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THE JULY 17TH MEETING IS AT THE FIELD!!

PRESIDENT'S CHATTER

MID-SUMMER IS HERE!

Yes, it seems we just had our first outdoor meeting and here we are at the midpoint of our summer flying season. There have been many fun events to attend and some improvements to our great flying field. Weed killer was applied, then fertilized, and clover killer applied. Also, some road improvements. All by our landlord. The weeds at the ditch edge will be mowed soon. So, a great big thanks goes out to them. We have also had some help with mowing since the grass is growing so fast. Thank you, Bobby Hoffman and your crew!

July is a pretty important meeting so try to attend. We will be voting on the Bylaw changes posted and read at the last two meetings. We are also voting for four board members that were nominated last month.

I have a letter from Lucas Rodden (government affairs manager) at the AMA addressing the issue of labeling our aircraft brought up at our last meeting.

I DID ACQUIRE YET ANOTHER ESTATE OR TWO SO I WILL HAVE PLANES AND R/C EQUIPMENT FOR SALE AT VERY REASONABLE PRICES.

Upcoming is an estate with some donations for the club and some for sale.

We have four Sanctioned club events coming up which I have posted on the frequency board. I did get a volunteer for a retrieve boat for our fall Float-fly. Thank you, Eric Hong.

Hope to see you all at the meeting

Jeff Slater

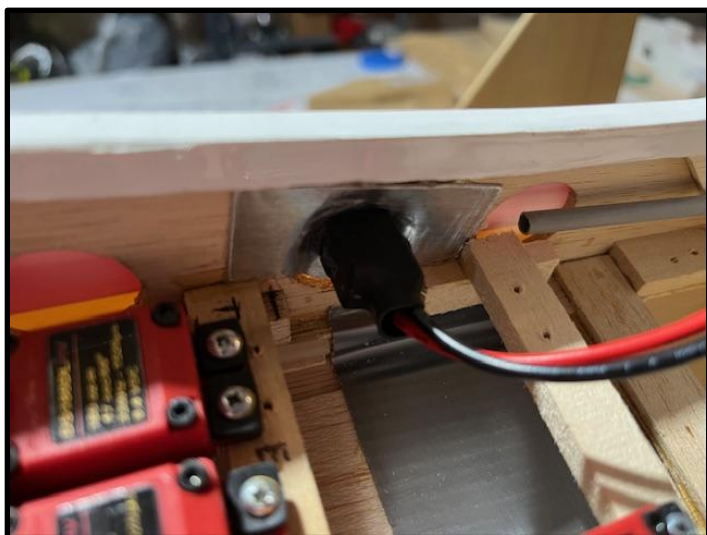
FROM THE VEEP

While this may be my last article as Veep, fear not, because I will continue on as the Newsletter Editor, and you can look forward to hearing about my adventures in aeromodelling for years to come! I've enjoyed serving on the board and supplying raffle prizes, but it is time to lighten my load and pass the reigns off to someone else. I've got one last load of raffle goodies that I will bring to the club meeting this month, so come prepared with your Washingtons, Lincolns, and Benjamins. 😊

Regarding my adventures in aeromodelling, you all know well that my attention span for a building project can be fleeting. In last month's article I was charging ahead on finishing the Aeromaster, but I quickly changed gears. This time I decided that the Ultra Sport 40+ that I purchased in mostly ready-to-fly condition three winters ago had languished long enough (though if you ask my J3 Cub, 25 years of languishing is where the bar is set). I have upgraded several components along the way and moved the engine forward and inverted to meet the cowl location as shown in the plans.



Over the past month I have installed a remote glow start system and replaced the switch/charge jack to one that has larger wires. I figured the ProModeler servos that I installed would not be happy with the insufficient switch. The remote glow jack was an interesting challenge because the threads on it were rather short and would not sandwich over the balsa fuselage sides. Instead, I hammered a piece of aluminum and put the mushroomed side in a lightening hole. Then I could fasten the jack to the thin aluminum.



