



ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS CHARTERED CLUB #1255

# SERVO CHATTER

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***THE MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, AT RIVERWIND!!***

## PRESIDENT'S CHATTER

Welcome to the deep freeze. Hopefully your projects are under way. We have the Freeze Fly in under a month; I hope we get a good turn out. We need a little help. With about a 100 or so members somebody has to know someone that can clean out the road to the field. If you do know someone ask if they could and find out what they would charge. If so get a hold of one of the board members. Pretty short article for this month.

Andy Thunstrom

## ACRC MINUTES

There were 18 members at the meeting including Paul Castrodale, nice to see Paul back.

**Membership-** Membership had some good numbers at 113 signed up for 2013. Great number!

**Finances-** Bills have been paid and the donation to the Hoffman family was given for the use of the field. Special thanks to the Hoffmans. Get your membership in. Budget numbers are set for the year and are built off membership dues.

**Election-** Not much has changed on the board. We welcome Virgil Okeson to the board and he will be taking over for John Sager. Other board members will remain. Andy Thunstrom, Stanley Zdon, and Phil Vaughn.

**Safety and Training.** Not much to report. Our coordinator Scott Oleson, is willing to put our new club trainer together, and he does a fine job. Thanks Scott!

**Indoor flying-** John Sager reported That he has a spot lined up. For information, call or email John for that info.

**New Business-** Tim Karash brought up a cool idea; a Crash of the Month award. The idea is still in the works and the way it sound going to be a traveling trophy, with your name on it. Details to come, sounds like a lot of fun. Thanks Tim!

### Raffle

Phil Vaughn	9.7# ham
Mark Bilyk	Sanding Bar and paper
Scott Oleson	Yak 54 flat out foamy
Bob Barton	15# turkey
Neil Olson	Slow set epoxy
Tony Larson	Omega glow fuel
Mark Lester	Heat gun

Andy Thunstrom

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

**HOLIDAY GREETINGS!!!** I hope that you have been good so that Santa will bring you a lot of goodies this year and maybe a few **EXTRA-SPECIAL** treats. If you haven't put in your request yet, just leave a Tower Hobbies catalog lying around with the appropriate pages marked. You still have a few weeks until Christmas. Just remind your significant other that it takes less money to fly large R/C airplanes than it does to support the local tavern.

At the November meeting ACRC selected members for the 2014/2015 board and the Board worked out the positions at the November Board

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meeting. The board positions for 2014 are as follows:

Andy Thunstrom	President
Virgil Okeson	Vice-President
Phil Vaughn	Treasurer
Marc Davis	Secretary
Brett Ohnstad	Safety Officer
Chris Cone	Event Coordinator
Stan Zdon	Membership
Scott Oleson	Flight Instruction

There is an application included in this newsletter and if you lose it you will have to pick one up at the meeting or send me a self-addressed stamped envelope. Members who read the newsletter on line can print the application and rules from the ACRC website. Remember, **ALL** current members have to fill out a 2014 application and have their year 2014 AMA verified before they can be issued a 2014 membership card. Dues for 2014 are \$50.00 and if you rejoin after January 31 there is a \$5.00 late fee. Please rejoin as soon as possible after you get your November Servo Chatter and your AMA card for 2014. It is easier to set the budget if the majority of the dues are in by mid-January.

**REMEMBER** - I need verification of your **2014** AMA dues. Sending a copy of your 2013 card will only delay the processing of your application. Please also include a small stamped self-addressed envelope. It's not that the club cannot afford the stamps, but it makes it easier for me as I do membership for both ACRC and SPMRC. Thanks

**ACRC FREEZE FLY** - Put skis on your plane and get ready for some winter flying on January 1.

**TCRC ANNUAL AUCTION** - The TCRC auction will be on Saturday, February 8, at Cross Point Church on 98th and Bloomington. Registration starts at 8:00AM and the auction starts at 10:00AM. Go to the TCRC website for more information:

[http://www.tcrconline.com/pages/auction\\_seller\\_registration.htm](http://www.tcrconline.com/pages/auction_seller_registration.htm)

The next meeting will be at Riverwind on December 19 at 7:00 PM.

