



ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS CHARTERED CLUB #1255

# SERVO CHATTER

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***THE MEETING ON MAY 20 WILL BE AT THE FIELD!!!***

## PRESIDENT'S CHATTER

### THE FAIR WEATHER FLYING SEASON IS OFFICIALLY HERE!!

I am happy to report the first FUN-FLY was a great success. Mother-nature cooperated with a perfect weather day. Jeff Flander ran a great event. We had 11 pilots sign up with 9 that flew. Two didn't fly for their own reasons. There were a few spectators as well. The first round was Black Jack, followed by round two a timed taxi event with three rolls touch-n-go then three loops and land, the last round was a spot landing. All who attended had a great time. I went home with some repairs necessary after getting greedy with the three rolls ending with gravity winning or that magnet in the ditch grabbing my plane from the air. The plane will be ready for next month's FUN-FLY. Here is the list of participants in the order they placed over all. 1-Tyler Grzesiak, 2-Jeff Flander, 3-Ted Sander, 4-Joe Van Norman, 5-Keith Moldenhauer, 5-Jeff Smith, 5-Jeff Slater, 6-Ryan Kontak, 7-Mark Tellevik. Yes, there was a three way tie for fifth place. Tyler seemed to have a helium-filled foamy that took first in all three rounds.

After the flying was done we had the drawing for the \$50.00 visa card. Just to be clear there was a non flyer that did the drawing. I was the winner and plan to buy a new battery with the winnings.

I am looking forward to next month's Fun-Fly. Hope to see you all there.

Jeff Slater

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### THE APRIL MEETING IS AT THE FIELD.

The meeting this month will be **AT THE FIELD**. The starting time is 7:00 PM and if you get there early you can get in some flying before the meeting. Remember that you should be using your current membership card to mark your channel and guests should be using their AMA card to verify their AMA membership. ACRC rules require that your membership card be attached to the impound board anytime your transmitter is not in the impound rack or in a Tx case.

In 2014 the By-Law concerning nominations for the Board was changed. Nominations are now held in May and June with the election in July. The three members whose terms end this year are Tony Hahn, Jeff Slater and Stan Zdon. Hopefully we can convince them to re-up for another two years.

ACRC members should remember and follow the safety rules. We all have mental lapses from time to time so gently remind others when you see them having a SENIOR MOMENT. Starting engines with the plane faced other than toward the runway and full RPM run-ups in the pits seem to be the most frequent violations of club rules. If you just visualize where the prop blades will go if the blades break off it will help you remember why the club has these rules. The plane should be started in the pit area and moved to the run-up area for the high RPM run-up. There should be NO running of engines or electric motors in the shelter.

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The flight stations are close enough so pilots can communicate their intentions concerning take-off, landings, etc. Be sure to let other pilots know what you are going to do. Shout out “coming out”, “taking-off”, “landing”, “on the field” etc. Remember, if the wind is from the north, you should be flying from the 5 stations by the south half of the runway and vice-versa.

Be sure that you are standing on or behind the flight station blocks. If you stand ahead of the blocks you could be blocking the view for someone who is landing and if you are standing way ahead of the blocks you are definitely in a Danger Zone. All flying is to be done beyond the runway. This even applies to Micro-Electric planes (See Rules 9 & 10). Once you land, clear the runway and taxiways as quickly as possible. If you have to do maintenance on your plane or change the battery, it should be taken back to the pits.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT THE FIELD ON MAY 20 AT 7:00 PM. The summer meetings will be at the field until August. The fun-fly will be on Saturday May 22.

Stan Zdon

## A LOOK BACK

### MAY 2003

18 YEARS AGO

Flight line courtesy and safety rules were at the top of the yearly reminder list. Those rules are in place for a reason. Please abide by all.

Hitec Radio Company issued a warning to all using their radios and Futaba in trainer/buddy box mode. Be sure to use a Hitec cord NOT a Futaba cord. The slave transmitter may emit a dangerous RF signal and/or cause electrical damage one or both transmitters.

Bob Proulx brought a Royal brand Cessna 310 that he electrified. Powered with 12-14 cells. Those were the days.

Information for the upcoming Pattern contest filled many pages, starting with a list of maneuvers for

each class, and a primer by Brian Dorff on proper positioning of your aircraft to obtain the correct “line” throughout the maneuver. Two new Futaba radio systems were given to 2 contest participants chosen at random.

