. This happened while placing the PA speakers in the old hanger on the hill. When he stepped on the old picnic table seat it gave way and everyone hoped that a bad sprain was the damage. After a trip to the Emergency Room and the necessary X-rays the injury was greater than first thought. I talked to Dave this a.m. to hear the not-so-good news. Presently, the foot is in a cast and other Dr. appointments this p.m. The pain is tolerable at this point.

That is the bad news. For the Jumbo we will see and hear some exciting reports later. Financially the reports should be super. Several planes were lost and/or damaged which is always a bummer.

Winston Rhodes was able to take some outstanding aerial shots from his airplane with a digital camera. Some of the photos will be at the next meeting and hopefully we can use them to promote our club and especially our Jumbo event next year. A special thanks to Winston Rhodes.

### Items For Sale =====

For Sale: Rich Uravitch OV-10 Bronco, built and ready to fly. Has flown regularly. Airplane flies and handles excellent, but is no trainer! With the following:

2x O.S. .25FX engines

Battery pack and switch (no receiver)

Robart 605HD retracts

all servos. 1-retract valve, 2-HS-81 for throttles, 2-HS-81 for ailerons, 2-HS-81 for rudders,

1-3005 elevator.

\$350.00-contact Randy Ryman. 434-2646

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