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THE OCTOBER 16TH MEETING IS INDOORS AT CRCC!!

PRESIDENT'S CHATTER

A BUSY FEW WEEKS

We have had several great events including the Electric fly, Float fly, and our Fall fly out. With the exception of some not so favorable cross winds the Electric fly was really well attended. Mother Nature shined on us for the Float fly where we had more than 20 pilots. Then even with 20 plus mph winds, we had 23 pilots sign up for the fall fly out! All three events had several spectators attend.

Along with all these great Saturday events I found time to attend a swap at Grassfield RC and another at TCRC both were well attended.

Then in an effort to make more room in my hanger before I start more building projects I finally (after two years) got the Gulf Hawk 2 ready for flight.



It flew!

To my dismay it did not go very well. See pictures.



Gulf Hawk 2 on the tarmac



The implosion

On another subject our monthly Fun-Flys, which have been a ACRC staple for more than thirty years, have not been very well attended. In the past we have tried announcing the events in our newsletter, we tried



having trophies, tried accumulating points and announcing the overall winners at the end of the season, then in the last two years we offered a monetary incentive for participating. All have failed to increase participation. In the 80's and 90's we seemed to average 10 to 12 participants now we are averaging 4 or 5.

Jeff Flander for the past few years up until now has been coordinator THANK YOU Jeff!

He has informed me that he is relinquishing this task as of this season. I am open to suggestions and looking for a volunteer or a committee of volunteers to share in this endeavor. Hoping someone will come up with a grand idea before May and the start of next year flying season.

Thanks guys keep-m-flying



Will this one fly again?

Jeff Slater

FROM THE VEEP

Well, another flying season is slowly slipping away. I made it to most of the fly-ins that I had planned on attending. I currently have at least 10 big projects that need attention, so maybe I'll be able to give more time to building/ assembly, rather than repair/rebuilding.

It was nice to see such a large turnout at the Fall Fly-out. Despite the somewhat blustery conditions, we had a good number of aircraft in the air. Even some foam was seen flying. A few years ago, flying a small airplane in that wind would have been impossible. Well, it's possible now but you sometimes take home more pieces than you brought.

We also talked to quite a few spectators, some of whom had driven by for years, but never stopped. Several expressed interest in starting to fly.

Exposure is never a bad thing. While on that subject, if you have any pics that you took at the field during an event or whatever, please, post on our Facebook page or send to one of us to post on the website.

I hope to see many faces at the meeting this month. This is your club, the way to induce change is to take part in the meetings and make your voice heard. Complaining about something generally won't change it. (Although some say that's been my method for years 😊). There will be at least one completed airplane in the raffle, along with various smaller prizes. Now all I need to do is remember to bring the prize bucket.

John DeVries

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Now that we have started getting renewals for 2026, I am happy to report that we have currently 93 members of the club. That includes 4 new members. Of these new members, most have membership in other clubs and want to expand their flying options.

Also, on September 1, we started taking renewals of membership for the 2026 season. So far, we have 10 signed up for the 2026 year. Our website now is taking renewals, gathering all the important information and

linking with a convenient means to pay by credit card through PayPal.

As a final note, I will be issuing new cards later in the fall. If you are a new member for 2026, I want to remind you that if you are flying and do not have a 2025 membership card from either ACRC or SPRC, you can use your payment receipt and your AMA card on the Flight Board as you proof of being a valid member. Safe Flight!

Earl Hendricks

A LOOK BACK

OCTOBER 2007

18 YEARS AGO

Plans for 15 size warbird combat were proposed

Safety Officer Kevin Carlson reminded glow fuel users to NOT reach over the spinning prop after starting the engine. It's a dangerous habit many pilots have adopted.

11 pilots participated in the September Fun-Fly.

The MAAC Swap Meet date was announced.

'Tis the season!

OCTOBER 1997

28 YEARS AGO

R/C activities must have really wound down as the newsletter was very brief.

President Spence Minear lamented about the reduced flying days during winter months and suggested having a plane ready to "Grab 'N Go" if the weather Gods allow.

Spence is also building a SIG Wonder that may be perfect for winter flights as it's a hand launch plane with no skis required.

