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THE NOVEMBER 21ST MEETING IS INDOORS AT CRCC!!

PRESIDENT'S CHATTER

FALL FLY-OUT

We have had our last scheduled flying event for this year. If this weather continues, we will have many more chances to get out to fly.

At the flyout I got to see some faces that I hadn't seen all year and a couple that I hadn't seen for several years.



Part of the Fall Fly-Out crowd

This was a combined flyout and the last monthly fun fly. There were 11 pilots who flew in the fun fly, more than any fun fly this year. Rob Martinson won the \$50.00 participation prize. I saw some interesting flying for some of the events. Thanks to all that participated this year and thank you Jeff Flander for coordinating the monthly fun flys.



The Fun Fly Participants (and their pilots)

There were opportunities for open flying between events and after lunch. Lunch was really great again!

We had the raffle after lunch including a 50/50 drawing that was won by a guest spectator who said she watched our sign to see future flying events. Thank you, Linda Lamb, for your interest.

Ted Sander won a 2025 ACRC membership

Mike Dorff won the Hanger 9 Alpha 60 which he says will start his grandson flying next year.

Virgil Oleson, Andy Smith, and Bill Edgworth all won mystery envelopes containing various amounts of cash.

Again, the weather was fantastic and I think we all had a great time.



Time now to start planning for next year. If anyone wants to coordinate an event, please feel free to step up.

Winter indoor flying is coming I'll keep you posted. Look at our web site for information.

Jeff Slater

FROM THE VEEP J3

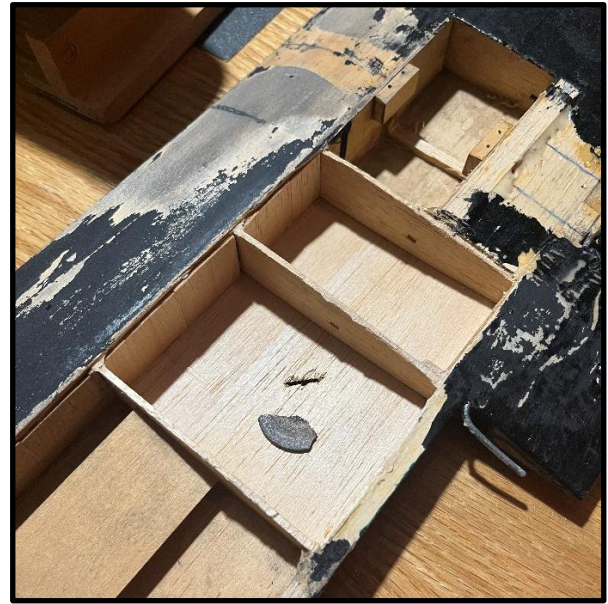
Hi again, it's Ryan's J3 Cub coming to you from the lower shelf in the corner of the basement ~~shop~~ hangar! It is November, so Ryan gets the month off from writing a newsletter article for his birthday. I must say, it was good to meet some of you... a year ago. Since I only write one article a year, I didn't get a chance to say that sooner.

As you can tell from my intro, I am still on a shelf rather than on the building table or hanging on the wall of finished airplanes. Now I could be salty about this, but that would make me more of a sea-going ship than an airplane. Instead, I'm going to recognize that Ryan's last article, the one about enjoying the hobby and not putting too much pressure on one's self, seems to have made a positive impact on him. He has been down here in the hangar more often and making progress on some of the projects.

For instance, the Aeromaster is in the middle of a refurbishment. So far, it has been a challenge for Ryan to get the old Silkspan and paint off the sheeted surfaces and some of the balsa has to be replaced. There was one interesting point when some sheeting was removed to reveal the cause of a rattling noise. It turns out that the slot cut into the lower sheeting was an entry wound from a piece of shrapnel. A rotary tool cutting disc must have shattered at the Aeromaster's original home and half of the disc was flung into the lower wing and got stuck in there. It goes as a safety lesson for all you builders out there: use PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) like safety glasses when operating those things called tools.

Just the other night, Ryan also got around to working on two other planes. The Sweet 'n Low Stik got some filler added to smooth out the gap between its fuselage and new canopy. While that was drying, Ryan sanded

more foam away on the F-18 to make an airfoil shape to the wing and start shaping the nose cone. It is good to see him enjoying the build process again.



Aeromaster entry wound and shrapnel

All of this gives me hope that my "someday" will be coming soon. A Cub can only stay "in the bones" for so long anyway (ahem, 24 years so far, not that I'm counting). Oh, I almost forgot! Since the Buzzard Bombshell stole my electric motor, somewhere in the last year Ryan acquired a 4-stroke glow engine for me. I think I'm over the fear of glow fuel residue, and the sound of that engine will suit me well. Besides, it's far better than having Ryan make engine noises for me (he's not a great ventriloquist).

A big shoutout to those of you who have encouraged and mentored Ryan over the years. He has learned a lot and I suspect he will do a better job finishing me now than his 8th grade self could have. Sharing your knowledge with the new generations of model builders is part of what makes this hobby so great!

