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***THE NOVEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> MEETING IS INDOORS AT CRCC!!***

### **PRESIDENT'S CHATTER**

#### **A FEW REMINDERS**

Hello all, a quick reminder to all that November meeting is the meeting for board nominations. Feel free to come on board to help make our club the best there is.

We welcome special events such as Fun Scale, Big Bird, War Bird, Pattern, ETC. If you want to schedule one and CD it let us know.

I would also remind you that FAA number renewals are due by December. It is a requirement to have that number on you plane accessible without removing any part of your plane.

Another reminder goes along with the previous one AMA requires that you put your contact information on or inside your plane in case of a fly away. There was a flyaway this past month and was returned to our pavilion by the gracious homeowner that found the plane crashed on their property.

Last but not least. We have another event scheduled to start the New Year on Jan 1, 2024 for our annual freeze fly. I will keep you posted as to the condition of the road.

#### **LAST FUN FLY 2023**

We had another great day for a fun fly! We had 5 flyers and a couple that helped with timing, scoring, and engine startups. A pretty relaxed fly with several

do-over's resulting in Jeff Flander in first followed by Jeff Slater, Ryan Kontak, Mike Reinert, and Gary Smith. Marc Tellevik and Andy Noll helped with timing and motor starting so were included in the drawing which Marc took it home.

We did taxi slalom for time, three loops, rolls, and hammerhead stalls for time, and 9 circles reversing after 3 and 6 for time as well. All planes went home with the same number of pieces they came with!

Thanks to everyone that participated in the fun flies this year and encourage you all to come out next year.

#### **WEDNESDAY COFFEE**

Anyone interested in great conversation or gaining trivia knowledge that you may never need or use? Come to our ACRC coffee meetings!

Every Wednesday AM 9:00 until noon from October until May at the Andover community center located behind the "Y" on Hanson Blvd. We take it to our flying field Wednesdays from May through September.

Come join us and bring something new or old to show or bring a friend. All are welcome. Bring your coffee, pop, or water. No food please.

Jeff Slater





Jeff Teaching Jeff

## FROM THE VEEP

Hi, it's me again, Ryan's Piper J3 Cub. I've once again hijacked the VEEP report to give Ryan the month off for his birthday. It has been an interesting year, with him picking up the newsletter editor duties, plus a few more airplanes. I enjoy having new friends around the hangar, each one having its own purpose, but it is clearly getting a bit crowded down here in the basement. Not to mention that each new friend could add to the models being built before I'm finished. I won't say that I'm jealous, just really eager to be complete.

Ryan did spend a bit of time working on me once this year. I felt so happy to be on his building table again. He repaired one broken wing rib and glued the pieces of a shattered rib together to be used as a template for a new rib. He also removed my firewall, which was shocking to me at first, but then I understood that it was to correct the left and up thrust that his younger self mistakenly added. I never expected a nose-job at my age, but as long as it's for good reasons I won't complain.

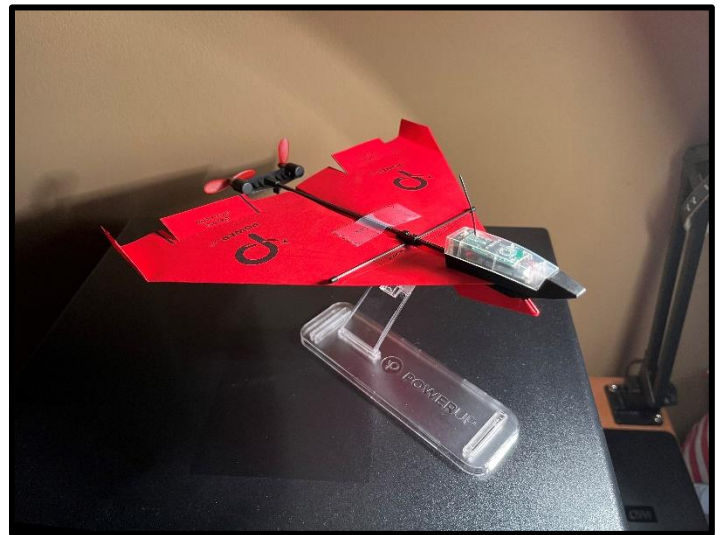
As yet another flying season winds up, I hope that my time to be on the building table for the long haul will come soon. I will say that the members of ACRC can help me by not offering Ryan any more good deals on airplanes. I'm specifically thinking of one Jeff Slater, who I've heard has been the source of a handful of my