The remote glow jack mounting

As I mentioned earlier the engine had to be moved forward to match the plans. This primarily helped in balancing the airframe, as it was quite tail heavy without having the full length to the nose.



The new engine location

I also had to acquire a new cowl since the original was too short. In order to get the CG correct, I even have to mount the new LiFe battery above the engine under the cowl, plus a few ounces of lead and a Higley heavy hub hidden under the spinner. Phew!



The Ultra Sport 40+ is getting close!

The next steps are to fuel proof the firewall and inside the nose, paint the cowl, and tidy up the electrical installation. My hopes are to finish it this summer and take the maiden flight before fall. It will be exciting to get a new plane in the air, plus I get to learn the quirks of breaking-in and operating a glow engine. Like the Aeromaster, I've heard the Ultra Sports are excellent flyers. I'm looking forward to finding out for myself.

Ryan Kontak

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

July marks the end of my Membership Secretary term. Earl Hendrics was nominated, accepted and will be officially voted in at the club meeting this month. I want to thank Earl for volunteering his time and efforts moving forward.

The club application and website will be updated with the appropriate contact information for applications/renewals.

- Welcome returning member David Tinelli
- Runway Donations:
 - David Tinelli

- Current 2025-Member Count: 89

The next meeting will be at the club field on July 17th at 7:00pm.

Scott Oleson

EVENT COORDINATOR

Not much going on for the month of July folks. Going to have our monthly fun fly on the 19th which is the Saturday after our monthly meeting.

I am looking for a volunteer to provide the meal for the Big Bird Fly on Aug 23. Food and Supplies are covered by the club.

If you're interested, reach out to my email events@anoka-rc.org or text me @ 612-790-2931.

Mike Reinert

A LOOK BACK

JULY 2007

18 YEARS AGO

The front page of the newsletter contained a picture of an ACRC member we lost, John Shenton.

John was a longtime member of ACRC, who would often come off as gruff or nasty, but he had a heart of gold.

A reminder from Al the Prez to follow a camper's rule on trash: "If you brought it in with you, take it out with you"

Eleven pilots participated in the June Fun-Fly

The Ninth Annual Pattern contest went well despite the low turnout. Four classes of competition were held; six pilots were spread out equally in three of the classes. The Sportsman class had three pilots.

A map was published with directions to Long Lake in New Brighton for the upcoming Float-Fly.

JULY 1997

28 YEARS AGO

Spence Minear, Da Prez, wrote of his trepidation of splicing a new fuselage half to his recently crash canard style airplane.

The June Fun-Fly was entitled "Fun with eggs"

The second of three events simply required a take-off and landing, keeping an egg intact. Only three of the nine participants completed the task.

The third event was the classic Egg Bomb Drop. Brian Dorff managed to be the closest to the target at 45 feet. The next closest was Roger Bass at appx 100 feet.

Stan Zdon reported ACRC has 110 members, 6 of which are juniors.

A Fun-Scale contest is scheduled for July 20th, 1997

The Midwest Regional Scale Masters Qualifier will be held on August 9th & 10th, 1997

Tim Karash

ACRC MINUTES

Board members present:

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

8 Member present plus board

1 Guest

Membership Report:

88 members to date

Treasurer's Report:

Income: \$505.06

Expenses: \$288.43

Safety Officer Report:

Be aware of the landowner's equipment and workers. It is now the prime season for sod field maintenance. Workers may arrive from several directions.

Event Coordinator:

The weather delayed Spring fly-in went well with 20 pilots participating

The second annual ACRC Big Bird Fly-In is scheduled for August 23rd

Training Report:

The Instructor list on website needs updating

Our program has 2 Active students now

Old Business:

Board nominations for 2026:

John Devries nominated for Vice President

Cameron Devries for Safety Officer

Tim Karash for Recording secretary

Ryan Kontak will move out of his VP position, but continue as newsletter editor.

Earl Hendricks for Membership Secretary

While not a board position, Jeff Flander will continue to run the monthly Fun-Fly events.

By-Laws change update regarding membership as posted in the May Newsletter, and discussed at the May and June meetings:

These changes will be voted on at the July Meeting.

