



ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS CHARTERED CLUB #1255

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THE MAY 16TH MEETING IS AT THE FIELD!!

PRESIDENT'S CHATTER

FLOAT FLY FUN

The float fly at East Twin Lake went really well. We had 16 signed in pilots representing at least six area r/c clubs. I think there was at least one from these clubs: NWRC, SPRC, MARCEE, WCRC, ACRC, 3MRC, plus a few spectators. If I missed one, I am sorry. I know at least a couple drove some distance like Mark Case from Fergus Falls where some of the still shots will be coming from. I know there were several still shots from a few cameras and film that will soon be posted on You Tube. There was also a retired professional photographer later in the day that took many photos which he is posting on his site. Look him up if you are interested. (michael james much).

I will make sure I get you the link to Dale Case's You Tube videos.

We were treated to some awesome show quality flying from Jeff Flander with his Bush Hawk. I had the opportunity to talk with a lake resident as I was trailering my boat who thanked us for a great show.

I supplied a retrieve boat available which got a little use but, there were no totaled mishaps. I did see some rather aerobatic take offs and landings including a couple of my own.

I do have to thank the person or persons that ordered the perfect weather day for this event.

I am considering doing a fall float fly if the is enough interest.

I was willing to stay until 7:00 PM which was the scheduled NOTAM time frame but everyone had used up all their batteries and available time by about 2:30 so I was home and back to the ACRC field by 4-ish for some relaxing spectating.

I will not be attending our May meeting, first fun fly, or our Spring Fly-In as I will be in Canada fishing so I am hoping for good weather and all goes well.

Jeff Slater



© michael j much

Jeff Flander's Bush Hawk



FROM THE VEEP

It has been an interesting start to Spring this year. After a snowstorm in April, we were greeted with more precipitation in the form of rain, plus wind. Luckily, the weather director pulled out a glorious day for our first flying event of the season. On Sunday, May 5th we held a float fly at Twin Lakes near Nowthen, MN. It was sunny with light winds and I was excited to finally fly at a float event. I had gotten the Northstar all ready to go the week prior, including some new batteries.

I was understandably nervous about dunking the plane into the deep, but after an obligatory range check and setting the dual rates, I felt prepared. Following a recommendation, I did a test run to get the plane up on-step and then slow back down. At this point I was upwind and had difficulty turning back around to setup for takeoff. I got halfway back when I decided to attempt taking off from there, but had to abort that time to avoid a boat (I could imagine their thoughts as I was barreling down on them.)

With some patience I got the aircraft back to a proper takeoff location and took to the skies. Once in the air, it flew very well and landing wasn't as frightening as I had anticipated. I learned after the flight that one is not supposed to "test" a plane at a club event, but CD Jeff Slater made an exception since he had flown my Northstar before on the same setup. That being said, it is a rule I will remember for next time.

Another treat from the event was the attendance of a retired professional photographer. Michael James Much normally photographs birds and nature, but he heard about our event from a friend and came by to check it out. He snapped a number of great shots, which he uploaded to his Facebook page. I was pleased to find that he photographed my plane, so now I can view some high-quality images of it flying. Michael also handed out some of his bird and flower prints to us pilots, at no charge. He was simply happy to share his art and have some different kind of "birds" to photograph. It was a pleasure to meet him and have him share his generosity of capturing our event.

I want to give a quick shout-out to Bob Moser for organizing a number of us to attend and display our

models at the CAP Wing event. The cadets had a great time and we earned good publicity while sharing our joy for model aviation.

Well, before I sign off, I will share that our next club meeting at the field will include a few nice raffle prizes. First of all, thanks to Jeff Slater for donating a bunch of "grab bags" full of valuable parts and some balsa. I plan to send a couple of those home with the lucky winners each month for a while. Additionally, I have a Valley View RC 500 mL fuel tank to give away. It has machined aluminum ports and cap. If you're into gas planes, this is a perfect opportunity to show up and buy some raffle tickets (or bring your show and tell to earn a free ticket.) See you there!

Ryan Kontak



Ryan's Northstar dipping a wingtip

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

This month will be our first 2024 Membership Meeting at the Club Field. Get a couple of flights in before and after the meeting. We are taking Board Member nominations and need to fill 4 positions this year. Nominate yourself or someone else at the meeting, if you are unable to make the meetings, you can email me with nominations.

Board Member nominations to be held in May & June, elections will be in July. If you have any interest in serving, please consider doing so. This year the four board positions up for election are President, Treasurer, Pilot Training Coordinator and Event Coordinator. The term for these positions is (2) years

as per the By-Laws. If you have any questions and would like more information about these positions, reach out to any of the Board Members.

Current 2024-member count: 65

Welcome new ACRC members!

- Steve Madsen
- Chadd Olson
- Gregory Long

Thank you to the following members for their generous Runway Fund donation.

- Paul Patton

The next meeting will be at the Flying Field on May 16th at 7:00pm.

Scott Oleson



A busy Spring Day at the flying field

CAP OUTREACH REPORT

Anoka County Radio Control (ACRC) was invited to participate in the Civil Air Patrol's annual Great Minnesota Aerospace Fling at the CAP Wing HQ hangar at South St. Paul airport on May 4, 2024. This is an annual gathering of cadets, their families and prospective members and community members with an interest in all things aviation. It is a great outreach event for our hobby. ACRC had eight members in attendance representing our club.



