



ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS CHARTERED CLUB #1255

# SERVO CHATTER

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***THE MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, AT RIVERWIND!!***

## PRESIDENT'S CHATTER

The last scheduled Fun Fly (October) turned into a general flying day. The weather was great and there were about a dozen people at the field.

The next club meeting is November 19 at Riverwind. If you can make it please come. If you have a project you would like to share please bring it. (A show and tell equals one free raffle ticket.). We have already had board member elections, results of bylaw change, however it would be nice to have someone volunteer to serve for the one unfilled position.

It's the season to think about storage of our airplanes and batteries or projects we would like to start or complete (maybe a quad is in the works). Do you want to put skis on for flying off the snow or not (weather predictions are 10 to 15 degrees above normal, November 3 and high 60s). Weather permitting the field runway maybe plowed. We have members who have volunteered to try plowing, however they are under no obligation to do so. Don't forget to send your letters off to Santa, I know it is not turkey day yet but..... Don't forget to renew AMA and club membership. The sooner we have our membership renewed we can know our budget for 2016. It is important for planning activities for next year. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

That's it from your President

Virgil Okeson

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## ACRC VICE REPORT

*On the Board again,*

*Just can't wait to get on the Board again....*

(apologies to Willie Nelson)

So here we are, turkey day is on the horizon, leaves have turned and fallen, and you had the fun of cleaning it all up. Sigh. Oh well, we love it here, right?

I've got a bag full of nifty raffle prizes for the November meeting and no; I'm not going to tell you what they are. You'll just have to show up and support your club to find out. Might just be another surprise item like Marc chose last month.

For those of you who didn't attend last month's meeting, the board decided our well-used Craftsman lawn tractor has seen better days and it is time to replace it. I did some shopping around the area: dealers, private parties, E-Bay, Craig's list, etc. I happened upon a 2004 John Deere model L130 at Isanti County Equipment. Since most, if not all of us, are motor heads, here are the nuts and bolts of it:

23 hp Kohler V-twin air-cooled engine

Hydrostatic drive

48 inch 3 blade mower deck

Cup holder

Sunroof

The basic tractor is in good condition with just under 600 hours on it. Notice I said basic tractor. The mower deck made lots of rumbling noises when engaged. The noise was bad enough to

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cause the salesman to reduce the price from \$895 to \$600.

On a quick inspection I found two of the belt idler pulleys very rough when spun, and the third not far behind. The blade spindles need bearings as well. Similar to the idler pulleys, one is really rough, the other two not quite so bad, but still a bit noisy. A visit to the John Deere parts counter netted a bag of all new spindle bearings, idler pulleys, and a new drive belt for just over \$150. Now it's time to apply some of that expensive lubricant: Elbow Grease.

The tractor itself needs some nuts and bolts tightened up, lube the wheel bearings, and change the motor oil, and filters. Nothing too serious so far.

I'm sure everyone is very excited about the chance to operate such a fine piece of equipment next year; we may have to hold a lottery for your opportunity. Watch this space.

Tim Karash

## ACRC MINUTES

**October 15, 2015**

**Members present** - 18

**Treasurer:** Enough money in the bank to cover the rest of this year's expenses.

**Vice president:** Showed raffle prizes

**Safety:** No problems so far this year.

**Membership:** 5 members so far for 2016.

**Events:** Fun fly Saturday October 17.

**Old business:** Tom LaRose volunteered to become the training coordinator. One more member needed to fill board.

**Old business:**

The need for another board member was discussed.

**New business:**

The purchase of a replacement lawn mower was discussed.

**Raffle prizes:**

Marc Tellevik

Tim Karash

Ken Dinkel

Bruce Martin

Stan Zdon

Marc Tellevik

John Sager

Razor blades

Dremel equipment

Moto tool

Screwdriver set

Maxx receiver switch

Calendar

30 minute epoxy

Stan Zdon

## ACRC EVENTS

There is nothing to report from the ACRC Events board this month. Be sure to check at your local hobby shop for flyers pertaining to all the auction and swap meet activities that happen each winter.

I'm not sure at this point if we have any arrangements made for indoor dome flying this winter. I'll try to have an update ready for the November meeting.

And one more thing-- Shop Local!! If we don't support our local hobby suppliers then we can't complain when they have to raise prices or, worse yet, just go away completely.

See you all at the meeting.

Bob Proulx

## ACRC TRAINING

With the ACRC 2015 flying season coming to a close and the weather changing, R/C Pilot training is also coming to a close for 2015.

It is time to start thinking about breaking out the flight simulators to keep in practice and even start learning some new skills to test out in the up coming season. They are a great help to any new R/C Pilot or anyone thinking about R/C Pilot training in 2016. A couple of good ones are (Phoenix R/C Pro Simulator V5.0 & Real Flight® 7.5 R/C Flight Simulator)

I have been asking for input and talking with club members for ideas on possible changes that could be made in our pilot training program. We are thinking about using a checklist for training in the

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2016 season. This could be given to the new trainee to bring with him each time he comes for training. Items could be marked off as completed by any training Instructor. The idea being that any Instructor can pickup the trainee's training from where he left off without having to go back over what has already been done.