CURRENT ARTICLE 1 SECTION 3 Reads as follows:

"Members are responsible to pay 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."

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"Membership in ACRC will terminate if there is no payment of dues by January 31st. If a member is dropped for any reason, reinstatement shall be on the same basis as a new member."

NEW MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$75.00 (new member after Sep.1 will include the following year)

INITIATION FEE: \$20.00 (new members and renewals after Jan. 31st)

JUNIOR MEMBER DUES: \$25.00 (under 19 and parent not an ACRC member)

FAMILY MEMBER DUES: \$5.00 (member's child under 19 or spouse)

Runway donation Optional for future runway replacement

New Business:

A suggestion made to have a Bi-Plane Fly-In. However, the schedule has filled up, and may need to wait until October

Jeff Slater has trimmed the runway and ditches.

Field drainage ditches will be mowed later this summer by the Hoffman crews.

Questions have been raised regarding FAA & AMA ID numbers on our aircraft.

The short answer is yes. Both numbers need to be visible from outside the airplane. Failure to do so, may negate the insurance coverage in the event of an accident.

The AMA also requires pilot name and address inside the airplane, plus a copy of the pilot's Trust Test must also be available either electronically or physical hard copy.

Fill will be added to the east / west road from the Hiway. Sand only on the north / south portion as gravel may damage the sod field equipment.

Our recent Fun-Fly events have poor turnout. Many suggestions were discussed.

Combat events have been scheduled for 6/28 7/26 8/9 9/6. Ted Sander will coordinate.

Jeff Slater proposed the purchase of a P61 Night Raider 89 ARF as a raffle prize for the Big Bird event.

Motion 2nd by Jeff Flander. Motion carried.

Update: Jeff Slater has also found several other airplanes to be used as raffle prizes for the upcoming events

Show and Tell:

Jeff Laleman brought a pair of 5-inch 3D printed wheel hubs that have a soft outer "tire"

Raffle:

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| 1) Epoxy brushes | Ted Sander |
| 2) Inspection mirror | Earl Hendricks |
| 3) Microfiber towels | Jeff Slater |
| 4) Ammo can | Marc Tellevik |
| 5) Combat plane | Earl Hendricks |
| 6) CA debonder | Tim Karash |
| 7) CA glue | Ted Sanders |

Submitted by Tim Karash

PLANES FOR SALE



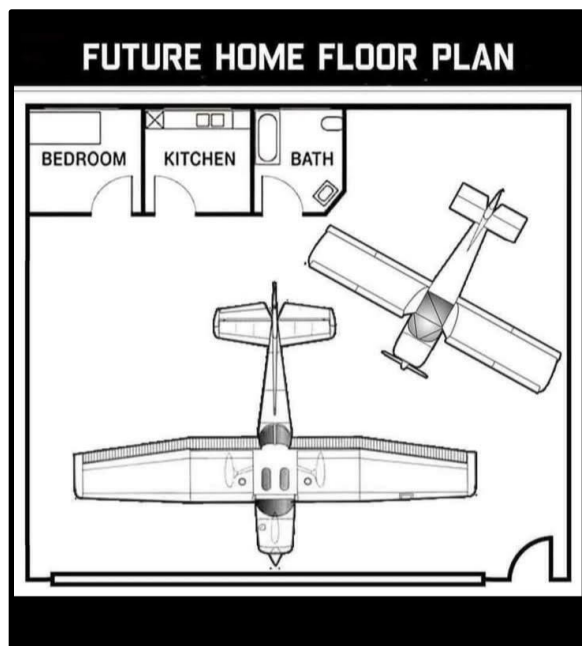
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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday – July 17

- ACRC Meeting-At the Field

Saturday – July 19

- ACRC Fun Fly

Saturday – August 16

- ACRC Fun Fly

Thursday – August 21

- ACRC Meeting-At the Field

Saturday – August 23

- ACRC Big Bird Fly-in

Saturday – September 13

- ACRC Electric Fly-in

CRCC - Coon Rapids Civic Center

