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**THE DECEMBER 16 MEETING WILL BE AT THE CIVIC CENTER**

## PRESIDENT'S CHATTER

### 'TIS THE SEASON

I am guessing the Black Friday sales that started on some Monday in November and will run until near the New Year will have everyone busy.

I am enjoying some rather nice flying weather. I have test flown a couple planes and a few of the good ol' flyers this week. The best test was the electric conversion of the Goldberg Dave Patrick Sukhoi SU- 26 on a 12s 4000 which made for unlimited vertical and great knife edge flying.

I am proposing Christmas snacks and fresh brewed coffee for our December meeting. I will take care of the coffee and will bring cookies. Anyone that may want to add can bring whatever you want. Remember show-n-tells are a good thing.

Hoping you all had a great Thanksgiving and have all your Christmas lists in order.

See you at the meeting

Jeff Slater

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT THE **COON RAPIDS CIVIC CENTER** ON NOVEMBER 18 AT 7:00 PM. The Coon Rapids Civic Center is about 2 miles east of Riverwind, about a mile beyond Hansen Blvd, on the north side of the road. It is a large building and we will be entering at the far south door. If you have a GPS the address is 11155 Robinson Dr, Coon Rapids, MN 55433

HOLIDAY GREETINGS!!! I hope that you have been good so that Santa will bring you a lot of goodies this year and maybe a few **EXTRA-SPECIAL** treats. If you haven't put in your request yet, just leave a Tower Hobbies catalog lying around with the appropriate pages marked. You still have a few weeks until Christmas. Just remind your significant other that it takes less money to fly large R/C airplanes than it does to support the local tavern.

There is an application included in this newsletter and if you lose it 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 2022 application and have their year 2022 AMA verified before they can be issued a 2022 membership card. Dues for 2022 are \$75.00 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 2022. It is easier to set the budget if the majority of the dues are in by mid-January.

REMEMBER - I need verification of your **2022** AMA dues. Sending a copy of your 2021 card will only delay the processing of your application. Please also include a small stamped self-addressed envelope. It's not that the club cannot afford the stamps, but it makes it easier for me as I do membership for both ACRC and SPMRC. Thanks

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**ACRC FREEZE FLY** - Put skis on your plane and get ready for some winter flying on January 1.

**TCRC ANNUAL AUCTION** - The TCRC auction will be on Saturday, February 5, at Cross Point Church on 98th and Bloomington. Registration starts at 7:00AM and the auction starts at 9:00AM. Go to the TCRC website for more information:

[http://www.tcrconline.com/pages/auction\\_seller\\_registration.htm](http://www.tcrconline.com/pages/auction_seller_registration.htm)

The December meeting will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> at the Coon Rapids Civic Center. See maps attached to the email for directions.

Stan Zdon

## FROM THE VEEP

I learned a good lesson last month: when one is off on a field service trip in New Hampshire it is important to remember that it is unlikely for everything to go smoothly so that you can make it home before the next monthly club meeting as planned. I also learned that it is no fun to celebrate one's birthday halfway across the country from family and friends. All that goes to say why there was not a proper raffle at the November membership club meeting.

I also admit that I have been procrastinating about writing this December column as I struggled to come up with something creative. Instead, I was pleasantly surprised that my December issue of Model Aviation came in the mail as a last-minute source of inspiration. If you haven't read it yet, I encourage all of you to read Dave Scott's article titled "Fostering an Active Flying Club in the Modern Era", which details some observations that Dave has made over the years. Many of you have surely read Dave's instructional articles to improve your own flying prowess, but I feel that his latest article is very timely as none of us can ignore the decline in new membership in clubs around the country and even our own ACRC club. I feel it is important to take the advice to heart and see how we can improve the chance of attracting and retaining new members.

