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## SERVO CHATTER

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**THE OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup> MEETING IS INDOORS AT CRCC!!**

### PRESIDENT'S CHATTER

#### FURTHERING OUR HOBBY

I had the pleasure of meeting with Bob Winkler, his daughter Diane, and Denise of Plymouth, Minnesota today. Listening to stories of flying around Crystal in his buddy's Air coupe as teenagers. Which then lead to building r/c aircraft in his later years.

In Bob's 90 plus years he has built and covered three really nice trainer airplanes. He did not get around to flying them but took very good care of them. Cloaked in poly sheathing they have remained dust free on his garage wall until now.

A carpenter by trade his building skills are top notch with motors and servos installed they appear to be ready for new receivers and batteries. They are complete with plans, motor boxes, etc. Along with other building supplies, I have been charged with finding good homes for them.

It is Bob's wish to get these planes flying and bring joy to the next R/C generation. It can come through the betterment of our club with our training program, club raffles, or event prizes.

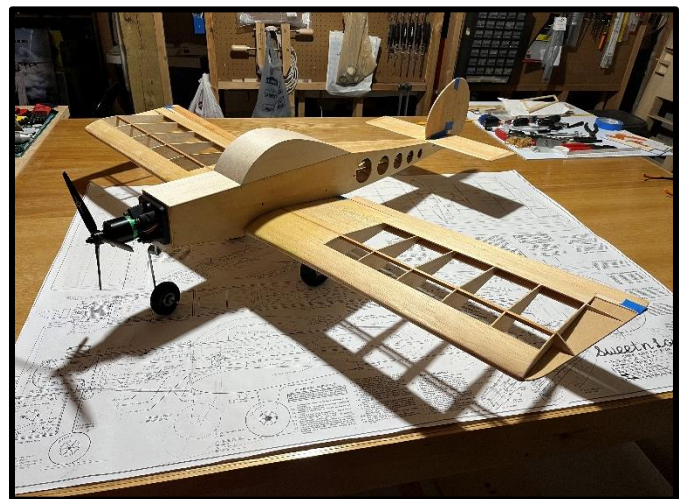
It would be great to get pictures or even videos of the planes flying with their new owners that I could show Bob their airworthiness

I will probably bring some to our next club meeting.

Jeff Slater

### FROM THE VEEP

I was looking through some of my past October newsletter articles to get some inspiration for this year's Build Month article. What I found is that even back to my first year as Vice President of ACRC, I was spouting off predictions of what I was going to work on and hopefully finish that season. Well, my intentions back in 2021 were to focus on my Sweet 'n Low Stik and you can see from my latest photo of the plane that it is yet unfinished. I've made progress and it is almost ready for covering, but the irony of my prediction still remains. Needless to say, it takes me a long time to finish my projects.



Sweet 'n Low Stik almost ready to cover



I'm prone to getting frustrated over my supposed inability to finish projects, but I know now that negativity like that is not productive or healthy for me. So, this year I'm trying something different and not committing to any particular prediction of what I'd like to complete. I'd rather commit to enjoying this hobby that we love and stop focusing on the end goal of finishing (and by the looks of my basement I doubt I'll be at the point of "finished" for decades anyhow).



Aeromaster in need of some refurbishing

I would estimate that I have somewhere around 40 airplanes in various stages of completion, from kits to almost ready to cover and some just needing a bit of TLC. The fact that only half-a-dozen or so of those are flyable means that I have a lot of work ahead of me. It would serve me well to stop adding to the collection and be satisfied with what I have. The difficult part is that I have a soft spot for planes that need a new home, but my shop is currently bursting at the seams.



Stinson Reliant in the bones

You can see that my Stinson takes up a whole corner of the basement with its wings on. I have no intentions of storing planes in my garage or attic, so I'm left with the decision to not acquire any more planes. Hopefully this will let me focus on the projects I already have and learn to be content. I think I've discovered over the course of this rambling article that it is important to not overwhelm myself with high expectations and to set limits on buying planes before it's too late. In my case it may already be too late because the stack of kits I have will inevitably expand to take up more space when I get around to building them. For now I plan to simply enjoy the building journey and be happy with what I already have.



Using a Vanessa Rig to balance the Northstar

I don't know if this article means anything to you, but I hope that some good has come from writing it down. Maybe you can learn from my experience. I hope to see you all at the club meeting this month. Bring something to share for the show-and-tell. Maybe if we have enough members come, I can gain some space in my basement by giving away some raffle prizes.

