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THE SEPTEMBER 19TH MEETING IS INDOORS AT CRCC!!

PRESIDENT'S CHATTER

FLYING EVENTS ARE HERE

There were many events and swap meets this past month to keep me busy. One was our own Big Bird Event which was a great success. As I write this I am looking forward to our annual Electric Fly. Then we have one more club sponsored event the Fall Fly Out.

Starting in September we will resume indoor meetings the third Thursday of each month 7:00 PM at the Coon Rapids Community Center through the winter until May. For those that can't make our monthly meeting but wish to participate in another club activity, Gary Titus has reserved a room in the Andover Community Center every Wednesday morning from 9 until noon all winter.

We usually have a good time with show-n-tells and discussions that range from full size flying, to RC, to saving the world. Everyone is welcome. Bring your own coffee or beverage in a covered container and join us. We have been meeting Wednesdays at our field same time frame during the summer but will start the first Wednesday of October indoors.

Hope to see you all at the Fall Fly Out

Jeff Slater

FROM THE VEEP

As I am late at writing this article for the newsletter (one of the perks of being the editor?) I am able to report on the annual Electric Fly, which was held on Saturday, September 14th. It was an overcast day, which helped reduce the glare and temperature, and it only spit some rain at the very beginning of the event. Otherwise, a great time was had by all. I believe we had 14 registered pilots who put on a good show by keeping planes in the air all day, except for a brief pause during lunch.

Speaking of lunch, we had a great spread with hamburgers, hotdogs, "flying" beans, potato salad and chips. Needless to say, everyone was well fed, including the grill master this time! I only know of one plane that had an unexpected encounter with the Earth, in which Andrew Smith learned what happens when 3D aerobatics dislodges an aileron servo plug from the receiver. Luckily the plane suffered little-to-no damage as it pancaked into the sod.

The raffle was a great success, with many exciting prizes to give away. Gary Smith took home the Pizzaz ARF and Tim Karash was the winner of the 50-50. Two young boys who were spectating with their family were the biggest winners, as they took home three small beginner aircraft and a DX6 radio to jumpstart their R/C adventure. I hope we will see them again in the Spring for our next training season.

Ryan Kontak



Event Photos

We had a great season of events this year! I figured I'd fill this page with some of the pictures that were taken. For those who are not aware, you can also find these and more photos on the ACRC Photo Album.



Freeze Fly photo-bomb



Planes on display at the CAP Aerospace Fling



Carrying a plane to water at the Float Fly



Lots of planes and spectators at the Big Bird Fly In



Returning to shore at the Float Fly

I think it is safe to say we had a full season of successful events this year. Thank you to everyone who contributed to them, whether by organizing the event, bringing food and helping to serve for lunch, and for showing up to participate in a safe and friendly manner. I look forward to what we can accomplish next season.

Ryan Kontak

JULY FUN FLY

Catching up on some Fun Fly results: On July 20th there were five pilots who showed up for a trio of events and a chance to take home the \$50 cash drawing. First up was a taxi event with doing a figure-8 around cones, take-off, do 3 loops and 3 rolls, then touch for time. Mike Reinert edged out Jeff Flander in this event by a couple of seconds! Up next was the Pony Express with a series of take-offs with and without a card to deliver the mail. This event was timed as well. Three participants will not be having careers in the post office, as they were disqualified. The final event was the Limbo. Final rankings in the Fun Fly were in the order of Jeff Flander, Mike Reinert, Gary Smith, Jeff Smith, then Dale Anderson. Gary Smith won the participation drawing for the \$50 cash.

Jeff Flander

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

I'm happy to report ACRC has been seeing an uptick in new membership lately. In my opinion, I think this can be attributed to our Wednesday evening training crew, the members who maintain our flying site, and an updated website. Thank you all for your dedication to our club. Each year, we lose a few and gain a few members. As of this month, ACRC has 2 more members than we finished 2023 with and has gained 16 new members to date in 2024.

Welcome new members:

- Paul Gleich
- Kurt Vos
- John Bartholomew
- Bill Edgeworth
- Andrew Thomas

Current 2024-member count: 80

The next meeting will be at the Coon Rapids Civic Center on September 19th at 7:00pm.

