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THE DECEMBER 19TH MEETING IS INDOORS AT CRCC!!

PRESIDENT'S CHATTER

DECEMBER AND R/C

Here we are in usually the most vacant month of the r/c year. Holiday shopping, family events, bad flying weather, and the money you may think could buy that plane that is now on sale has been flagged for a Christmas gift for your cousin's brother that is coming for a visit the week after Christmas!

Let's remember to set our priorities. I was able to freeze my fingers a bit last week and got in a few touch-n-goes at the lake on the one day we had a dusting of snow. I am currently working on my winter build. It is a Fokker D VII built from Model airplane news plan. Published in the 90's designed and drawn by R.A. Uravitch. I will show my progress at the meeting.

REMEMBER this month's meeting is our potluck/treat Christmas gathering. Bring your favorite savory or sweet treat to share. I will be making coffee.

When you get a 40-degree day in December and you have batteries charged you just have to take the time to get in a few flights as I did today. Makes me think all is right with the world.

There is indoor flying to be enjoyed at the Blaine sports center dome. Next session is Dec. 22 7:30 until 11:30 AM. \$20.00 and AMA will get you in. There will be

more dates through March that will get published as they get confirmed.

There is also indoor flying February through April at the HHC field house in St. Joseph

Sat or Sun 8:00 until 12:00 noon. I will get the schedule posted soon.

Jan 1 is our annual Freeze Fly

Jan 25th is the MARCEE electric swap meet 104 Snelling Ave S St Paul 8:30-11:30 AM

The TCRC auction is Feb 1 with the Duluth auction to follow sometime in March. That should take us to Spring and another flying season.

I think that might end my rambling!

Jeff Slater

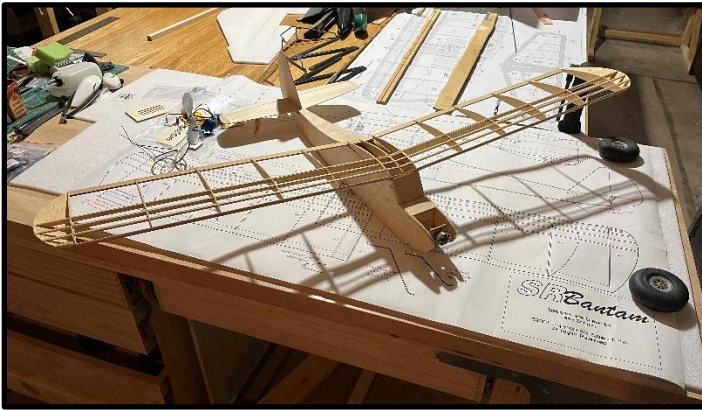


Jeff's old reliable airplane that made him Smile!



FROM THE VEEP

We made it to December, and while the weather limits our flying time, we still have much to enjoy during this season. More time can be dedicated to building airplanes. I've been working on a few things, as my J3 mentioned – SQUIRREL! – and I've been planning some details for a new wing for my trainer which will be based off an OSMW Javelin wing – SQUIRREL! – and then I brought down an SR Bantam that I bought ready to cover several years ago, which I want to finish for indoor flying. Despite all the changes in direction, I hope to get one or two planes ready to fly for the 2025 flying season.



