VINTAGE R/C RESOURCES

Information Websites and Online Forums

<u>Vintage R/C Society</u> - Click on "Eligible Airplane List" to see if your favorite design is listed. Don't be too upset if you can't find it - the list is not totally complete or up-to-date. If you know your design was published, kitted, or flown in 1979 or earlier, that's good enough for us! Members-only area has a small plan archive. <u>RC Groups</u> - Vintage and Old-Timer Designs Forum. Features the sticky thread "Vintage Radio Control Society" devoted to all things VRCS-related. Very active forum.

RC Universe - Golden Age, Vintage, and Antique RC Forum. Fairly active forum.

Online Plan Services provide plans as an electronic file which can be downloaded from the web, or in some cases via email. Some sites charge for their plans; some are totally free. Once the file is downloaded, you will have to get it printed. If the file is a PDF, you can print it in tiles (with Adobe Reader X) or take the file to a print shop and have it printed full size for a few bucks.

<u>Outerzone</u> - An amazing collection of over 14,000 plans, all free to download. The focus is on old time and vintage F/F, C/L, and R/C designs, although more recent plans have been posted lately.

<u>AeroFred</u> - Outerzone rival is a bit more cluttered, but claims to offer over 20,000 plans.

Dave Fritzke - Just a few vintage R/C designs, but they are all classics. Free downloads.

Traditional Plan Services provide printed plans to you through the mail. A reprint of the article is usually provided. Prices vary depending on the size and complexity of the plan.

Model Aviation Plans - Sorted by year, which is helpful to determine VRCS eligibility

<u>AMA Plan Service</u> - Over 18,000 plans from Model Aviation, John Pond's Collection, and the entire Model Builder Plan Catalog. Recently updated to show picture of model, plan, and provides link to magazine article (if available). Still helps to know what you're looking for exactly.

<u>Model Airplane News</u> - MAN seems to have trimmed down their list of plans over the years, but you can still find their most popular designs.

<u>Flying Models</u> - After a short hiatus, all plans are once again available. Click on any plan for details including the designer's name and issue date. Fast shipping!

Kit Manufacturers - There are still a few small companies out there making some famous kits.

Balsa USA - Their Nostalgic Line includes the Smoothie, Excalibur, and Moonraker.

Bluejay - Joe Bridi designs like the Sun-Fli 4 and Dirty Birdy.

BMJR Models - Half-size versions of the Astro-Hog, Taurus, Orion, and Perigee.

Carolina Custom Kits - New kit maker offers Bridi UFO, Classic Curare, more.

<u>Eureka Aircraft</u> - Lots of vintage pattern planes like the Banshee, Beachcomber, Cutlass, Eyeball, Kaos, Mach 1, Sun-Fli, Trouble Maker. Also scaled-down pattern plans, plus sport models like the Ugly Stik and Strikemaster. <u>Great Flyer R/C</u> - Current manufacturer of the Florio Flyer .60 and Florio Flyer .40.

Proctor Enterprises - Located in Oregon, they still manufacture the Antic and Antic Bipe kits.

Laser Design Services - Short kits for Lazy Ace, Kwik-Fli, Flea-Fli, Honker, Super Kaos, Ugly Stik, Kirkland

Intruder, Smog Hog, Mighty Hog, Fledgling, Cessna 170, Piper Tri-Pacer, more.

<u>Retro RC</u> - A few vintage RC kits and FF designs that could be converted to RC.

Eligible ARFs - The quick way to get your hands on a vintage R/C model and join the fun. <u>Tower Kaos 60 GP/EP</u>, Airborne Models <u>Intruder</u>.