Bird's Eye View of the event. Yup, that's a full-scale glider hanging from the ceiling!

The ACRC booth included about a dozen static model displays, two RC simulators, uncovered built-up balsa models, including a small-scale B-25, two swing wing EDFs (B-1 and F-14) and a full-on turbine aircraft. After lunch Paul Stafki started and ran up his turbine engine, which was a literal show stopper as kids and grown-ups stopped what they were doing to come and be close to the action. Paul even had "yours truly" (Bob) do the honors for controlling the throttle for the run up. That was a first for me. Jeff Slater also ran up his large-scale Yak and made lots of noise which also thrilled the audience. We were not able to do any flying due to being located on the ramp of an active airport.

It was a great event and the club and the hobby were well represented during the event.



Virgil conducting a quick balsa building seminar

Special thanks to ACRC members who donated their time and talent for the event:

- Jeff Slater
- Paul Stafki
- Jimmy Van Norman
- Joe Van Norman
- Ryan Kontak

- Virgil Okeson
- Marc Tellevik
- Bob Moser



Jeff is thinking, "I could build an RC glider that big, but will it fit in my shop?"

SPRING FLY-IN AND FUN FLY

In addition to the Spring Fly-In, we will be holding our first Fun Fly of the year on the morning of May 18th. There is a \$50.00 participation raffle for those who compete. Fun Fly is open to anyone with an AMA membership. Come test your skills in this friendly event! Then stay for the Fly-In, which will include lunch, raffles, and of course some great flying time.

A LOOK BACK

MAY 2006

18 YEARS AGO

8 pilots braved the April weather for the season's first Fun-Fly.

A map showing the locations of the nearest medical facilities was published. You never know when a prop may bite....

Scheduled contests are Pattern for June, with 4 classes to be flown, and a Fun-Scale in July.

ACRC will be hosting a Scale Masters Qualifier contest in August.

A summary of "The Three Deadly Sins of R/C Flying"

1. Incorrect model number selected in a multi model memory transmitter.
2. Improperly located Center of Gravity

3. Inadequately Charged Batteries

MAY 1996

28 YEARS AGO

Newsletter editor, Tim Brockman, announced the use of his new Microsoft Publishing system, along with a scanner. Technology marches on.

Safety Officer Bob Proulx, reminded everyone of our Flight Line safety rules.

St Paul R/C has scheduled a Beginners race for anyone who has NOT raced any of the typical Scat Cat, or Quickee 500 types. Anything that flies is eligible.

ACRC has scheduled the Spring Fly-In, a Fun Scale contest, and a Float Fly for this season.

Tim Karash

ACRC MINUTES

Board members present:

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

6 Members present plus board

Guest: None

Membership Report:

61 members as of today's date.

Electronic renewal forms discussed.

Treasurer's Report:

Income: \$355.00

Expenses: \$387.00

Safety Officer Report:

Flights over the asphalt runway, as explained in club rules and courtesy statements, will be enforced, particularly when there are two or more people at the field.

Jeff Flander to write rule 10 change proposal to restrict powered taxi back to pits west of runway.

Event Coordinator:

(Note: some of these may have taken place prior to this publication)

Float Fly on 5/5/24 at Twin Lakes. AMA sanction #16702, starting at 9AM

The Civil Air Patrol is holding their aviation event at Fleming Field on May 4th

Spring Fly-in at ACRC on May 18th

The tentative Big Bird event will be sanctioned, and is scheduled for August 17th.

Training Report:

Training to start May 8th if weather permits

Duane to update training manual info

Old Business:

Board member nominations are due for the upcoming year. Voting to be held at the June meeting.

Jeff Slater has nominated himself.

New Business:

King Kong hobbies fuel order must be done in person.

This year's grass mowing crew is much the same as last year. Marc Tellevik to update list.

Porta potty to be reinstalled the first week of May.

Show and Tell:

Scott Oleson brought a custom-made exhaust system. He modified a J-Tec brand Pitts style muffler for a scale outlet position. The stacks were made from copper tubing. A spacer was necessary for fitment in the cowl. Scott carved it, by hand, from a block of aluminum. His first attempt at aluminum welding resulted in a melted mess.

Ryan Kontak brought a 3D printed nylon electric mount, with carbon added to the filament.

Ryan also brought a framed-up Goldberg Eaglet, made up from cast off parts. He is contemplating modifying the tail to a vee design.

Virgil Okeson brought 2 planes for sale:

- An E-Flite Beaver 25e ARF for \$300
- A NIB Great Planes RV4 kit \$100

Raffle:

- 1) LED headlamp Paul Patten

- 2) 4 in 1 screwdriver
- 3) Utility knife
- 4) Small control horns
- 5) Really Small control horns
- 6) Electric U-Build-It
- 7) Sig Kougar
- 8) Grab bag
- 9) Grab bag

Virgil Oleson
Scott Oleson
Jeff Slater
Ryan Kontak
Bob Barton
Tim Karash
Duane Orson
Marc Tellevik

Submitted by Tim Karash



A good showing at the last indoor meeting



Try to remember which is which, friends!

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday – May 16

- ACRC Meeting-At the Field

Saturday – May 18

- ACRC Spring Fly-In
- ACRC Fun Fly #1

Thursday – June 20

- ACRC Meeting-At the Field

Saturday – June 22

- ACRC Fun Fly #2

CRCC - Coon Rapids Civic Center