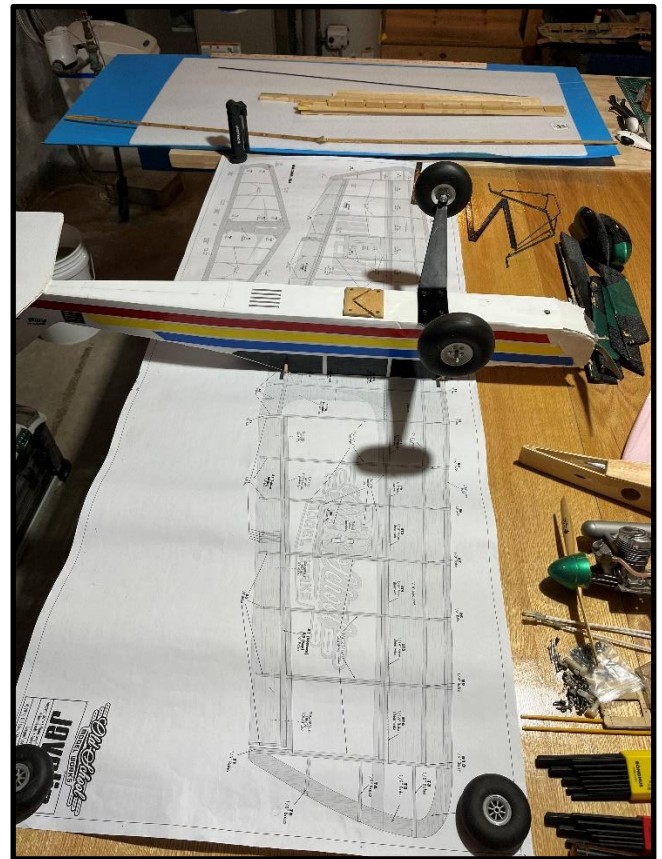
Ryan's SR Bantam ready for covering

Also, I always look forward to the annual Freeze Fly. I'm hoping for some more snow first, though. I want to try my Northstar off of the snow at some point. It is a fun event, as long as you're willing to put up with the cold. We usually have a pot of chili to share for warming up.

This year my wife and I hosted her university's Physics and Engineering department Christmas party. We had around 55 students, professors and spouses at our home for an evening of fun, food and physics carols! I took the opportunity to open up my "hangar" for everyone to have a look. Many of our guests came down into the basement to check out my hobby and all the planes. As you can imagine, these engineering types had many questions to ask. The top question was "do these things actually fly?" It was exciting for me to share my interest in flight with the students and hopefully I encouraged some of them to give it a try.

As we close out the 2024 calendar year, it would be great to see lots of you at the club meeting. I'll be bringing some of the last grab bags that have been cluttering my basement for the last year. We'll see whether I can scrounge up some other raffle prizes. Either way there will be lots of treats and eats to enjoy.

Ryan Kontak



The Trainer getting fitted to the new wing plans

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

It's time to start thinking about renewals, this includes your ACRC Membership and AMA. As of 12/11/24 6 of you have AMA renewal due by December 31st and one of you expired 10/31/24. Please verify your expiration date. As I mentioned previously, you will receive your 2025 membership card in a plastic pocket. The expectation is that you place either a photocopy or your spare AMA card in the pocket with your membership card. If your AMA renewal is mid-year, simply swap them out when appropriate. You are no longer required to send me a copy with your club application, however I do need your AMA number. If

you choose to send me a copy of your AMA, I will put it in the pocket with your membership card.

- Welcome new member Robert Polliard III.
- Current 2024-member count: 86

The next meeting will be at the Coon Rapids Community Center December 19th at 7:00pm.

Scott Oleson

EVENT COORDINATOR

As I write this it's currently -7 degrees outside. Let's hope that's not the case for the freeze fly on Jan 1st so we can all start our year the way we want to spend it... flying RC!

Mike Reinert

A LOOK BACK

DECEMBER 2006

18 YEARS AGO

Discussion regarding the safety fence apparently rose to a fever pitch at the November meeting. Size and placement options to be discussed at a later date.

Bob Nagle encouraged members to try a Fun-Fly event sometime.

Club and AMA renewals are due at the first of the year. I remember those days.

15 raffle prizes were awarded.

Stan Zdon published a series of photos showing a B1B bomber being raised after the pilot failed to deploy the landing gear. \$8 million later, it will fly again.

DECEMBER 1996

28 YEARS AGO

Spence Minear and spouse, took a two-week vacation in Carmel California. During a stroll through town, Spence found a hobby shop that had many large R/C planes on display. Spence was dumbfounded at the prices, ranging from \$5000 to \$25,000 without motors and radio!

Tim Karash

ACRC MINUTES

Board members present:

Jeff Slater, Marc Tellevik, Tim Karash, Ryan Kontak, Mike Reinert, Jim VanNorman

4 Member present plus board

Guest: None

Membership Report:

84 to date, 5 have joined in 2024 for 2025

Treasurer's Report:

Income: \$1076.00

Expenses: \$854.00

Safety Officer Report:

No issues

Event Coordinator:

January Freeze-Fly on 1st

Training Report:

Will be continued in the spring

Old Business:

Feather flag for training estimate of \$214.00 Jeff Slater made motion to purchase. 2nd by Marc Tellevik. Motion carried. It will be displayed starting in the spring near the large ACRC sign.

