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# *SERVO CHATTER*

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***THE MEETING ON NOVEMBER 19 IS AT RIVERWIND!!! 7:00***

## **PRESIDENT'S CHATTER**

We did get just a sample of what is to come but, here we are back to summer-like weather. I am hoping you all are able to take advantage of a few good days for flying out doors.

I am looking into some indoor flying venues for this winter for those of us wanting to keep the thumbs and or fingers familiar with our transmitters. These may include the former Winter Park facility, now Lifetime Sport Winter Park, the former golf dome next to Fleet Farm in Osseo now owned by Twin City Tennis and The Maple Grove Sports Dome off 81 at Ferndale.

I will keep you all posted. I would like anyone interested to send me a text or email so I can plan dates and know how many flyers may be there.

Indoor meetings will continue this winter. The meeting room is large enough to accommodate respectable social distancing.

Let's keep selling those calendars to add to our repaving fund.

Jeff Slater

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

ACRC rules require the use of either the ACRC card or an AMA card for guests. This is the only way that AMA insurance can be verified. According to the AMA, club rules become part of the AMA Safety Code for the club, and the Safety Code has to be followed for the AMA insurance to be in effect. Let's get those cards on the frequency board!!!

Newsletter editors are always looking for interesting items to put in the newsletter. These can be articles that you have written or articles that you find on line. Pictures and hints are also welcome. Just email me the link and I can copy the information. My email address is szdon@yahoo.com.

There is an application included in this newsletter and there will also be one in the December newsletter. If you lose both of these 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 2021 application and have their year 2021 AMA verified before they can be issued a 2021 membership card. Dues for 2021 are \$75.00 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 2021. It is easier to set the budget if the majority of the dues are in by mid-January. A place has been added to the application for a donation to the runway fund. Please donate if you feel so inclined.

REMEMBER - I need verification of your **2021** AMA. Sending a copy of your 2020 card will only delay the processing of your application. Please also include a stamped self-addressed envelope. It's not that the club cannot afford the stamps, but it makes it easier for me. I do membership for both ACRC and SPMRC. Thanks

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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT RIVERWIND ON NOVEMBER 19, AT 7:00 PM. Remember, if you don't come to the meeting you can't win wonderful prizes. Enter at the rear of the building instead of the large main doors.

It's not too long until the Freeze-Fly so put your skis on your plane and get ready for some winter flying.

Stan Zdon

## A Look Back

### NOVEMBER 2002

18 YEARS AGO

Tom Wesley and Greg Classen continued flying post Fun-Fly in the cold and damp weather. Upon landing later in the day, they discovered ice forming on the wings. That's too cold for me, I'm a wimp.

Speaking of the Fun-Fly, Stan Zdon was having too much fun. Eggs were leftover from the egg drop event, so Stan decided to strap on a second egg cup to his plane, and go for a double whammy. One of the eggs refused to break. It went through his wing, hit the ground, bounced, and rolled. Stan landed the plane without incident and went home with a smile on his face.

A workshop safety tip from Tri City R/C of Berkshire NY: Balsa dust can be explosive. If enough balsa dust saturates the air, and an ignition source is present (like a furnace or gas water heater) the dust can ignite and burn so rapidly that it basically explodes, much like gasoline in an engine. A shop vacuum near the source or a simple box fan with a furnace filter will reduce the dust.

Prop bit your finger? Use black pepper to stop the bleeding. It doesn't burn, stops the bleeding, and promotes healing. Fast food condiment packs are free handy source.

### NOVEMBER 1992

28 YEARS AGO

A slim newsletter this month, reminding everyone that board elections are coming up, and the building season is upon us.

Dan Weinberg lamented that the snow has covered the ignored yard work of mowing and leaf removal. This was caused by his absence from home while at the field. He also pondered the possibility of dropping \$20K (in '92 dollars) for a 4WD truck to get into the field through the snow. Perhaps a trip to the jewelry store first, Dan.

Tim Karash

## ACRC FUNDRAISER

Ok gang, we all know that the asphalt runway will need replacing in the near future and, like everything else, cost are rising. To this end, we decided last year to put our collective "hands out" and raise some cash to pay for the replacement. The best estimates right now are in the \$20K range, so we have a long way to go. Fortunately, last year's calendar sales and other donations gave us a good start, but we will need to continue the fund raising.

