



ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS CHARTERED CLUB #1255

# SERVO CHATTER

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**THE MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, AT RIVERWIND!!**

## PRESIDENT'S CHATTER

Merry Christmas and congrats to our new FBMs. Grandpa Stan stays at membership, your new president is Virgil Okeson, the VP is Phil Vaughn, events belong to Bob Proulx, the training coordinator is Tom Janos, safety remains with Brett Ohnstad, the secretary is Andy Thunstrom, and last but not least, Marc Tellevik is the banker. Thank you to our board members making their exit, Marc Davis, and Scott Oleson. Both helped out with the board and will be missed; THANKS BOYS.

At the December meeting there will be a vote on a bylaw change moving nominations to May and June with the election in July. August will be the transition time with both the new board members and the outgoing board members serving at the same time. If you like this or not come and vote at the meeting.

We have the Freeze Fly on January 1 2015; let's hope for some nice weather. Hoping to see lots of people there to start out the year. That is it for the month

Andy Thunstrom

## FROM THE VEEP

Matt Hoffman forwarded the following recall notification for the charging power supply shipped with the Super Cub by HobbyZone.

Power supply units and chargers sold with the model aircraft can overcharge the battery, posing a risk of fire and property damage.

You can call Horizon Hobby toll-free at (877) 504-0233 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Consumers can also visit the firm's website at [www.horizonhobby.com](http://www.horizonhobby.com) and click on Product Recalls listed under Support at the bottom of the page for more information. This recall involves the power supply and charger included exclusively with the HobbyZone Super Cub S Ready-To-Fly aircraft, model number HBZ8100 and the HobbyZone Super Cub S Bind-N-Fly model number HBZ8180. Aircraft model numbers are located on the packaging. The power supply is 2½ inches by 1¾ inches by 1¼ inches and is black with a blue label that reads "HobbyZone" and model "HBZ1004." The DC auxiliary charger is 5 inches by 2½ inches by 1¾ inches and is black with a blue label that reads, "HobbyZone" and model "HBZ1003." If you have one or know someone who does, please forward this information to them.



Included is a photo of my present project. I am converting my old Super Cub to a low wing aircraft with ailerons and a park 480 brushless motor. Wish me luck. LOL.

The road from Hwy 65 to the field and the parking lot has been plowed, thanks to Roger Lee, a new club member. When you see him express your thanks.

Merry Christmas and safe traveling.

That is it for now

Virgil Okeson

## 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 2015/2016 board and the Board worked out the positions at the November Board meeting. The board positions for 2015 are as follows:

Virgil Okeson	President
Phil Vaughn	Vice-President
Marc Tellevik	Treasurer
Andy Thunstrom	Secretary
Brett Ohnstad	Safety Officer
Bob Proulx	Event Coordinator
Stan Zdon	Membership
Tom Janos	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 2015 application and have their year 2015 AMA verified before they

can be issued a 2015 membership card. Dues for 2015 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 2015. It is easier to set the budget if the majority of the dues are in by mid-January.

**REMEMBER** - I need verification of your **2015** AMA dues. Sending a copy of your 2014 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 7, 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 18 at 7:00 PM.

Stan Zdon

## ACRC SAFETY

.We are getting close to one of my favorite times of the year for flying radio control airplanes – Christmas. Okay, it might not be my favorite time for actually *flying* radio control, but I can almost guarantee that I will be getting one or two new RC toys for gifts, and the best part is, I don't have to pay for them. In fact, this is the one time of the year that a new model coming into my stable won't be questioned with "When did you buy that one?" And sure, I might have a package under the tree that has a "from" line that reads "Santa" that was actually wrapped by me for which I will claim that I honestly do not know who sent it to me. Oh, so sneaky.