Ryan Kontak



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

As we close out the 2024 flying season, membership renewals will be right around the corner. There are a few minor changes for 2025. First, when you receive your membership card, it will come in a plastic pocket. The requirement will be members put either their spare AMA or a photocopy of your "current" AMA in the pocket along with your club card and post that pocket on the board while you are flying. Second, the AMA expiration date on your club card will be replaced with your AMA # to match your AMA number on your card within the pocket. Lastly, you can renew and pay electronically via our online application. The online application is intended for those who prefer to pay via PayPal or Venmo. The electronic application will have an additional \$4 fee to cover the PayPal or Venmo processing fees. If you prefer to pay via check or cash, the mail application is still available.

**My records indicate 3 Member AMA's will expire 10/31/24 so take a look at your cards and see if it's you.**

Reminder per the ACRC By-Laws

### ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

Section 3 Members are responsible for paying membership dues on time and in full. New members must pay at the time of application. For new members joining after September 1, the dues will include the following year. Renewals are due on or before January 1 of each year. Dues not paid within thirty (30) days of the due date will be considered to be in arrears and the member will be assessed a late fee of \$5.00.

Section 4 Membership in ACRC will terminate if there is no payment of dues in a calendar year. If a member is dropped from membership for any reason, reinstatement shall be on the same basis as a new member.

Welcome new members:

- Donald Burr
- Mark Ptaszynski

Current 2024-member count: 82

The next meeting will be at the Coon Rapids Community Center October 17th at 7:00pm.

Scott Oleson

## A LOOK BACK

### OCTOBER 2006

18 YEARS AGO

A creative event was flown by the eight pilots at the September Fun-Fly called "Boston Bean Bomber. A cup was attached to the aircraft and 10 beans were added to it. The task was to make a lap around the field, in the shortest time, without losing any beans. 50 seconds was the winning time.

In the same Fun-Fly, Eric Castrodale managed to do an internal engine examination by striking one of the limbo poles with his plane. The impact left the crankshaft, connecting rod, and piston still attached to the crankcase, while the cylinder, cylinder head, and muffler dangled from the fuel tank pressure line. No sense in messing up halfway....

Judging by the other published photos, it would be safe to say that the Fall Fly-Out had its share of carnage as well.

### OCTOBER 1996

28 YEARS AGO

Stan Zdon was the only participant in the September Fun-Fly. However the event coordinator, John Shenton, was "too cheap to award prizes", said Stan, who only received the promised hug from John, to be awarded to the top 3 pilots. Maybe that's why no one showed up?

A bit of sad news this month as ACRC member Larry Stewart and our land owner, Al Johnson, passed away this month.

John Shenton lost the tip of his left little finger in a propeller accident while starting his motor.

Those props can bite. Be careful everyone.

Tim Karash

## ACRC MINUTES

### Board members present:

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

1 Member present plus board

Guest: None

### Membership Report:

82 Members as of today.

Scott Oleson reported that all members will receive a plastic pocket to hold ACRC & AMA cards.

### Treasurer's Report:

Income: \$1986.00

Expenses: \$445.00

### Safety Officer Report:

\$50 Fun-Fly prizes to continue for 2025.

Events have run smoothly this year.

### Event Coordinator:

Fall Fly-Out on October 5<sup>th</sup> (Editors note: moved to October 19<sup>th</sup>)

Time to think about next year's events.

### Training Report:

Training has ended for the season.

One trainer plane will need repairs.

AMA Introductory Flight program will be reviewed prior to next season.

Due to low participation of students, it was suggested that students make "appointments" with instructors for training, rather than "show up on Wednesday evening" as this has led to instructors waiting for no show students.

### Old Business:

Tim K to check into Porta-Potty billing date for seasonal removal

Mowing schedule to end 10/29.

### New Business:

Ken Schroeder Memorial Fly-In at the Northwest R/C on 10/12.

Fall Fly-Out prizes discussed.

### Show and Tell:

Jeff Slater brought an industrial strength cleaning solution for glow motors, Dawn Power Dissolver. He and Scott Oleson reported that it works wonders on encrusted motors without damaging or discoloring the aluminum. It can even be used to clean inside the crankcase without major disassembly.

Scott Oleson brought a Super Tiger motor from eBay. Unfortunately, Scott got "taken" as it has a bent crankshaft snout. He noted no external damage to the crankshaft from an impact, so the cause of the damage remains a mystery.

### Raffle:

None

Submitted by Tim Karash

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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday – October 17

- ACRC Meeting-At CRCC

Saturday – October 19

- ACRC Fun Fly #6
- ACRC Fall Fly-Out

Thursday – November 21

- ACRC Meeting-At CRCC

Thursday – December 19

- ACRC Meeting-At CRCC

Wednesday – January 1

- ACRC Freeze Fly

CRCC - Coon Rapids Civic Center

