

PROP TALK

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One year Pandemic anniversary

On March 16th, 2020 the hammer came down

It hardly seems like only a year ago the Coronavirus pandemic took control of our lives and activities. No, it seems like we have been living with these restrictions for decades. The doors of all our schools slammed shut, most outdoor gatherings were banned and grocery shoppers were filling their baskets with water bottles, with no toilet paper to be found. The CDC said, masks will not help, to you must wear a mask to you should wear a double or triple mask. Good friends could be carrying the virus, so don't come within 6 feet of another human. You must wash your hands continually, and don't touch your face! Your editor spent 20 months flying in a combat zone during the Viet Nam war and if I die because I touched my face, I'm really going to be ticked-off. Stay-at-home orders were issued (except for essential workers) where everyone congregates to more-easily pass on the virus to others.

How did it affect we modelers? "Big time," we might correctly answer. You see this year of fear and isolation has sapped our spirit, energy and enthusiasm. We didn't go to the flying field on a regular basis primarily because of fear of catching the virus. Although being outdoors in the sunshine and maintaining social distancing is probably the safest place you could be. However, directives from "on high" kept us from at least trying to lead normal lives. The worry of new FAA rules concerning radio-controlled model aircraft didn't help the situation.

As a result of these and other factors, our paid-up membership for the 2021 year has dropped about 30% from this time last year. As of this writing, we have 37 paid-up members. There have been many reports of non-members flying at our field recently. By those individuals not joining or not renewing their RRCC membership, affects us all by not giving the club the financial strength to accomplish the much-needed runway repairs.

In this issue of Prop Talk we have included a membership renewal form, in case you have forgotten or lost the one that was e-mailed to you. It is still one of the best deals going for a great flying site. *Editor*

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**NEXT MEETING
SATURDAY
FEB 20TH
10:00 AM
CROWLEY-YANEY
FIELD**

There are no minutes for the January meeting as it was cancelled because of Riverside County Coronavirus restrictions.

Your Editor found this article in the latest edition of the VINTAGE FLYER. It is the newsletter of the Vintage Radio Control Society (VRCS). It is a very fine and simple explanation of the latest FAA rules concerning our radio-control models.

AMA/FAA Business

As you are well aware, the FAA Remote ID regulations have been released, fortunately not as originally written with the draconian requirements that would have shut down almost all of RC model aviation. There is no registration of each aircraft you own; you can apply your registration ID to all of your models. There is no requirement to carry Remote Identification (RID) equipment as long as you are flying from a FAA recognized flying site, fly only for recreational purposes and the most important, fly safe as you always have. This is a good start and well worth the effort of you and the AMA to make it happen. Practice safe habits at the field as you always have. The FAA has recognized the excellent safety record of model aviation and it has paid off. If you have questions about the rule or any other subject related to AMA, contact the District Vice President of your region or his Associate. You can also contact AMA Government Relations. I do not recommend contacting the FAA as you may not get the correct information. AMA has a working relationship with the FAA and all questions regarding the rule or other related issues should go through AMA for the correct answer. You will also be required to pass an aeronautical knowledge test which is being designed in such a way as to not receive a failing grade. For more information, the best location is the AMA website for the latest updates.

Mike Denest, FROM THE BENCH, Vintage Flyer, Jan-Feb 2021, pg. 2



First, I want to thank Robert and Paul Jones for turning me on to this “Clear Gorilla Glue.” I have used it in rebuilding my crashed “Sequence” and found it to be an excellent adhesive.

The manufacturer claims this Gorilla Glue **BONDS VIRTUALLY EVERYTHING:** Wood, Stone, Metal, Ceramic, Foam, Glass & More.

All surfaces must be clean and tight fitting. Clear Gorilla Glue will stain clothes.

1. Damp It:

For non-porous surfaces only (i.e. metal, glass, plastics), lightly dampen one surface with water. Do not add water to bottle.

2. Glue It:

Apply Clear Gorilla Glue to surfaces. Best at room temperature.

3. Clamp It:

Clamp objects together for 2 hours. Full cure in 24 hrs. You can use heavy objects to achieve clamping pressure.

*Not recommended for use on polyethylene or polypropylene plastics.

Storage Tips: After each use, wipe nozzle clean with a dry cloth and tightly replace lid. Store in a cool, dry place with exposure to light. Lack of light and heat can cause product to yellow. Cured glue can be removed from work surface with chisel, scraper or sandpaper. Store away from children and animals. *Editor*

It's that time again; time to send in our 2021 dues. Annual fees are due by February 1st. The annual dues are \$50 for an Open membership and \$10 for those under 18 years of age. Fill out the form below, cut it out and mail it to our club's Private Mail Box (PMB). You have the option of paying by check or PayPal. If you prefer to pay by check, include your check with the renewal form and mail it to the address shown on the form. If you want to pay using PayPal (This does not require you to have a PayPal account), mark the appropriate box and mail in the renewal form. If you elect to pay by PayPal, an email invoice will be sent to you which will include a **"View and Pay Invoice"** button. Just click the button and a PayPal window will open, then either select **"Log In"** or **"Pay with Debit or Credit Card."** We can accept ATM/Debit, VISA, American Express, Discover or MasterCard. Because of PayPal fees, the annual dues using PayPal is actually \$51.85 and for new members it is \$154.75. If you have a hardship let us know. We can help you work out a payment option.

Riverside Radio Control Club 2021 Dues

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

AMA Number: _____

\$50 (Open)

FAA Number: _____

\$10 (Junior)

Phone: _____

Check

PayPal

Make checks payable to RRCC

Mail this form to:

RRCC
31566 Railroad Canyon Road. Suite #2
PMB #118
Canyon Lake, CA 92578-9446

NOTICE:

A couple of things have happened lately regarding our club and its operation that are troubling: First, as mentioned in the lead article, our Paid-up membership is down about 30% from last year. Second, there are quite a few reports of non-members (we don't even know if they have an AMA card) flying there. In one recent case, a RRCC member asked a couple of guys who were flying at our field if they were members. Their response was basically , "No, and we're going to fly anyway."

Our club policy (the same as most RC clubs) is to display on your person the current club membership card (it is green this year) while flying at the field. This card not only confirms the pilot is a member of RRCC, but also is a current member of the AMA. Our guest flying rules remain the same:

- Non-members must have a current AMA membership.
- Non-members must abide by all on-site rules.
- Non-members must be accompanied by a club member.
- Non-members are limited to Three (3) guest flying sessions at the club flying site. Exceptions to be voted on by the Executive Board.

For safety and financial reasons, we all must enforce this rule. However, be nice and non-confrontational. Encourage those non-members to join our club and be part of a super group of RC flyers with a great field.

