



ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS CHARTERED CLUB #1255

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THE MARCH 16 MEETING IS AT THE CIVIC CENTER!!

PRESIDENT'S CHATTER

WINTER IS NOT GIVING UP

After the last snow I tried to get out to the field without success. I did leave an imprint of my license plate in the snow drift as I turned north on the road. I promptly went to the lake and got in several flights in great fluffy snow. If anyone has the want I can ask Rivard to plow the road again or it will remain impassable until spring.

The good news is I have kept busy this month organizing, cleaning, and repairing planes and miscellaneous R/C equipment for James Zappa's collection. James, a former member of ACRC passed about 14 years ago. Louella his wife helped me with the organizing and I was able to get most of it either sold for her privately or readied for the Duluth auction which I attended yesterday and had a great time. His airplanes did very well at auction so we were both happy about that. I told Louella I was more than happy to pass on Jim's passion for the hobby. She is keeping a couple of his planes to hang in their family lake home. I will be giving her the cash today.

I did finish the donated estate at the TCRC auction so the club enjoys a \$500.00 add to our runway repaving fund and another \$40.00 from the Duluth auction.

Keep working on those winter projects and we'll see you at the next meeting.

Jeff Slater

FROM THE VEEP

Just when I thought I had "enough" planes, I went and bought another (is this why I've heard it referred to as a disease?) In my defense (if there can be such a thing) it is a copy of the kit I recently wrote about, except in this case it is fully assembled. It is another Ultra Sport 40+, built by former club member James Zappa, who passed away many years ago. He did an amazing job on it and kept it in pristine condition. Obviously, I never knew him, but I'm honored to have his plane and will enjoy flying it as carefully as I can. I purchased it with the intention of participating in more Fun Fly's this summer. It should be a great aircraft for the purpose. Don't forget that participation offers the opportunity to win \$50 cash, which we voted to continue again this year.

My wife was more-or-less willing to accept this newcomer to our basement hangar partially because it was mostly ready to fly. I'm good at collecting kits, but very slow at getting around to building and finishing them, so the fact that I will be able to fly this one once the snow melts was a plus. Now I've written about my sloth when it comes to building before. Usually, I have some kind of reason or excuse like a lack of motivation or time (or perhaps not knowing what I'm doing.) Recently, my reason is that I've cleared off my old building table and shoved it in a corner so that I can begin constructing my new workbench. I've settled on using a 2x4 frame and 4x4 legs to hold up two solid core doors, which seem to be the flattest building surface I can find. I've ran into a

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couple of challenges, though. First, solid core doors are really heavy. Second, I've been dealing with tendonitis in my elbow, which makes lifting and sawing a challenge. (Who among you wants to come over to my place and help unload the two doors from my car after I purchase them?) I'm beginning to wonder if this workbench will ever leave the basement after I finish it. Hopefully the next owner of our house is also a builder (and hopefully that only matters many years into the future.)

As the next flying season is approaching, start thinking about people you know who might be interested in learning to fly. Our club has a great training program for new pilots, but it is only successful when we have students to teach. I've been working on a couple of coworkers who enjoy RC helicopters and trucks. I think they might like fixed wing aircraft too, if they gave it a try. And in return, they inspired me to try my hand at helicopters, though in the safety of my RC flight simulator. Time will tell if I have the courage to fly one in real life.

I restocked my raffle prize bin recently, plus I have one more airplane kit to give away. It is a Bleriot III aircraft kitted by Ikarus. It should make a great slow flyer and probably would work well for the remaining indoor flying sessions that Jeff is putting together. Also, if you are a more efficient builder than I am, bring in your nearly completed models to our next club meeting so that we can all see what you have been up to this winter. See you there!

Ryan Kontak

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

ACRC currently has 56 (52) members signed up for 2023. The number in parenthesis is the membership number at this time last year. If you know any members that have not renewed personally, please call them and remind them to renew for 2023. If they all renew, the membership numbers will equal last year's numbers. The 2023 budget is based on a projected membership of about 100 fully paid members. If we drop much

below that number we will have to cut services somewhere.

The ACRC freeze-fly is done and the flying season is almost here. Monthly Fun Flies are scheduled for the Saturdays after the membership meetings and start in April. Get those airplanes ready and come out and have some fun. More information will be published as the year progresses.

The next meeting will be at the Coon Rapids Civic Center on March 16 at 7:00 PM.

Stan Zdon

A LOOK BACK

MARCH 2005

18 YEARS AGO

Al Spearbecker reminisced over a Sterling Tri Pacer kit that he scored at the TCRC auction. He and his father had built one, and taught themselves how to fly, using a Heathkit radio, back in the 60's.

88 Members have renewed for 2005, 36 additional members from 2004 have not yet renewed.

Stan Zdon published an ACRC frequency channel use. #16 and #52 are the most popular.

The Spring Fly-In, Pattern / Scale contest, Fun Scale contest, and monthly Fun-Fly event date were posted.

Mark Dubay created a detailed Flying Area map

Omega 15% fuel for \$12.49 on this year's fuel order.

MARCH 1995

28 YEARS AGO

Dennis Fenton learned the hard way that when you are low and inverted, down is up and up is expensive. His well-used Eagle was demolished.

A special raffle is to be held in April for a quarter scale SIG Cub kit.

Stan Zdon won both Fun-Fly events in February.

Channel #52 is the most popular, closely followed by #50

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Three kits were awarded as 1st, 2nd & 3rd raffle prizes. Additional prizes were raffled off in February.

Tim Karash

ACRC MINUTES

Board members present:

Jeff Slater, Tim Karash, Ryan Kontak, Bruce Martin.

3 Members present plus board

Guests none

Membership Report:

30 Members have renewed for 2023

Treasurer's Report:

Income \$1405.00

Expenses \$277.70

Safety Officer Report:

None

Event Coordinator:

Electric Fly September 16th with MARCEE

Training Report:

Starting late April early May

Old Business:

Calendar sales: 23 units sold for a gross income of \$460.

Net deposit to the runway fund of \$242.

New Business:

Motion by Jeff Slater to continue Fun Fly \$50 gift card prize. 2nd Tim Karash Motion carried.

Club "Crash Trophy" is still MIA. Please return it to a board member.

Show and Tell:

None

Raffle:

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| 1) YAK 54 Flattie | Bob Barton |
| 2) Ammo Can | Neil Olson |
| 3) Prop Blanacer | Jeff Slater |
| 4) Epoxy Cups | Tim Karash |
| 5) Clear Urethane | Virgil Okeson |

Tim Karash

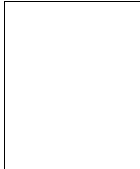


JEFF'S DAY AT THE LAKE



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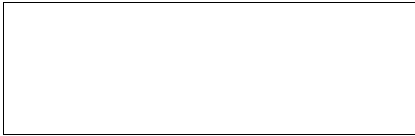


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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday – March 16
• ACRC Meeting-At CRCC

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Saturday – April 22
• ACRC Fun Fly #1

Thursday – May 18
• ACRC Meeting-At FIELD

Saturday – May 20
• ACRC Fun Fly #2

CCRC - Coon Rapids Community Center

