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THE AUGUST 21ST MEETING IS AT THE FIELD!!

PRESIDENT'S CHATTER

THERE ARE ALWAYS MORE AIRPLANES

David Dentz and his dad, Richard were both past members of ACRC. Dave has contacted me about dispersing some of their planes and r/c equipment.



Richard Dentz

Richard has passed away and Dave is no longer flying. Dave said his dad did all the building and they both flew the planes. Some of the planes will be donations and some will be for sale. I have two of them now that I will bring to the meeting this month. There is a 62-inch Taube .40 with a new, never fired Thunder Tiger

.46 receiver ready. When cleaning and prepping this plane, I did notice the expert build job. I also have a Fokker E-III Eindecker 67-inch with a Saito .56 four cycle also receiver ready expertly built and fabric covered.



David and Richard Dentz

See you guys at the meeting!

Jeff Slater

POSSIBLE FLYING SITE RULE TO ADD

This discussion was started at the June meeting and continued at the July meeting so I think it is worth a vote. The AMA suggests we all put our name, AMA number, and address in or on all our aircraft. It is not mandated but it will help in case of a fly away for recovery or in case of an accident for settling any claim.

The FAA and the AMA does mandate the we put our FAA number on the outside of our aircraft and that we



have proof of the TRUST test if asked for by authorities.

I will ask for any final discussion and call for a vote to add either or both of these items to our flying site rules at the August meeting.

Hoping you all are going to attend.

Jeff Slater

FROM THE VEEP

I will start off this month with an introduction. My name is John DeVries. I have been building and flying r/c models longer than I care to admit. My first kit was a Sig Kougur that my Dad helped me build when I was 10 or 12. My first radio was an EKLogictrol red box. 5 channels, no servo reversing, no end point adjustments, nothing. I quickly realized that this was too much airplane for me, but I taxied that airplane probably a thousand miles, trying to get the courage to fly it.

A Balsa USA Stick 40 was the airplane with which I taught myself to fly. Reminder: there were no simulators, no trainer cords. In those days, #64 rubber bands were your life. And thank goodness the wing popped off in crashes.

Simultaneously, I was encouraged by the Police and John Clark to stop flying in the park and join Tri-valley RC club in Rosemount. I was working afternoons at the time, and flew basically every morning, windy or not.

Skip ahead 35 years, and here we are, still trying to figure this out. I guess what keeps me motivated is the challenge, there's no such thing as a perfect flight. I am committed to keep trying.

Remember, this is supposed to be fun.

John DeVries

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

This my first month replacing Scott Oleson as Membership Secretary. Thanks, Scott, for all the work you did to organize the Membership roster and the help you gave me to transition. I hope to serve the Club to the same high level you provided.

This has been an easy first month in that we have not added any new members or renewals this month. The current Membership Count remains at 89.

One item that was discussed at last month's membership meeting was the necessity for members to fly from our field was to have completed the TRUST questionnaire and have a valid FAA license. If that becomes a requirement, I will outline the steps you need to take in an email to you. I will also print the steps in next month's Newsletter.

Happy Flying!

Earl Hendricks

EVENT COORDINATOR

Big Bird Fly! It's here folks. Saturday August 23rd. This includes anything over 70 in wing span in a mono wing and 60 in span in a bi-plane. \$15 landing fee includes lunch or you can just come out to watch and lunch will be by donation. The menu is set with Sloppy Joe's, pasta salad and chips. Bring out your friends and family and make it a day of fun.

Mike Reinert

SAFETY REPORT

Message from your new safety officer:

My name is Cameron DeVries and I have been a member of ACRC for 4 years. I appreciate the nomination and am excited to become your new safety officer. I have been flying RC since my dad (John DeVries) taught me when I was 6 years old. I've had a passion for RC ever since. From cars, boats, and all different kinds of airplanes, I enjoy it all.

As far as my role as safety officer there is just one thing I would like to mention. We are all safety officers. We all play an important role in keeping our field safe. So, if you see something say something and don't ever hesitate to ask me or another member a question if you're not sure.

I look forward to being a part of the ACRC board and seeing you all at the field soon.

Cameron DeVries

FROM THE TREASUR(Y) CHEST

2026 Renewal Information

Per changes to the bylaws made last month, current members can renew their membership for \$75.00 between September 1st, 2025, and January 31st, 2026. After January 1st they will be considered new members, and the fee will be \$95.00.

Changes to the online membership application.