Porta-Potty has been removed for the season.

New Business:

In an effort to increase event participation, Jeff Slatter has queried several vendors. They may donate gift certificates for a sanctioned event.

Registration for the club, with MN Business renewal has been completed.

Fundraising calendars are for sale; however, the cost price has increased by nearly \$2. The club will absorb the difference for this year.

The "Coffee and Cookies" Holiday Festival will be held at the December meeting. Please bring a treat to share.

Show and Tell:

Ryan brought a Mullet brand dust separator device for woodworking. It is placed between the vacuum source

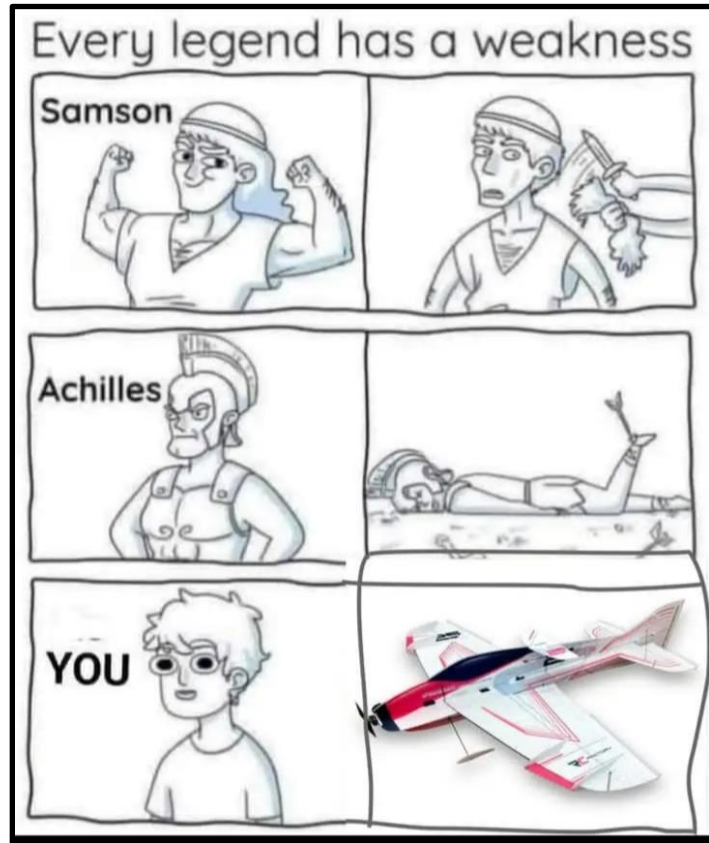
and the dust source. It uses a cyclone shape to separate the debris out into the container, reducing vacuum filter clogging.

Ryan also brought a COMO 40 SCH engine NIB that he found on the Interwebs. (stop drooling Scott)

Raffle:

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| 1) Grab Bag | Jeff Slater |
| 2) Bag of Balsa | Bob Barton |
| 3) Velcro Roll | Marc Tellevik |
| 4) Snap Knife | Marc Tellevik |

Submitted by Tim Karash



“The Hunt” -A Short Story from Sherwood Heggen

We all liked Henry. Henry Heinrich was his full name. He was a bit different from us members of the free flight club back in the 1930’s. He was up in years and had some disappointments in life that left him alone - alone with his model airplanes. His clothing was fit for grubbing around in the dirt with his models and grooming wasn’t important to him, but we all enjoyed him. He never had much to say unless it had to do with his latest model. Perhaps we are all a bit like that. He was deeply entrenched in all of the workings of his model and cherished each one as if it were family. He was very persnickety about the condition of any model he owned. If any little scuff or damage would happen, the model was retired until he had repaired it to like new.

Free flight models were what you had if you wanted a flying model airplane in those days. The engine would be started and then the model was launched to fly free. There was no control lines or radio to control its flight. A well-trimmed model would have a large circular flight path during the climb under power and an opposite circular flight path in the glide and would land close by. The challenge for free flight models was to gain as much altitude as possible and stay airborne supported by thermals in the area. The concern of every free flight modeler was the possible loss of a model due to wind and/or thermals carrying it out of sight. To some, the loss of a model was somewhat routine. The model was typically outfitted with a name and telephone number so an honest finder could make contact with the owner to return it. Henry had never lost a model. Oh, he had some long chases but eventually he would return a little dirtier and winded from his trudging through whatever brush or thicket the model had decided to land. He was one who would not be denied the return of his beloved model.

