



ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS CHARTERED CLUB #1255

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***THE MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, AT THE FIELD!!***

## **PRESIDENT'S CHATTER**

This month we have the club meeting on the 17th, a fun fly on the 19th, and Big Bird event on the 26th. Let's get the repairs completed and plans made to attend these events.

We had some interesting things happen at the last fun fly, but at this writing I don't have the results with me to make a report on who placed. A blue wonder was used as a replacement plane and did very well. Come to the next fun fly and maybe it might show again. Might I suggest we have a fun fly event for Blue Wonders before or after the normal event?

We are in need of volunteers to relocate our sign out at Highway 65.

Virgil Okeson

## **FROM THE VEEP**

The other day I'm flying my recliner while watching the tube and along came back-to-back commercials. The Fabulous Festival of Gastronomic Goodness was proclaimed by the first ad, followed by those three words every child learns to hate: Back to School. My computer like brain snapped into action, deducing a coherent conclusion from the chaff that makes up broadcast television. Self, I said, it must be August. Yes, the planet continues to spin despite mankind's efforts to throw a wrench into the works. Time marches on. Time waits for no one. Time out. Time for a change. Time for a drink. Adult type, if you please.

August has a couple of interesting events coming up. The usual club Fun-Fly on the 19th followed a week later by our 2nd annual Big Bird Fly In. Hopefully the CD will have something to fly, Ahem. But lest we forget, on Monday the 21st, a solar eclipse will take place. Minnesota will not see a total blockage of the sun, darn close though. I'm sure we will hear about a Gomer or two with fried retinas in the days that follow. Oh well, you can lead a horse to water, but you know how bad that smells.

For this month's raffle I've got a 3000 series Dremel tool. It's the 110v type with plenty of power and includes a double handful of accessories. Yes, I know you probably already own one (maybe more) but it sure is handy to have a sanding drum at the ready. No need to fumble around, remove and insert the bit you want, just grab the other tool. Speaking of grabbing the other tool (NOT THAT TOOL), a short section of PVC pipe attached to your workbench leg makes a spiffy holster for a Dremel.

Tim Karash

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

At the July meeting ACRC voted for the Board members for the next two years. Tim Karash, Virgil Okeson, Jeff Slater and Stan Zdon were elected on a white ballot.

**HOSPITAL REMINDER** - The closest hospital is Fairview in Wyoming, just north of Forest Lake. Go east on Hwy 22 to Hwy 61, which is just a ways beyond Hwy 35, and south on Hwy 61 to the

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hospital. The hospital is on the right side of 61 as you are going south. **FLY SAFELY!!!!!!!**

If you have to call 911 the GPS coordinates of the field are:

Hwy 65 and 197th 45.3269 -93.2361

ACRC shelter 45.3287 -93.2309

**FIELD CLEAN UP REMINDER** - ACRC does not have a garbage service that comes to the field. The barrels at the field are used mainly for events. If you have pop cans or water bottles or other trash please take it home with you.

The only events still to occur this year, other than Fun-Flies, are the ACRC Big Bird Fly-In on August 26, the ACRC Electric Fly on September 9 and the Fall Fly-Out on October 7.

The next meeting will be at the field on August 18 at 7:00 PM. This is the last meeting at the field for 2017. **THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WILL BE AT RIVERWIND.** There will be a fun-fly on Saturday August 19.

Stan Zdon

## A Look Back

### August 1989

Newsletter editor Tim Brockman gave us a detailed look into the thrash of a Quickee 500 contest. Tim wasn't so lucky on the first day as high winds caused competitors to make many off field landings that resulted in subsequent damage. Temporary repairs were made for round three, but another deadstick landing resulted in more damage, leading to a 2:00 AM repair session. Fortunately, on the second day weather conditions improved, and Tim was able to complete the contest without further damage.

Dan O'Link made some changes to his Fun-Fly plane in the middle of the event. Nothing drastic, but enough of a change to upset the balance. Quick thinking and cat like reflexes saved the day.

Eric Malkerson announced the 2nd Annual Fun Scale Contest with trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd, plus prizes for all contestants.