One of the first things that I want to do is to take the plane or new accessory out of the box and start

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playing with it to see what it can do. And what could go wrong, I am a seasoned pilot now and I don't need to read any directions. Well, that is what I thought a couple years ago when I got a micro Corsair. I did not even bother looking at the instructions, or checking out the airframe, or setting up the controls. Fortunately the subsequent crash on its maiden flight was minor. Had I read the instructions I would have seen that the plane, though new and "ready to fly" was still in need of proper balancing. Also, I needed to set up the expo based on the recommendations from the manufacturer. I was still new and didn't exactly know what "expo" was or how it made the airplane fly, but had I read some basic instructions, I might have saved a little embarrassment and a little Astroturf rash on a brand new wing. I should have taken the time to read the instructions completely, ask questions of my fellow pilots, or even referenced YouTube for a few videos.

With that in mind, there are a few RC model safety tips that are good to keep in mind for yourself and that should be passed on to any new pilot for whom you may be starting out in this hobby.

Always read the instructions thoroughly before an airplane's first flight. If the airplane or 'copter is battery powered, read all instructions before you even plug in the power source. The tiniest prop on a micro flyer can give a nasty little cut if for some reason it should start spinning upon inserting the power source. It is also possible to fry out some of the electronics if you do not do something correctly when first charging up the model.

When you are ready for the first flight make sure that you turn on your radio and make sure that it is working properly and is charged prior to starting up the model. If your model needs to have "expos" set on the transmitter follow the instructions with your model and radio to do so. If you do not know what "expos" are, now is the time to consult a fellow pilot with experience to show you the procedure and the purpose of properly setting up your radio.

If you have not done so, now would be the time to bind the radio to the plane if necessary. To bind the radio to the airplane you might be required to follow a different set of steps and it may require you turning on the airplane first in a "binding mode" followed by turning on the radio, as may be explained in your instruction manual.

Next, check that the control surfaces all move and that they move in the correct direction. Checking that the control surfaces deflect in the correct direction is a mistake that even experienced pilots will make, so take your time and do it right before the first flight and every flight thereafter.

Should you be flying in a local park rather than at a club field, make sure that you have more than enough room to fly. Keep in mind that even one small tree in the middle of the park will be a magnet for any and all planes.

Don't fly if the weather conditions are stronger than what your model can handle. It is important to think of it in this way. No pilot, especially a young or new pilot, likes to think that they can't handle their airplane or the weather. But a micro airplane in a 10 mph gust, a speed that may be faster than the airplane can even fly, might be disastrous to the airplane. It might be easier to think of it then as the airplane not being able to fly in the current weather rather than thinking of it as the pilot not being able to fly in the weather.

And as a last thought, if it is a new pilot or a child who you are teaching to fly, adult supervision is a must with RC airplane safety. As much as these models look like toys, there is a certain element of danger and a risk of injury that is present.

And speaking of presents, I think my wife really does know that I am my own secret Santa, but it is the one time of year that she doesn't complain about my spending. But in all fairness, I am too busy with my new models to notice the jewelry boxes that her "Santa" sent to her.

Brett Ohnstad



# ACRC CRASH OF THE MONTH TROPHY

The Crash of the Year vote will be at the December 18 meeting.



*Virgil Okeson's Mustang*



*Dale Anderson's T-34*



*Roger's PatternPlane*



*Marc Tellevik's CUB*



*Tom Janos' Trainer*



*Bob Proulx's electric pattern Plane*

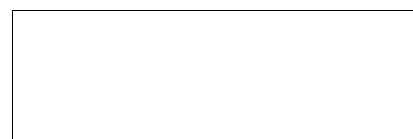
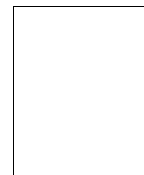


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*Deadline for the next newsletter is:  
January 1, 2015*

### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday – December 18

- ACRC Meeting

Thursday – January 1

- ACRC Freeze Fly

Thursday – January 15

- ACRC Meeting

Saturday – February 7

- TCRC Auction