new friends. With as many planes as he brings up for sale, you would think he was president of something...

I'm going to start something that Ryan has been thinking about for a while. INTRODUCING: the Mystery Airplane Contest! Now I don't personally know any full-size airplanes, so for this first installment I chose my newest friend and Ryan's early birthday gift. Guess the name of the red fellow below, send your guess to Ryan at [newsletter@anoka-rc.org](mailto:newsletter@anoka-rc.org) and you could win two free tickets for the monthly raffle. That's twice as valuable as a show-and-tell folks. Must be present to receive your tickets.

I overheard Ryan talking about working from home this coming Thursday, which is also the next club meeting. I might try to sneak into the back of his Subaru and make an appearance as show-and-tell myself. Oh, and there are lots of airplane parts and supplies up for grabs at the raffle. Come for the meeting, the conversation, or the raffle prizes, but especially come to meet me. It's my turn to say I hope to see you there!

Piper J3 Cub



Mystery RC Airplane

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The current Member count as of November 1st is 78 members consisting of 65 adult members, 2 junior members, 8 family memberships, and 3 life members. Membership increased by 1 since 10/1.

As our flying season ends, many of us turn to the flight sim to satisfy our desire and stay somewhat proficient. Another good way to do that is to join us for some indoor winter flying at National Sports Dome in Blaine. The address is 1700 105th AVE N E Blaine Mn 55449. There is a \$20.00 fee, and you are required to have a valid AMA. The Dome is a full soccer field 450 feet x 260 x 110 feet high. There is a 16-ounce weight limit which includes all the UMX planes, small quads, helis, and most foam 3D planes. The surface is astro turf rubber and there is electricity available for charging. I personally fly a Champ, de Havilland Mosquito, and a Beast biplane. If you don't have an indoor airplane but are interested and don't know what to start with, come walk the flight line and talk to the pilots about their likes/dislikes with the airplanes they fly. Jeff Slater has sent an email out with the flying dates and times he has been able to reserve so far. If you did not receive that email, let me know and I will forward it to you.

Please join us at the meeting this month, we will be discussing a few club related topics and we always welcome your thoughts, suggestions or comments.

ACRC welcomes new member:

Phillip Timmer

The next meeting will be at the Coon Rapids Community Center, November 16th at 7:00pm

Scott Oleson

## A LOOK BACK

### NOVEMBER 2005

18 YEARS AGO

Al Spearbecker reminded everyone to check and repair your used airplanes before diving into a new winter project.

Ten pilots braved the weather for the October Fun-Fly.

A motion was made at the October meeting to limit airplane noise to 100db. To be voted on at the November meeting.

### NOVEMBER 1995

28 YEARS AGO

Kevan Fager has taken over the club president chair as Dennis Fenton moved to the frozen tundra of Warroad MN to take a job with Marvin Windows.

Four hardy souls braved the cold wind and snowflakes for the October Fun-Fly.

A patriotic color scheme adorned an ARF found near Hugo MN.

No I.D. information was noted.

A half hour R/C show was briefly on local TV.

Tim Karash

## ACRC MINUTES

### Board members present:

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

2 Members present plus board

No Guests

### Membership Report:

ACRC has 78 paid members.

