



# Wings and Things

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## LARCC Meeting Minutes, July 18, 2007

President Richard called the meeting to order.

Treasurer's report approved as given.

Secretary's report was approved as printed in the July newsletter.

### New Business

1. Welcome new members Calvin Kohler and Tim Schmidt!!!

2. Unanimous vote to mail out raffle tickets to members to increase ticket sales. Mark will mail. Thanks Mark!

3. Spare packets of raffle tickets are located at the field in the old shed in the metal box on the wall if you need more.

4. Unanimous vote to have RJ Concessions take care of the food again for the Fun Fly. Thanks Richard!

5. Richard will email Doug concerning the candy drop for the event.

6. Lyle suggested the LARCC being on the 1310 AM radio show on Saturday mornings for publicity for the Fun Fly.

7. Banner will go on the fence outside the Lodi Elementary School on Hwy 60.

8. Lyle will take care of the Lodi Enterprise ad for the Fun Fly. Thanks Lyle!

## Upcoming Events

**Aug. 11, 2007**  
Reedsburg Fun Fly

► **Aug. 15, 2007**  
LARCC Meeting at the field

► **Aug. 16, 2007**  
BBQ & Fly at the field

**Aug. 17-19, 2007**  
Warbirds & Classics over the Midwest, Fond du Lac

► **Sept. 9, 2007**  
LARCC Fun Fly

**Sept. 19, 2007**  
LARCC Meeting at the field

## LARCC Information

The Lodi Area Radio Control Club meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month 7:00 at Quarry Field. If you have any questions about the club activities, please contact one of the following members:

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Contact Sue at the above information if you have questions or would like to have something published to the site.

From The Prez

Hi. I hope everyone is enjoying the flying season.

By now every one should have or received raffle tickets for the fly-in September. I encourage all to sell as many as you can.

This is a major part of our fund raising. The proceeds help defray the cost of keeping up with our wonderful flying field.

Keep 'em Flying  
and  
Be Safe

Richard



Buy-Sell-Swap

**FOR SALE**



**F-51 Mustang**

150 size with 150 Saito engine. Very detailed .... a real beauty and ready to fly **\$750.00**

G.P. [degree32@verizon.net](mailto:degree32@verizon.net)

**FOR SALE**

**Stinson Reliant**

100 inch (150 size). Beautiful and ready to fly. **\$750.00**

G.P. [degree32@verizon.net](mailto:degree32@verizon.net)

**FOR SALE**



**Midwest Mustang .60**

65 inch wingspan, 4 channel R/C airplane with RJL .61 engine. Flies great. **\$130**

Ron Acker 849-7610 [ronaldacker@tds.net](mailto:ronaldacker@tds.net)

**FOR SALE**



**Saito FA-125A 4 Cycle Engine**

AAC w/Muffler used for a few flights **\$300**

Chris Galindo 608-494-0118

**FOR SALE**



**Funtana 40**

Includes Magnum 91 Engine. Only flown by little old man on really nice days ☺ **\$300** Leroy Brandt at [lebrandt@charter.net](mailto:lebrandt@charter.net)

## Learning the Art of Model Building

AMA Insider

*From the Westlake RC Club, Inc., North Olmstead, Ohio*

Building model airplanes, like any other artistic medium such as sculpture, landscape, painting, or flower arranging, is an art form in its own right. And like any other art form, it's a learned skill that takes time and dedication to master.

I try to bring a new model to the meetings every chance I get, and I always hear many who look at them say, "I could never do that," or "it would take me 10 years to build that." For the less experienced modelers among us, I can certainly understand how that could come to mind. However, those models are a culmination of more than 45 years at the drawing board and work bench, with the last 12 years having been "full time." It's safe to say that I have been fortunate enough to have packed a dozen average modelers' lifetime achievements into my last five years of modeling!

With that being said, we all must understand that mastering the art of modeling will span a lifetime, and we can't expect to start out where those who have been doing it for many years have aspired to. The good news is that modeling skills are not difficult to learn, it just takes practice. The main thing is that someone new to modeling must begin with a project simple enough to complete successfully—after all, there's no better motivator than success!

So where does one begin? Most of us in the club are RC fliers that fly Almost-Ready-to-Fly (ARFs) models; so naturally, the first thought would be to build an RC model. There are those among us who could accomplish this task just fine. However, that depends on many factors, such as wood-working skills, plans reading ability and so forth. For most, all of those skills will have to be learned right from the start, which might seem like a monumental undertaking! So here's how I'd suggest going about it.

**First:** Keep the main objective in mind—learning to build models!

**Second:** Start simple!! The fact that your primary interest is flying RC models doesn't mean your limited to building only RC models. Remember, the goal is learning to build. If you're flying ARF's now, you can still hone your flying skills while you're learning to build. Then when you do build your first RC model, your flying skills will be in good shape too.

**Third:** Don't get in a hurry, and don't get discouraged. There are no time limits on any project that are not self induced! And remember, this is a hobby and hobbies are about filling our time with enjoyable activities.

Here's a suggestion for, shall we say, testing the water! Start out with a simple stick-and-tissue type Free Flight kit. The investment is minimal—\$15.00 will go a long way in that realm, and the skills required to complete the model are really pretty minimal, but will go a long way toward building your skills. Then when you get it done, take it out and fly it. Learning to trim these models will also go a very long way in understanding RC models and what makes them tick. Then with each step, move up to something a bit more complex, and through just a few small steps, you will have learned the basic building and plans reading skills required to build an RC model.

Now, don't expect the first try to produce a world-class model. Keep in mind that this is a series of small steps toward the larger goal of mastering the art of modeling, and with each step, work toward improving something, not everything, on your next model. Give special attention to the areas that were the most difficult on the first one, and before you know it, your basic skills will be forming nicely.

And finally, if you find yourself in a little over your head, ask questions of those of us who do build. Modelers by nature are a pretty good bunch of folks, and I haven't met many who are not willing to help someone who is truly interested in learning the art of modeling.





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