ACRC Flying Site Courtesy list was reprinted, reminding everyone that this is a group activity, think of others when flying.

Tim Karash

ACRC MINUTES

Board members present:

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

5 Member present plus board
New member Marshall Mills

Membership Report:

92 members as of today

Treasurer's Report:

Income: \$1513.00

Expenses: \$1953.00

Safety Officer Report:

The AMA has a requirement regarding FPV flights

FPV pilot must have a spotter at any sanctioned even.
A spotter is not required for non-event flights.

Event Coordinator:

Upcoming Events:

Fall Fly-Out on October 4th

Float-Fly September 20 9am - 4PM

The normal \$50 Fun-Fly drawing prize, was split up into 1 \$20 and 3 \$10 prizes at the Float-Fly

Fun-Fly on 9/20 cancelled.

Freeze-Fly January 1st

Training Report:

A few inquiries have reported, but none have signed up. The 2 Students that had training this year, did not make it through solo Flight.

Old Business:

The Porta Potty will remain at the field through the end of October. Longer if mild weather conditions continue.

New Business:

ACRC club website verbiage information to be expanded on the application.

A discussion about purchasing a small complete aircraft RTF as a special raffle for young spectators. All in agreement that it is a good idea.

Event sanctions will be done earlier in the season. Possibly in February.

SPRC special dispensation, which allows SPRC members to fly at ACRC, will end on December 31st.

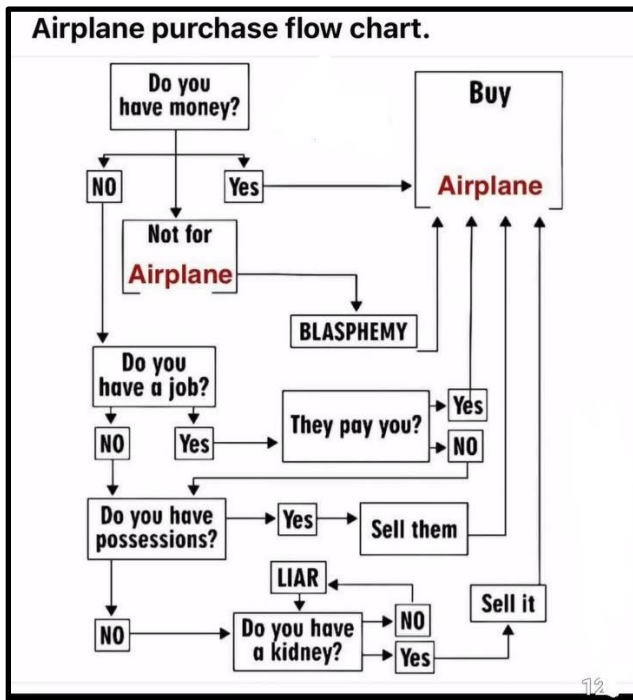
Show and Tell:

Tim Karash resurrected an Ultimate Nicad battery charger. It has eight independent ports for automatic discharging, charging, then continuous trickle charge of receiver or transmitter packs. High Tech for 1985.

Raffle:

RTF Taube with ailerons new motor OS 46
Won by Mark Ptaszynski

Submitted by Tim Karash



Lizzie's New Plane

I attended the Electric Fly, with my daughters Lizzie and Natalie. Jeff Slater had donated a couple of planes to the raffle. When the raffle planes were put out, Lizzie saw the Beaver and decided if she won, that would be her choice if it was still available.

The raffle came and went, no winners in our group. "Darn, maybe next time" back to flying the Aeroscout.

A couple hours later Mike (the guy that works at the sod farm, I don't know his last name) came over and

visited with us. He asked Lizzie if she wanted her own plane, he had just won two and only needed one.



She was over the moon excited! We brought it home, hung it up in her room. I put a new receiver in it and programmed it for self-leveling.

We went to the Float Fly the following Saturday. The Beaver flew great; Lizzie did a couple take-offs with a buddy box. She was a little nervous to land it though.

Thank you, Mike, that plane couldn't be more loved!



Eric and Lizzie Hong

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday – October 16

- ACRC Meeting-At CRCC

Thursday – November 20

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Thursday – January 1

- ACRC Freeze Fly

CRCC - Coon Rapids Civic Center