### August 1999

Events were in full swing during the previous month. Mark Strommen took 1st in novice and Eric Malkerson 1st in expert at the Fun Scale contest. Brian Dorff, Stan Zdon, and Ed Wright placed overall 1st, 2nd, 3rd, respectively, at the Fun-Fly. Don McGillivray reported nearly 50 people showed up at his house (18 were pilots) for this year's Float Fly

Some swell guy, who shall remain nameless, timed and measured the distance to each of the 4 hospitals in case of an emergency. Each facility was queried as to the extent of available surgical staff should the need arise. BTW: Fairview in Wyoming wins hands down.

A "Fill in the Blanks" Contract of Marriage between a non-modeler to a modeler was published. Right, I want to see someone get that thing signed. (*Editor's note - See page 5*)

Tim Karash

## ACRC EVENTS

Events for August will be the usual fun-fly the Saturday after the monthly meeting on Saturday the 19th and then the Big Bird fly-in on Saturday the 26th. We are planning on serving food for the Big Bird event and, as always, it would be nice to have a few volunteers to help with set-up, serving and clean-up. Also, just a reminder, we don't have trash pick-up service out at the field so, first of all, if you have any trash at the end of your flying session for the day please TAKE IT HOME WITH YOU. The trashcans are not to be used for crashed airplane disposal or disposal of your food and beverage containers. The trashcans are primarily there for disposal of trash generated by official ACRC events. Now for the second point, please do your part as a club member and check the trash cans once in awhile before you leave. If they are getting full, take a bag or two home with you and put them in your weekly trash pick-up!! I personally have now taken 5 bags home with me and I know a few other members do the same thing, so it's time for some other members to step up and help out.

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Ok, as Tim would say, "I'll get off of my soap box now".

See you at the next meeting.

Bob Proulx

## ACRC MINUTES

Board members present: Virgil Okeson, Tim Karash, Bob Proulx, Marc Tellevik, and Tom LaRose

Members present - 15 members plus board  
Visitor - Gert Loberg

### Membership Report:

Leveled off at 101 now

### Training Update:

9 Students currently in training. Several should solo by mid August

### Treasurer's Report:

Income: \$588.00

Expenses: \$1426.52

### Safety Report: none

### Event Update:

Next event is the Electric Fly September 9

Pattern Contest - Brian and Mike Dorff ran a good contest with 10 competitors from all over the Midwest. People came from as far away as Winnipeg, Chicago, and the Dakotas.

East Bethel Booster Days was a bit of a disappointment. Only 5 spectators braved the heat to inquire about the airplanes. Event officials estimated attendance about one third of previous years.

### Old Business:

Allen Johnson sign has been completely renovated.

Elections of board members: Stan Zdon, Tim Karash, and Virgil Okeson have volunteered for another term and Jeff Slater agreed to be nominated for the forth position. A white ballot was used.

There are lawn mower storage issues at Central Landscaping. Charlie has idea for storing and

securing the tractor in pavilion. The board will discuss.

Field access road condition varies with weather and use. Tom LaRose has found a local farmer with a back blade on a tractor to grade the road. (It should be noted that the East - West portion of the road belongs to Central Landscaping, and the North - South portion belongs to Bobby Hoffman) The board will discuss the matter at next meeting.

### New Business:

Runway has a few cracks starting to open up. Jeff Slater to procure several gallons of repair materials and has made a squeegee tool to fill and level.

ACRC sign near Highway is blocked again by "advertising" truck. The board will discuss at next meeting.

### Show and Tell:

None

### Raffle:

1st	Hitec Battery charger	Jeff Flander
2nd	Drill bit set and index	Neil Olson
3rd	Battery Box	Bruce Martin
4th	Multipurpose Flashlight	Dave Williamson

## July Board Minutes

Tim Karash, Virgil Okeson, Marc Tellevik, Tom LaRose, Bob Proulx

Stan's recent illness has brought to light the need for board members to be ready to fill in at anytime. Training and/or written procedures may need to be shared with all board members.

Highway sign to be moved behind Hoffman Bros sign and angled toward highway.

Lawn mower storage. Iron posts with a locked crossbar to be installed in pavilion.

Tom LaRose to get details (pricing, etc) regarding road grading.

Tim Karash



## ACRC SAFETY

Way back on June 17 and 18 of this year, the Anoka County Radio Control club hosted a Pattern contest at our field that turned out to be not just a regional event but also an international one as well.

A few months back Brian Dorff approached our club from the Red River RC Flyers club out of North Dakota with the idea of holding a pattern contest. This contest would include "Precision Aerobatic pilots from all over the Midwest and Central Canada (who) will compete for the right to claim the Inaugural Minnesota Pattern Championship" (*From the AMA website*).