The form has fewer questions this year so, I hope you find it less confusing. Fees on the online form now include the PayPal charges. You will pay for your membership right away rather than waiting for an invoice.

When you complete the form and hit submit, it will take you to a page that says:

“Your response has been recorded - Payment is required as the next step! Use the link below to continue.”

https://checkout.payableplugins.com/gf/*****”

Click the link to be taken to the checkout page. You can pay with a credit card, PayPal or Venmo. You will be directed to your receipt within a few seconds.

Hopefully, you all find this method much easier than last year.

Marc Tellevik

A LOOK BACK

AUGUST 2007

18 YEARS AGO

The Scale Masters event went well, despite cool, windy, and later damp conditions. Several ACRC members participated, one contestant came up from Wichita KS.

12 pilots flew at the July Fun-Fly. Events were a 5-traffic cone weave, Pony Express flight, and a limbo contest. Last round of Limbo, had the string at 4 feet.

A map and address list were published for the area emergency health care facilities.

AUGUST 1997

28 YEARS AGO

Prez Spence Minear, brought up the recurring issue of high speed, low level, passes down the runway when others are flying.

Spence also asked many pilots what they use as an after run oil in their motors.

That problem has kinda gone away....

8 pilots participated in the July Fun-Scale contest. 7 additional ACRC members helped run the event.

Bill Sykes from St Paul R/C wrote a thorough information page on carb tuning in R/C planes.

Tim Karash

ACRC MINUTES

Board members present:

Jeff Slater, Marc Tellevik, John DeVries, Earl Hendricks, Mike Reinert, Tim Karash, Jim Van Norman, Cameron DeVries.

13 Member present plus board
1 Guest

Membership Report:

89 members to date

Treasurer's Report:

Income: \$565.00

Expenses: \$775.25

Safety Officer Report:

No incidents

Event Coordinator:

Mike Rienert requested help with the concessions at the Big Bird Fly-In.

Training Report:

2 students training at this time, but there have been scheduling interruptions.

Old Business:

2026 Board member nominations, John DeVries, Earl Hendricks, Cameron DeVries, and Tim Karash, were all voted in.

The By-Law changes as proposed, pertaining to membership renewal, were voted on and passed unanimously.

The AMA has updated their aircraft and pilot identification requirements:

Your AMA number must be visible on your aircraft without component removal. The number can be inside or outside of your aircraft provided it's visible.

Your FAA must be on the outside of your aircraft.

The TRUST test that appeared a few years ago, is now required by the AMA. A copy of your certification needs to be available, either electronic or printed, at any time. This includes flying sessions. If you do not have a copy of your completed test, you can retake the test.

Some clubs have required TRUST verification, however, ACRC does not at this time. This matter will be discussed further at the August meeting.

New Business:

None

Show and Tell:

None

Raffle:

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| 1) Glue mix cups | Marc Tellevik |
| 2) #11 blades | Cameron DeVries |
| 3) Foam Glue | Marc Tellevik |
| 4) CA Glue set | Jeff DeVries |
| 5) Magnet tool | Ted Sanders |
| 6) Clamp set | Earl Hendricks |
| 7) Lipo Bags | Jeff Slater |
| 8) Miter box saw | Jeff DeVries |
| 9) Zona Saw | Cameron DeVries |
| 10) Cox Free Flight Plane with camera | Ted Sanders |

Submitted by Tim Karash

NOTE: If you know of someone who has not been "getting" the Servo Chatter newsletters, kindly remind them that they need to click on the button in the email distribution. They files are not attached, but can be downloaded after clicking.



Editor's Ramblings

Well, true to my usual form, I've changed gears on my building table again. This time I'm trying to get another airplane ready for the Float Fly coming up in September. The model is an E-Flite Ultra Stick 25e, which is mounted to a nice pair of floats. I'm currently down to the last few details such as hooking up the water rudder, some covering repair, and mounting the ESC. I might actually make my goal of having it ready.



The question I have for you all is how to maiden the plane prior to the event without having access to a lake or RemoteID module? Any chance it would slide enough on some wet grass for takeoff and landing?

Ryan Kontak

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday – August 16

- ACRC Fun Fly

Thursday – August 21

- ACRC Meeting-At the Field

Saturday – August 23

- ACRC Big Bird Fly-in

Saturday – September 13

- ACRC Electric Fly-in

Saturday – September 20

- ACRC Float Fly

Saturday – October 4

- ACRC Fall Fly-out

CRCC - Coon Rapids Civic Center