Stan Zdon

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## FROM THE VEEP

Here we are, flying season is sort of on hold and we are thinking of repairing our aircraft and modification that we would like to make. Along those lines do not forget about your transmitters. The club has had some discussions about electric safety (accidental start up of motor). In this month's AMA magazine (December) there are some articles worth looking at. Under the heading "Safety Comes First" page 104, "Inspect Secondhand Models" and "Another Safety Tip", are worth reading. Then on page 107 under the heading of "Electrics" you will find an article on how to set Throttle Hold or Throttle Cut on different transmitters (JR9503, Spektrum DX6i, Futaba 10CHG, Futaba t7c) and Airtronics SD-10G.

**MARCEE Gym Flying at OAK Grove Middle School for this winter season.** (Sponsored by MARCEE)

The first date is Nov 14 and the last is March 6. All Gym evenings will be 3 hours on Wednesdays from 7 pm to 10 pm.

The Oak Grove school is located off 35W and 106<sup>th</sup> St in Bloomington. Exit west on 106<sup>th</sup> St (right turn) go about two blocks the school is on the right (there is a sign), turn into the parking lot, park in back of school and enter Door A. Walk straight down the hallway the gym is on your left. There will be two gym spaces, electric plug outlets, table and chairs will be provided and set up. Cost is \$10.00 per pilot and AMA is required. I have not visited this site, but breakout your indoor aircraft, dust them off and go flying.

Dates are:

November 14 & 28

December 5 & 19

January 9 & 23

February 6 & 20

March 6

**MARCEE at the Metro Dome dates:**

November 21, 25 & 26 (8am to 4pm)

December 9, 10, 12, 16, 17, & 19 (8am to 4pm)

For now that is it from your Veep

Virgil Okeson

## ACRC TRAINING

The 2013 training season was a busy, fun and productive. The ACRC training team soloed 12 new pilots. Considering the number of flights flown, the number of mishaps was very low. We did loose a couple of aircraft and had a handful of airplanes that needed some sort of repair. As instructors we do everything we can to prevent damage or loss of an aircraft during the training process but as we all know, sometimes things happen. Thanks to Andy Thunstrom, John Sager, Bob Moser and all who donated their time this year. I anticipate another busy season next year.

### Training Tips

In the last training tips article I covered the "forward slip" which is used when set up for a landing approach with excessive height or must descend rapidly without a large increase in airspeed. This month I will cover the "side slip." A sideslip may be used exclusively to remain lined up with a runway centerline while on approach in a crosswind. To perform a sideslip, roll the airplane, using aileron toward the wind to maintain runway centerline position while maintaining heading on the centerline with opposite rudder. Sideslip causes the upwind main landing gear to touch down first, followed by the downwind main gear. This allows the wheels to be aligned with the runway.

Scott Oleson

## ACRC EVENTS

Happy December everyone! It seems this year we are going to pay for our easy winters of past years. This being said the Freeze Fly is coming soon for those who dare to launch their aircraft into the air and dazzle us with there frozen fingered flying skills! Provided our fantastic weather holds I will see you there. Stay tuned and we will send out the date and time real soon! In the mean time have fun building your new projects and hopefully Santa will bless you with new wings, or additions to some favorites you may already have. From Christian and I: Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Chris Cone

## PONDERISMS

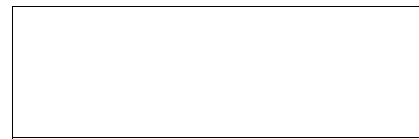
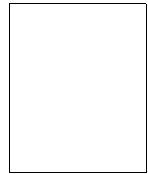
- I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.
- There are two kinds of pedestrians: the quick and the dead.
- Life is sexually transmitted.
- Health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.
- The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.
- Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday when they are lying in hospitals dying of nothing.
- Have you noticed since everyone has a camcorder these days no one talks about seeing UFOs like they used to?
- Whenever I feel blue, I start breathing again.
- All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.
- In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird and people take Prozac to make it normal.
- How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?
- Who was the first person to look at a cow and say, "I think I'll squeeze these dangly things and drink whatever comes out?"
- If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a song about him?
- Do illiterate people get the full effect of Alphabet Soup?
- Does pushing the elevator button more than once make it arrive faster?
- Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?

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*Deadline for the  
next newsletter is:  
January 1, 2014*

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday – December 19

- ACRC Meeting

Wednesday – January 1

- ACRC Freeze Fly

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- SPMRC Freeze Fly

Thursday – January 16

- ACRC Meeting