There are also some ideas being mentioned about possible helicopter, quad copter & FPV training. Additional instructors would be needed if we are to offer this type of training.

We also have interest in FPV quad racing. It is one of the latest things in R/C that could draw in new members of all ages to the club. We could educate them about FAA and AMA regulations, current and pending, which would help protect what we have now.

Anyone with suggestions please brings them up at the next club meeting or send to the club email.

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Tom La Rose

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Newsletter editors are always looking for interesting items to put in the newsletter. These can be articles that you have written or articles that you find on line. Pictures and hints are also welcome. Just email me the link and I can copy the information. My email address is [szdon@yahoo.com](mailto:szdon@yahoo.com).

There is an application included in this newsletter and there will also be one in the December newsletter. If you lose both of these you will have to pick one up at the meeting or send me a self-addressed stamped envelope. Members who read the newsletter on line can print the application and rules from the ACRC website. Remember, **ALL** current members have to fill out a 2016 application and have their year 2016 AMA verified before they can be issued a 2016 membership card. Dues for 2016 are \$50.00 and if you rejoin after January 31 there is a \$5.00 late fee. Please rejoin as soon as possible after you get your November Servo Chatter and your AMA

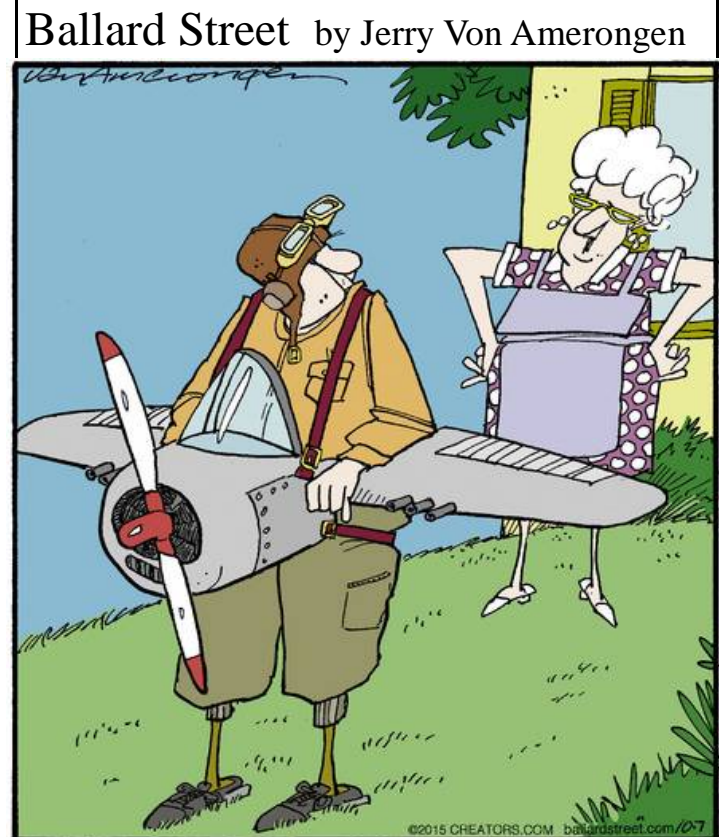
card for 2016. It is easier to set the budget if the majority of the dues are in by mid-January.

**REMEMBER** - I need verification of your **2016** AMA. Sending a copy of your 2015 card will only delay the processing of your application. Please also include a stamped self-addressed envelope. It's not that the club cannot afford the stamps, but it makes it easier for me. I do membership for both ACRC and SPMRC. Thanks

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT RIVERWIND ON NOVEMBER 19, AT 7:00 PM.** Remember, if you don't come to the meeting you can't win wonderful prizes.

It's not too long until the Freeze-Fly so put your skis on your plane and get ready for some winter flying.

Stan Zdon

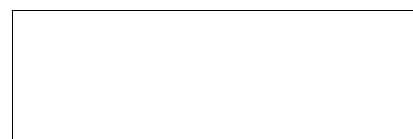
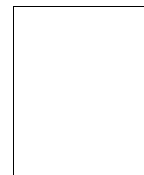


Don't you taxi away from me, Dan!



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*Deadline for the  
next newsletter is:  
December 1, 2015*

## **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

Thursday – November 19

•ACRC Meeting-Riverwind

Thursday – December 17

•ACRC Meeting-Riverwind

Friday – January 1

•ACRC Freeze Fly

Thursday – January 21

•ACRC Meeting-Riverwind

Thursday – February 18

•ACRC Meeting-Riverwind

