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THE JUNE 15th MEETING IS AT THE FIELD!!

PRESIDENT'S CHATTER

SUMMER IS DEFINITELY HERE EARLY

I am told that we had a better than average turn-out for our SPRING FLY-IN. I know there were spectators and a few from other clubs present before I left at noon. I know there was a plan for lunch and a variety of planes to be flown. I hope someone got some good pictures.

I had another visit with Jerry Nelson, the fellow R/C'er and past club member who donated his treasures to our runway fund so I will have a few more items at the next meeting

I hope to see you all there. Remember we are hosting the Stan Zdon Memorial fun scale event in July.

MAY FUN-FLY

I have been out of town since the fun-fly but I did participate before I left. I believe there were ten who joined in the fun (most this year).

We did two events. Take off roll and loop and touch for time with a bonus if you hit the spot then the second event was timed 3 loops, 3 rolls, three stalls and touch with again bonus if you got the spot.

Finishing first was Jeff Flander, then Paul Rono, and third was Jeff Smith we all followed them.

Dale Anderson won the \$50.00

Thanks to everyone who joined us

Jeff Slater

FROM THE VEEP

The 2023 training season seems to be in full swing. We started the second Wednesday in May and have had a steady supply of trainees showing up to try out flying. I myself have had the pleasure of taking up nine individuals ranging from introductory flights to new members who trained last year. It is great to see so many people interested in flying and coming to our club for assistance. It is important to bring new people into the hobby, especially through a program that promotes safe and responsible flying.

I will say that we could use some help from our many seasoned members to provide the necessary training. Out of the five Wednesdays, I've been the only trainer at the field on four of them. It would be great to see more instructors there so that each student can have more than one flight per night. If you feel that you can provide this service on Wednesday evenings, reach out to our Instruction Coordinator, Jimmy Van Norman to see about getting a plane to train with.

I'm looking forward to the Fun Scale Fly-In on July 15th. I think this is a great way to remember our friend Stan Zdon and his contributions to our clubs and hobby. I have landing gear work to do on two of my scale aircraft, but there should be time to get them ready. Perhaps I could have the F-18 ready too.

Ryan Kontak



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The current Member count as of June 1st is 70 members consisting of 56 adult members, 2 junior members, 5 family memberships, and 7 life members. Membership increased by 11 since 5/1. Renewals are still trickling in, and we have a few new members.

I was unable to attend the May Fun Fly and Spring Fly In, but the turnouts for both events were much better than we have seen in years which is encouraging. The last report I received was at noon during the Fly In, and there were 43 people in attendance. Not sure how many people were spectators or pilots from other clubs. Based on ACRC application data, 34 members indicated they would consider attending the Fly In. That said, the Fly In was a very successful event!

ACRC welcomes new members:

John DeVries

Cameron DeVries

Hal Eickstadt

The next meeting will be at the field June 15th at 7pm. Monthly Fun Flies are scheduled for the Saturday after the membership meetings at 10am, the next one being June 17th.

Scott Oleson

A LOOK BACK

JUNE 2005

18 YEARS AGO

May of 2005 was fairly nasty towards pilots at the ACRC field. Both the Spring Fly-In and monthly Fun-Fly were ravaged with wind and rain. A few of the pilots (13 at the Spring Fly-In and 7 at the Fun Fly) braved the elements and flew despite the less-than-ideal conditions.

Dan Stahn reminded everyone to call out your intentions when entering the flight line, taking off, landing, and clearing your airplane from the field. Dan explained these rules to multiple new members during training and to “Trial Flight” participants. A case of

“Brain Fade” overwhelmed Dan and he nearly struck another member who was standing at the far end of the runway because he didn’t call out his takeoff.

As most power tool instruction manuals state: “Please read, understand, and follow these safety procedures.”

A Pattern contest is scheduled for June and a Fun-Scale event in July.

JUNE 1995

28 YEARS AGO

President Dennis Fenton, listed a “Hierarchy of R/C Priorities”

HIGHEST PRIORITY: Flying

SECONDARY PRIORITY: Hangar Flying, reading about flying, building or repairing airplanes.

LOW PRIORITY: Job, Honey-Do projects.

***It should be noted that some Low Priority issues may become Necessary Evils when required to gain access to higher priorities and are thus elevated to a temporary higher status. Examples include: obtaining funds required for the purchase of aircraft and supplies. Also, approval from a significant other for the TIME necessary to build and fly.

A “Anything That Flies” pylon race was cancelled due to field logistics.

Don McGillivray is holding a Float-Fly at his lake home near Isanti.

A Fun Scale contest on June 25th

Fully paid membership is up to 90.

Tim Karash

SPRING FLY-IN

The 2023 Spring Fly-In was one for the record books. Near perfect weather brought out more than a dozen pilots. A few spectators emerged, enjoying the activities, and new membership applications were filled out. The food this year would have made Gordon Ramsey proud. All in All, a real time was had by everyone

A quick Fun-Fly was held early in the morning, unfortunately 2 airplanes didn't survive the event, but compost happens.

ACRC MINUTES

Board members present:

Jeff Slater, Marc Tellevik, Tim Karash, Ryan Kontak.

1 Members present plus board

Guests: Thurman Gilman

Membership Report:

61 Members have renewed for this year.

Treasurer's Report:

Income: \$523.72

Expenses: \$200.00 ('23 Fun-Fly prizes)

Safety Officer Report:

None

Event Coordinator:

Spring Fly-In & Fun-Fly 5/23 9AM

Stan Zdon memorial Fun-Scale 7/15

All Electric Fly-In 9/16

Training Report:

Two very busy Wednesday nights so far this spring.

Old Business:

Ryan Kontak has done a "Bang Up" job on the club newsletter.

Thank you, Ryan.

The trimmed and reseeded grass areas are growing well.

The membership applications have been updated. A supply of blank applications is in the storage locker.

Scott Oleson and Tim Karash are combining old and new membership rosters. The information will be used to set up a quick contact list via text messaging.

New Business:

The runway has developed its usual cracks. Jeff Slater will repair the affected areas.

Show and Tell:

Tim Karash brought a replacement SIG Somethin Extra fuselage. He used a CNC laser to cut tail trim pieces and accent stripes.

Tim also brought an R/C educational device in the shape of a C47.

Raffle:

None

Submitted by Tim Karash



Editor's note: I had placed this in the email last month, but I'm not sure if it received enough recognition, so I'm adding it again here. A big thank you to Jim Svare for putting the event flyers together for our Spring Fly-in and the Stan Zdon Memorial even coming up. We appreciate the work he did!

Also, please send in any recommendations you have for our newsletter content as well as how the new format is working and if you'd like to see any changes.

Keep those planes in the air, and happy flying!

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday – June 15

- ACRC Meeting-At FIELD

Saturday – June 17

- ACRC Fun Fly #3

Saturday – July 15

- Stan Zdon Memorial Fun-Scale Fly-In

Thursday – July 20

- ACRC Meeting-At FIELD

Saturday – July 22

- ACRC Fun Fly #4

CCRC - Coon Rapids Community Center