That's all I've got for this year's installment. Be sure to come to the club meeting this month and bring your latest show-and-tell to share with everyone. I've heard that Ryan has an interesting object to show all of you, and he could use some advice as to whether he got a good deal or not. Fair skies and tailwinds, but don't run out of airspeed, altitude or ideas!

Piper J3 Cub

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The online application and payment process is up and running. When you pay with PayPal or Venmo you will not be immediately redirected to those sites. You will receive an invoice via email which will take you to the appropriate payment method. The invoice will not come immediately after submission. If you have joined or renewed membership between now and 11/1/24, I will be sending your membership cards by the end of the month. Until then, you may fly at the field before you receive your card, post your AMA on the board and have a copy of your invoice with you in case you are questioned about your membership.

- Welcome new member Brandon Hickman and returning member Matt Campson.
- Current 2024-member count: 84

The next meeting will be at the Coon Rapids Community Center November 21st at 7:00pm.

Scott Oleson

EVENT COORDINATOR

Build Season is upon us but events must go on!

I see Indoor Flying at the Dome on the calendar for November 22nd from 9 to 11 pm and December 22nd from 7:30 to 11:30 am. So, dust off those indoor birds and charge some batteries.

Some details on the Dome Flying:

- \$20.00 each session and AMA required.
- 20-ounce max weight. Spectators are welcome.
- Let all your flying friends know.
- More dates are coming through March.

January 1st will be the annual freeze fly at the field! Stock up on some hand warmers and earn your polar wings.

Lastly, I'm looking for thoughts and suggestions for next year's events, so if you have ideas shoot them to events@Anoka-rc.org

Mike Reinert

A LOOK BACK

NOVEMBER 2006

18 YEARS AGO

5 pilots braved the drizzle, wind, and 40-degree temperatures for bragging rights on the last Fun-Fly of the season.

2 bi-plane pictures graced the newsletter. I believe one is Mike Dorff's SE-5; the other is a cowl-less Christian Eagle. Unfortunately, the owner was unnamed.

An addendum to Murphy's Laws was published. One that caught my eye was the "Law of Tools": if a tool is dropped, it will roll to the least accessible area.

Mark Dubay forwarded an article from the IMAA newsletter regarding the duties of a spotter. As a spotter, you are not out there to congratulate your pilot buddy on his last maneuver, but you need to be aware of all other airplanes and ground activities as well.

NOVEMBER 1996

28 YEARS AGO

Slim pickins' in this newsletter as the flying season is winding down. Board member nominations were set by the 30 plus members at the meeting.

Perhaps that number of attendees is why airplane kits were offered for first, second, and third place raffle winners.

Jeff Slater, Bud Durant, and Ron Fichtner brought large Show and Tell projects.

Tim Brockman is back in the saddle as Newsletter editor.

Tim Karash

ACRC MINUTES

Board members present:

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

3 Member present plus board

Guest: None

Membership Report:

84 members to date

Treasurer's Report:

Income: \$800.00

Expenses: \$219.00

Safety Officer Report:

"No fatalities" per safety officer.

Event Coordinator:

Fall Fly-Out is the only event remaining for 2024.

Raffle prizes for the event include an ARF airplane/motor combo, a ACRC 2025 membership, and several mystery money envelopes.

Training Report:

Proposed by Jeff Slater for a rearrangement of scheduling for instructors, rather than a mass training night, each prospective student will arrange instruction, on their own, with an instructor. The list will be published on the ACRC website.

The proposal was 2nd by Scott Oleson. Motion carried.

The AMA "Learn to Fly" program will not be used.

Old Business:

Mowing has slowed for the season. Will be done as needed.

Lawn mower will need minimal servicing for next year.

New Business:

Bob Winkler has donated a significant quantity of R/C equipment, tools, supplies, and three airplanes to ACRC. Bob's only request was that the items will be used to advance the hobby.

Fundraiser calendars will be for sale.

The December meeting will be a repeat of last year's "coffee and cookie night".

Show and Tell:

Mike Reinert brought a keyring sized sliding measuring tool. The handy little device will accurately show fastener size.

Raffle:

1) Grab Bag #1	Jeff Slater
2) Grab Bag #2	Marc Tellevik
3) Cable Ties	Mike Reinert
4) Snap Knife	Scott Oleson
5) Magnetic Tray	Tim Karash

Submitted by Tim Karash

NOTES:**JACKETS**

Jackets are here and will be at the November 21st meeting!

LANDOWNER CHRISTMAS CARD

Last chance to sign the Christmas card we send to the landowner will be at the November 21st meeting.

We would like to have as many club members as possible sign the card.

Marc Tellevik

Editor's Note: I forgot to include this photo in last month's newsletter, when Jeff Slater had brought this bottle of cleaner as a Show and Tell. Figured I'd include it here in case someone wanted to know what the product looked like.



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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday – November 21

- ACRC Meeting-At CRCC

Friday – November 22

- ACRC Indoor Dome Flying

Thursday – December 19

- ACRC Meeting-At CRCC

Sunday – December 22

- ACRC Indoor Dome Flying

Wednesday – January 1

- ACRC Freeze Fly

CRCC - Coon Rapids Civic Center