Scott Oleson

A LOOK BACK

SEPTEMBER 2006

18 YEARS AGO

President Al Spearbecker, reminded everyone to post their club cards on the frequency control board. Apparently, there were incidents where multiple transmitters were on at the same time. Fortunately, no injuries occurred.

12 pilots enjoyed the August Fun-Fly, with one exception. It seems that during the egg drop event, one pilot watched the egg fall, rather than watching his plane. You can guess the results.

SEPTEMBER 1996

28 YEARS AGO

President Kevan Fager lamented at the number of airplane kits that require multiple modifications to make it function properly. These modifications often add extensive construction time. Perhaps scratch building is the way to go.

Newsletter editor Tim Brockman, has changed jobs, and spare time to create the club newsletter will be at a premium. A search is on for a replacement.

Don McGillivray reported 16 planes participated in his annual Float_Fly. Don estimated nearly 3 times that many spectators were on hand to watch the festivities.

Tim Karash

ACRC MINUTES

Board members present:

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

1 Member present plus board

Guest: None

Membership Report:

75 Members to date

Treasurer's Report: (figures are for two months)

Income: \$1242.00

Expenses: \$3194.00

Safety Officer Report:

Several reports of full power engine run-ups with the pilot, or helper, standing directly in front of the spinning propeller. Some have even leaned over the prop, increasing the danger factor.

Event Coordinator:

Pilot & plane entrance to the runway, during the Big Bird Fly-In, will be limited to just one taxiway. Exits will be allowed at any of the taxiways for improved flightline clearance.

A loudspeaker address system will be in place for the event as well.

Training Report:

Unfortunately, no new pilots have been added this year. Sporadic student attendance has been noted, despite requested training.

ACRC does own the training aircraft, which is an AMA requirement.

It was suggested that our training instructors are put on a rotation schedule that would be similar to the mowing schedule format.

Old Business:

The ditch mowing promised by Carl (landowner workerbee) was not done. Club member John Devries used some of his personal equipment to cut back the southern ditches.

Marc Tellevik brought more jacket samples for fit trials and ordering information. The September meeting will be the order cutoff date.

Due to an oversight at the July meeting, Mike Reinert was not officially nominated for the Event Coordinator position. A motion was made by Jeff Slater to nominate Mike for the board position. Second by Tim Karash. Motion carried.

New Business:

None

Show and Tell:

Jeff Slater brought a Dream 110 pattern style aircraft. It was designed for a 60 size glow motor with a tuned pipe, but Jeff has converted it to electric power.

Weight is 7.8 pounds with a 6 cell battery, 8.0 pounds with an 8 cell.

Jeff Flander has donated several R/C items to the club for raffles.

Raffle:

None

Submitted by Tim Karash

ACRC Spring/Fall Jackets

The current order for lightweight jackets will close September 19th at the meeting, with the order being placed on the 20th

After that date we will start a new order list. Checks or invoice requests will not be cashed or sent until we have enough jackets for an order.

Please note, after this initial order PayPal invoices will have the \$4.00 Processing fee added to the invoice.

Any questions please contact Marc Tellevik at marct@ruby4us.com or 612-308-8575.

Marc Tellevik

Editor's Notes

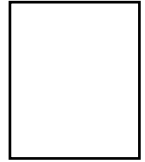
If you haven't caught the memo yet, the September 19th club meeting is INDOORS at the Coon Rapids Civic Center. I will post a link to a map with the newsletter email. Bring your show-&-tell projects to the meeting to share what you have been working on. I will be bringing some tools, parts and grab bags for those who wish to participate in the raffle. I'll admit, I need to restock on some more desirable raffle items, so I'll do my best to have something more interesting in October.

Also, I will be sending out an email blast before the October Servo Chatter to add a number of former members to our email list. Hopefully this will help remind them to rejoin in the 2025 season. Everyone will get this email, but it will mostly be an invitation for the individuals who haven't received the email blasts before so that they will not be surprised to be on our list.

Ryan Kontak

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday – September 19

- ACRC Meeting-At CRCC

Saturday – September 28

- ACRC Fun Fly #5

Saturday – October 5

- ACRC Fall Fly Out

Thursday – October 17

- ACRC Meeting-At CRCC

Saturday – October 19

- ACRC Fun Fly #6

CRCC - Coon Rapids Civic Center