I especially appreciated what Dave had to say about the importance of getting people flying more

quickly. In this, I applaud our president Jeff Slater for encouraging the extra incentives to participate in the Fun Fly's we hosted over the past summer, because part of getting new people flying is to have existing members who are also regularly flying. Another recommendation from the article was more-or-less to embrace the modern technology that is available to RC pilots these days. Many of us, myself included, may have looked down on the plethora of ready-to-fly or bind-n-fly aircraft that have flooded the market and cry that they are taking out the tinkering and building aspects of the hobby. When I volunteered to join the training program as an instructor this year, I made a great effort to have a "real" balsa and lite-ply trainer aircraft because I didn't want to teach with one of those foam Apprentices. Not long into the season I had to eat a piece of humble pie after allowing my "real" trainer to take a real nosedive into the mud. I ended up training the rest of the season with the dreaded Apprentice only to realize that it is quite an effective craft to instruct new pilots that also has the agility to allow the trainer to get out of the sticky situations that students regularly put us into.

Again, if you haven't read the article, please go find your copy of Model Aviation and do so. As you read it, think about the habits and attitudes you can adopt to foster a new member's interest in staying with the hobby. As always, I hope to see more of you at the membership meeting this month. Bring in your projects to share with the group, and I will bring something interesting to throw into the raffle.

Ryan Kontak

## A LOOK BACK

### DECEMBER 2003

18 YEARS AGO

Late breaking news from the past August: Jason Shulman was able to construct and fly competitively the first electric Pattern Aircraft. Although he only placed 7th in the glow-powered field, it got everyone's attention.

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New board members and indoor activities dominate this month's newsletter.

Swap meets and auctions shuffle planes and parts to new owners.

Two full pages from SR Batteries web page regarding NiCd vs. all other battery chemistry, were reprinted. Who ever wrote the original text did not have many good things to say about NiMH batteries.

## DECEMBER 1993

28 YEARS AGO

New Board Members here too.

Bob Harding reminded ACRC members about our \$100.00 donation to Toys For Tots.

A brief explanation of why cheap CA glues fail. The better glues contain additives and are formulated to limit molecular growth during curing. Molecules that grow too large loose adhesion with other molecules causing joint failure.

A reminder from another club newsletter pointed out the potential hazards in our airplane workshops. Balsa dust and glue fumes top the list, closely followed by injuries from sharp tools.

Tim Karash

## ACRC MINUTES

Board members present:

Jeff Slater, Stan Zdon, Marc Tellevik, Bob Barton, Bruce Martin, Tim Karash.

Members present: 2 plus board

New member Kevin Haugaard

**Membership Report:** 2022 renewals continue to trickle in.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Income: \$533.00

Expenses: \$183.55

**Safety Officer Report:**

No officer present

**Training Report:**

No training planned until spring

### Events:

Annual January 1st Freeze-Fly

### Old Business:

The club lawn mower is at Isanti County Equipment for maintenance

### New Business:

An informal Christmas party/gathering will be held at the December meeting.

Jeff Slater has decided several picnic tables plus 2 startup stands are unused and beyond repair. Jeff will dispose of them.

### Show and Tell:

Jeff Slater brought in several variation of snow ski mounting for R/C planes with rubber bands and fish line cord to keep the ski level.

Jeff also brought a shop made jig to make his own skis from multi layers of 1/64 plywood

Tim Karash

## CALENDAR UPDATE

The holidays are upon us once again. Our delightful Weather Guide calendars make wonderful Christmas gifts for those on your gift list. It would be very helpful if every club member purchased one for himself.

The cost of repaving our runway may seem insurmountable, but if we keep chipping away at it, we can get it done. Even one sale adds funds to the runway-repaving project.

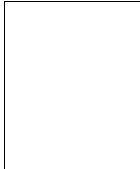
See you at the December meeting (just in time for Christmas)

Tim Karash



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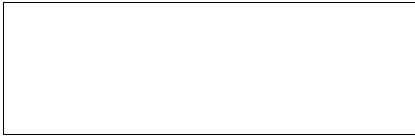


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**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

Thursday – December 16  
 • ACRC Meeting-Civic Center

Saturday – January 1  
 • ACRC Freeze Fly

Thursday – January 20  
 • ACRC Meeting-Civic Center

Thursday – February 17  
 • ACRC Meeting-Civic Center