### MAY 1993

28 YEARS AGO

The new flying site has been cleared, smoothed, and seeded. Asphalt “regrind” material was ordered and by the end of May, the asphalt runway should be in place.

Channel 21 on the 72 MHz band has been experiencing interference much like channel 20. It was unclear if it was mixing with TV channel 4, but only causes an issue with older, single conversion receivers. Gold stickered transmitters are required by club rules, however, there are no requirements on which receiver you use.

The ACRC board was hopeful that all 2500 of the fundraising raffle tickets would be sold during the upcoming year.

### MAY 1983

38 YEARS AGO

A major plea was made to keep our flying field clean. Al Johnson could refuse to mow the grass if debris is found that could damage his equipment.

Loren Wright, Rick Proehl, and Brian Crosby brought Show N Tell.

A club jacket was given to Al Johnson.

Loren & Sandy Wright, Jack Overbaugh, and Tom & Ann Arendt attended the AMA District 7 meeting in Duluth.

Tim Karash



## ACRC MINUTES

15 Members present.

**President:** Jeff Slater started the meeting at 7:00.

The next meeting is **AT THE FIELD**.

**Vice President:** Nothing to report.

**Membership report:**

62 members are signed up so far for 2021.

**Events:**

The ACRC Spring Fly-In was set for May 15.

Pilots should bring their own food; water and chips will be provided.

The Pattern Contest is on June 12 & 13.

**Training:**

Training will start on April 14, evenings only.

**Safety report:**

None

**Treasurer's Report:**

Expenses: \$387.97

Runway Fund \$4206.00

**Old Business:** Ted Fruth's planes are on Facebook.

Volunteers are needed for lawn mowing.

**New Business:** none

**Show and Tell:**

**Jeff Slater** showed his new foam combat plane.

Stan Zdon

## TED FRUTH AUCTION

The hammer fell at midnight on May 1st. All of the airplanes and all of the field equipment (with one exception) were sold. The battery charger is still available should anyone be interested.

We were able to add over \$600.00 to the runway replacement fund.

Thank you to all who participated.

A big Thank You to Ted Fruth.

Tim Karash

## R/C AIRPLANE DEFINITIONS

**AEROMODELING:** The art of turning precision cut and glued balsa wood and foam into toothpicks and confetti.

**AIRPLANE:** A heavier than air machine that flies like it is heavier than air.

**BALSA:** 1) What dreams are made of. 2) What P51 pilots have a lot of. 3) An extremely light substitute for gold.

**BALSA STRIPPER:** A lightweight female dancer, rhythmically removing covering, to show inner structure to drooling R/C pilots.

**CRASH:** A quick method of removing radio and engine from a model to fit them into your new one. Synonym for "rekitting" your model. A method for seeing what's inside your airplane.

**CENTER OF GRAVITY:** A point in which G-forces, dedicated to separating wing from fuselage, do their stuff.

**COMPUTER:** A device that enables you to make mistakes at the speed of light.

**CYANOACRYLATE:** A special glue, designed to instantly glue your fingers together. A special glue, instantly bonding misaligned parts, that will hardly cure at all when parts are correctly aligned. A substance used to make your eyes water profusely at points of critical construction. A chemical compound, which when applied to clothing, turns your clothing into a suit of armor, and you a modeler knight.

**DEAD STICK:** Two of these can be found on your transmitter after failing to properly charge your batteries.

**DOWNWIND TURN:** Sensitive item that when posted on rec.models.rc.air, will generate threads of 100 entries and up.

**ELEVATOR:** A device to prevent level flight.

**ENGINE:** A device designed to make noise. It will suddenly stop making noise when just beyond glide in distance. A device that doesn't start when you want it to, and won't shut off when you want it to.

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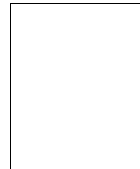
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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday – May 20`

- ACRC Meeting-at FIELD

Saturday – May 22

- ACRC Fun Fly #2

Thursday – June 17

- ACRC Meeting-at FIELD

Saturday – June 19

- ACRC Fun Fly #3

Thursday – July 15

- ACRC Meeting-at FIELD

Saturday – July 17

- ACRC Fun Fly #4