### Treasurer's Report:

Income: \$1016.00

Expenses: \$630.00

### Safety Officer Report:

There has been reports of Flights west of runway. This is addressed in the club Flying Site rule #9. However, Flying Site Courtesy item #2 does allow exceptions to this rule during specific conditions.

Club members are advised to reread both carefully.

### Event Coordinator:

Freeze Fly on January 1st

### Training Report:

Done for the season, unfortunately no solo flights to new pilots this year.

### Old Business:

The large club sign has been ravaged by Mother Nature. Replacement sign pattern and colors were

discussed. Jeff Slater, Mark Tellevik are working on cost proposals.

A motion was made by Jeff Slater to limit cost to \$300. Second by Tim Karash. Motion carried.

The Stan Zdon memorial tile design has been approved and added to their production schedule. A locator map and video will be available in the near future.

All members are reminded to renew their FAA registration. The initial registrations are now expiring.

Indoor dome flying to start November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Indoor flying at St Ben's College dome this year as well. The Northstar R/C Club is hosting the activities, starting 10/22 to 4/7/24.

Membership in the Northstar club for winter season is required. Cost is \$15.

#### **New Business:**

Fund raising calendars will be sold again. They will be available at the November and December meetings.

Lawn mower to be repaired and serviced over the winter.

Dave Sapp is selling his R/C collection. The club to purchase a tub of miscellaneous items and one airplane for \$150. To be used as raffle prizes.

#### **Show and Tell:**

Ryan Kontak brought his Ultra Sport 40 project. A new fiberglass cowl has allowed him to invert the motor position.

Mike Smith brought a Sig Wonder in the bones. Mike chose to build up the stab in place of the slabs of balsa in the kit. A 2200kv Cobra brand motor with 3s2000 battery, and a 3 blade 6X4.5 prop will power the plane. Mike added a front hatch with magnets for battery access. There was discussion regarding the limited airflow in and through the fuselage.

#### **Raffle:**

Not held

Submitted by Tim Karash

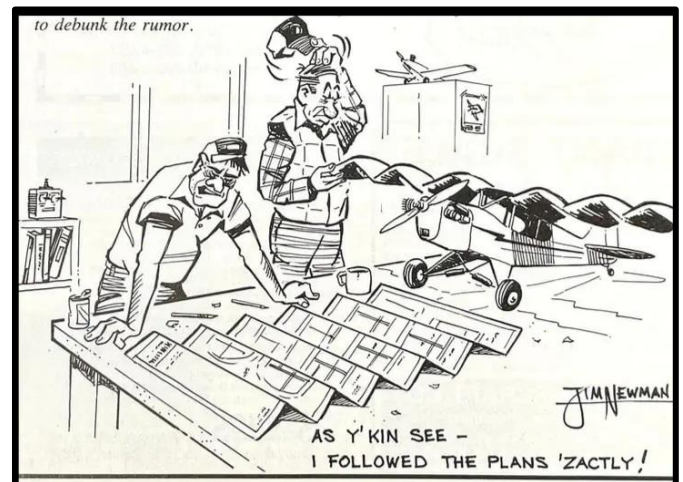
## CALENDAR INFORMATION

The holidays are fast approaching, which means it's time to hit up everyone you know for a very useful calendar. Each sale puts a substantial amount of cash into the ACRC runway fund, so put the "arm" on those who beat you up for wrapping paper or candy bar fundraisers. They make great gifts too.

I'll be at the November meeting to hand out calendars on the honor system, meaning you don't have to pay for them in advance, just return the unsold ones in salable condition. If you are unable to attend the meeting, just drop me a note and we can meetup.

Tim Karash

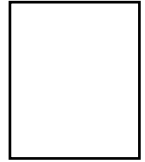
A big thank you to the lawn mowing crew! Great work this season.



At least he got the fuselage right...?

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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday – November 16

- ACRC Meeting-At CRCC

Thursday – December 21

- ACRC Meeting-At CRCC

Monday – January 1

- ACRC Freeze-Fly

CRCC - Coon Rapids Community Center