We are going to sell the Minnesota Fresh Water Society Weather Guide calendars again this year. These are an excellent source of income for the club, plus they are not something frivolous like light bulbs, candy, or wrapping paper. The calendars are packed with useful climate information plus some astronomical events and curiosities.

The wall calendars retail for \$18.95. Most people will hand over a \$20 as an extra donation. Also available is a week-by-week appointment calendar with plenty of space for keeping track of a busy schedule. These cost an extra dollar.

I have plenty of both calendars available and I will be at the meetings. If you can't make a meeting, just let me know and we can setup a rendezvous. We do not require prepayment, just return any unsold in saleable condition.

The holidays will soon be upon us and these calendars are great gift for nearly everyone on your list. If every club member could sell 5 or better yet 10, it would put us in great shape financially.

Tim Karash Tmkarash@gmail.com

# ACRC MINUTES

OCTOBER 15, 2020

12 Members present.

New member - None

**President:** Jeff Slater started the meeting at 7:08.

The next meeting is at Riverwind on November 19.

**Vice President:** Tony Hahn was not present. He was in a warmer climate and while there he will be checking on a flying club that is using fabric over asphalt for their runway.

**Membership report:**

95 members are signed up 2020.

10 members are signed up so far for 2021.

**Events:**

The ACRC Freeze Fly is January 1.

**Training:** Training will continue in October as long as the weather is good.

**Safety report:**

None

**Treasurer's Report:**

Income: \$150.00

Expenses: \$128.00

**Old Business:** Lawn mower oil change and clean-up will be done in the spring.

**New Business:** Two items were discussed:

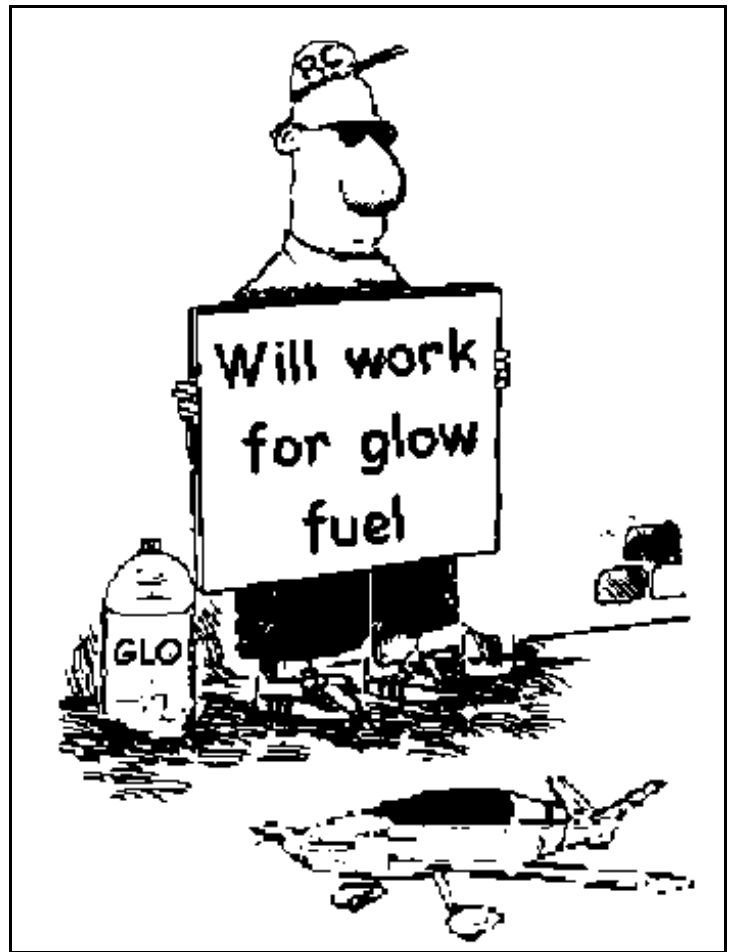
1. Fabric replacement for the runway.
2. Members should renew their FAA license.

**Show and Tell:** Ryan Kontak brought his Alpha H9 trainers for a club trainer. It has a Rimfire 55 motor and an 800 amp ESC.

**Raffle:**

1. Bob Barton LiPo voltage meter
2. Marc Tellevik Square head protractor
3. Tom LaRose Loctite epoxy
4. Jeff Slater Screwdriver set

Stan Zdon



Electric TD .049



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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thursday – November 19  
• ACRC Meeting-Riverwind
- Thursday – December 17  
• ACRC Meeting-Riverwind
- Friday – January 1  
• ACRC Freeze Fly