I remember Henry the most of all the people because of the strange circumstances that started one day late in the spring of 1935. With a new model under his arm, Henry showed up at the field in his typical glue-stained pants, red long-sleeved plaid shirt and in need of a shave and a shower. He apparently had been dedicating the last few days getting this model built and ready to fly. The engine was started and the model launched

with a short engine run for a test hop. It went well, but Henry wasn't happy with a couple of trim issues. Satisfied that the change he made would be sufficient, the model was again launched with a longer engine run. The climb was impressive but the glide still could be flattened out a bit more. It took a while for the model to land but Henry understood what to do to make the model fly even better with a couple of little adjustments. By now, everyone at the field was drawn to Henry and his new model and trying to learn what he does to make his models fly so well. He mumbled something about "that should do it" and fired up the engine once again. With a light toss forward and up, Henry's model took to the sky with an impressive spiral climb. It became a speck in the sky by the time the engine had consumed its small tank of fuel. And then, the glide. It was flat and steady. It had the appearance of an eagle floating lazily on the rising air, making big circles in the sky. It didn't appear to be losing any altitude and apparently there was a southerly wind and a thermal at that altitude. One of the threats to everyone's models that flew at this site was the rugged hills, woods, and open country that went for many miles to the north of the field. And now, that is apparently where Henry's model was headed. You could tell by the look on Henry's face that panic had started to set in. He had not lost a model before but now it appeared this might be the first. He headed toward the direction of the model circling high above steadily heading for the hills. A couple of fellows joined him as he started walking toward the hills for the hopeful recovery. They all walked about half a mile to a knoll where they had some height to see where the model might land. There they stood watching the model fade further and further into the distance with the wind assisting its movement. His fellow modelers told him it was useless to try to find it now as it was getting late. He said he was going to stick around for a while to see if he could locate it. His friends warned him to be careful and headed back to field to wrap it up for the day.

The next day, the guys came back to the field for another day of flying. Henry's car was still there but Henry wasn't. Did he lose another model or was he still looking for the one he lost yesterday? One wouldn't know until Henry showed up. Everyone expected to

see Henry appear soon with his model held high, but the day passed on with no sight of Henry. Worry set in among his fellow modelers and a group set out to search for him. After a few of hours of looking and calling for him with no results, the weather had turned windy and cold so the search was ended. The local police were notified that Henry seemed to have disappeared. They didn't seem too concerned stating he would show up.

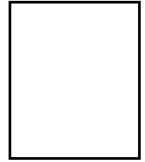
Henry didn't show up. Days later he hadn't shown up. The police then organized a search party and his car was taken to the police station. A couple of guys went to his house just in case he might have gotten there somehow but to no avail. No one had seen him. Henry was gone! The search party exhausted every reasonable part of the hills without success. What horrible fate had come to Henry?

During that summer, conversation often turned to what could have happened to Henry. Surely, he was gone only to be remembered. A small memorial was set up at the field in his memory. A lot was learned from him about model building and flying. Making the models fly well is a skill learned over time and Henry had succeeded, maybe too well.

Late October of 1935, the guys had gathered for one final get together before winter set in. The usual launches and flights, some successful some not, were accomplished. It was time to sit back and let the day end. During conversation, one of the guys pointed toward the hills about a half mile away and said, "Is that a someone walking out there?" Eyes all focused on what appeared to be a man coming toward them carrying a model airplane. "Who could that be? Did someone find Henry's airplane?" they all murmured. Everyone got up and started walking toward the man with the airplane. He had a tattered red plaid shirt, ripped and dirty trousers and a full beard. "Why, that looks like Henry" they exclaimed. The closer they got, they could see it was Henry! When within shouting distance, they heard him holler, "I found her. She was way out there. She only has a little damage."

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday – December 19

- ACRC Meeting-At CRCC

Sunday – December 22

- ACRC Indoor Dome Flying

Wednesday – January 1

- ACRC Freeze Fly

Thursday – January 16

- ACRC Meeting-At CRCC

CRCC - Coon Rapids Civic Center