Pilots from four neighboring states as well as from Canada arrived on Saturday morning to compete along with our own Jeff Flanders for the title in one of three levels of pattern flying competition. Both days of competition turned out to be beautiful with temperatures in the 70s.

Each pilot would take turns flying a prescribed routine, an assistant standing behind the pilot calling out the patterns to be flown. Each pilot would need to make five separate flights over the course of two days of competition with other pilots judging the routine. At the start of the competition a safety briefing was given with several of the pilots needing nametags in the airplanes for the AMA insurance requirements.

Other than the name tags, a safety briefing seemed hardly necessary as each pilot showed a huge amount of skill often making the airplanes seem as if they were flying on invisible rails in the sky. In the end only one plane received a minor amount of damage to its landing gear. This may have been due to the speed of the aircraft, the necessity of the airplane to land a show center to gain maximum points, and the shortness of the overall length of our hard, slick runway surface. None of the pilots complained about this but for future competition I would recommend that show center for landings be placed at the  $\frac{1}{4}$  mark rather than the  $\frac{1}{2}$  mark of the runway. This would be for added safety to allow for the planes to come to a stop rather than to have the pilots try to S-turn to slow down before the end of the tarmac.

Overall, the pilots stated that they enjoyed the use of our airfield and our hospitality and all involved said that they are looking forward to coming back next year as well.

Brett Ohnstad



# CONTRACT OF MARRIAGE

Whereas I       (non-modeler)      , (hereinafter referred to as "the party of the first part"), have entered into a Contract of Marriage with       (modeler)      , (hereinafter referred to as "the party of the second part"), I DO HEREBY STATE, SIGNIFY, AND ADMIT that I do fully and without demur of reservation ACCEPT, CONCUR, AND AGREE to the under mentioned conditions, namely:

1. Not fewer than five (5) evenings per week shall be devoted to the study, design, construction, or any pursuit connected with and/or or the contemplation of aeromodeling according to the wishes of the party of the second part. An evening shall consist of the hours between 2 p.m. and 11 p.m.
1. Not fewer than sixty percent (60%) of weekends (Saturdays and Sundays) and seventy-five percent (75%) of federally recognized days per annum shall be devoted to the aforementioned pursuits, including the trimming, testing, and flying of the said models, whether in competition or not, and travel to and from the site of such flying according to the expressed wishes of the party of the second part.
1. No criticism, complaint, or adverse comments shall be made in respect to odors, vapors, or fumes proceeding from materials or accessories employed, used, or associated with the aforementioned pursuits, whether noxious or otherwise, indoors or out, nor regarding litter, dust, shavings, and similar by-products which may be forthcoming, produced, left, or permitted to remain in any place during the practice of this hobby.
1. A maximum average of one-third (1/3) of the weekly combined household income, or the total sum of \$500, whichever is the greater, shall be permissible as the expenditure each week upon the aforementioned pursuits.

I, the party of the first part DO FURTHER AGREE to help, aid, cooperate and assist to the best of my knowledge and ability, the party of the second part in the activities in the whole sphere of model-making, especially in the provision of refreshment (i.e. food, drink, and other consumables for consumption) during flying seasons, and in respect of my own self-effacement where and when advisable or in accordance with the wishes of the party of the second part, and I do fully appreciate and realize his/her absorption in the hobby and also the details and implications herein embraced.

AS WITNESSED on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ this year of \_\_\_\_\_.

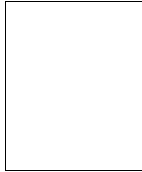
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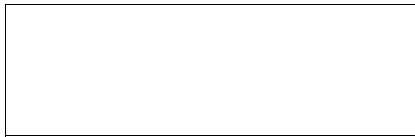
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**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

Thursday – August 17  
 •ACRC Meeting-At Field

Saturday – August 19  
 ACRC Fun Fly #5

Saturday – August 26  
 •ACRC Big Bird Fly-In

Saturday – September 9  
 •ACRC Electric Fly

Thursday – September 21  
 •ACRC Meeting-Riverwind

Saturday – September 23  
 •ACRC Fun Fly #6

Saturday – October 7  
 •ACRC ACRC Fall Fly-Out

Thursday – October 19  
 ACRC Meeting-Riverwind

Saturday – October 21  
 •ACRC Fun Fly #4