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***THE MEETING ON OCTOBER 21 WILL BE AT CIVIC CENTER!!!***

## **PRESIDENT'S CHATTER**

### **FALL FLY-OUT**

Summer is officially behind us. The ACRC FALL FLY-OUT was considered a success given the weather.

In attendance w Jeff and Gary Smith, Jeff Flander, Marc Tellevik, Bob Proulx, Ryan Kontak, Joe Boettcher, myself and a couple of guests that thoroughly enjoyed the flying. All pilots got in several flights between periods of light rain.

Guests and pilots had hotdogs and chips for a quick lunch. The last of us were packing up about four o'clock. I think all in all a great day of flying.

I am looking forward to some great fall flying and strapping on some skis when the snow comes! We are planning on a fun-fly for October weather permitting and then the FREEZE-FLY on January 1, 2022. Hoping to see you all flying.

### **SEPTEMBER FUN-FLY**

We were blessed yet again with a perfect weather day for the fun-fly and we did have fun.

The first event was black-jack with a double fly off between Jeff Flander and Marc Tellevik, both got 21 and tied for the first fly off then Jeff prevailed on the second fly off to take first place. I wiped off the landing gear on the Pizazz but field repaired it to continue but only got to 14 in 5 passes.

The second event was a takeoff with 5-360 degree turns in both directions and at least one roll then land for time. Jeff Smith did a perfect flight for first place in that event.

The third event was really fun and challenging. Everyone takes off an flys to altitude when the designated person yells LAND. Last to come to a complete landing is eliminated. Then repeat rounds until one remains. I did not come in last! Jeff Flander beat out Jeff Smith after both alternately bounced on their landings.

Final results Jeff Flander first, Jeff Smith second, Marc Tellevik third, Dale Anderson fourth and Jeff Slater fifth.

Jeff Flander won the gift card as well.

There is talk of doing a fun-fly for October, weather permitting.

I am first to admit my flying skills have not been the greatest this year but the idea of flying with others, adding a bit of fun competition have made Saturday fun-flies worth coming out for.

Jeff Slater

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Although the board elections were held during the summer, it won't be long before the next round of nominations will be here. This would be a good time to start thinking about who would be a good board member. You might even consider nominating yourself. ACRC needs members who are willing to help run the club. You cannot just wait for the next guy to do the work while you just fly. Ask not what ACRC can do for you, but rather what can you do for ACRC. Even you can be a FBM. (F----- Board Member)

Weather permitting; the last fun-fly for 2020 will be on Saturday, October 23.

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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT THE **COON RAPIDS CIVIC CENTER** ON OCTOBER 21 AT 7:00 PM. The Coon Rapids Civic Center is about 2 miles east of Riverwind, about a mile beyond Hansen Blvd, on the north side of the road. It is a large building and we will be entering at the far south door. If you have a GPS the address is 11155 Robinson Dr, Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Stan Zdon

## FROM THE VEEP

It is October already, and we all know we all know what that means: it's AMA Build Month! Now is the time to clean off that workbench and dust off an old set of plans or a kit we've been keeping around for a while. I've heard many ACRC members talk about the multitude of models they have collected over the years. I get eager to build one of my airplanes each fall, although I don't have the greatest track record for finishing a project. Jeff Flander said it best at our recent Fall Fly Out after learning my occupation; I tend to over-engineer my projects and get lost in the details.

This year I've chosen to focus on a rebuild. I have been carrying around a model that my father may or may not have owned when he was younger, but at the least my grandfather had it in his garage for many years. The Stik-like plane was covered in fuel soaked orange and yellow fabric of some sort and had a precursor to our modern servos installed. I was recently discussing it with a club member, and we figured out that it is likely an old Sweet n Low Stik designed by Hal DeBolt. I was excited to learn what it was, so I promptly ordered a copy of the plans from the AMA plan service. At this point I have stripped the covering, identified the damage issues and started planning for the fixes and improvements I'd like to make. I also found an old photo online of an example of this kit that sported an added cabin that made it a bit more realistic looking. I think I'd like to imitate this customization if I can manage it.

I'd like to encourage all of you to find something interesting to build during this season, even if you don't consider yourself much of a builder. These days we have many options for kits and materials, so it doesn't have to be a traditional balsa & lite-ply craft. Speaking of which, I have chosen a kit from the stash of airplanes that were donated to the club to be our next raffle prize at the October meeting. It is an F-14 Tomcat kitted by 6mm Fly RC and includes all the foam, plywood and plastic parts to complete the airframe along with detailed instructions. To make the model more exciting, it even features the swept-wing mechanism that the F-14 is famous for. I am looking forward to one of you taking the kit home and maybe seeing it in action someday.

To conclude, find something that interests you, make it your own and don't forget to pass your best construction tips on to the next generation of model builders.

Ryan Kontak

## A LOOK BACK

### OCTOBER 2003

18 YEARS AGO

Tim Karash wrote an interesting overview about model aviation evolution, from printed balsa sheets to almost ready to fly aircraft. Radio systems as well as engines have improved by leaps and bounds over the years. Not to mention costs have stayed relatively low, when inflation is factored in.

Field Safety officer reported a minor non-flying injury. Seems a member fell from a ladder during the pavilion repairs.

The September Fun-Fly had 11 Pilots participating in the activities.

Brian Dorff wrote an excellent primer on aerobatic aircraft trimming for proper flight performance. Way more to trimming your plane than just a "level hands-free" pass over the runway.

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**OCTOBER 1993**

28 YEARS AGO

Jim Svare organized a "Try-N-Fly" day for a local Boy Scout troop.

Jack Overbaugh and Jeff Flander put together a Show and Tell display at the Coon Rapids Cub Foods store.

John Jensen tried an Ax Man surplus "look alike" can type motor for his Ace Puddle Master. The results were dismal at best: half or less amounts of thrust with identical props. However, the cheap motors nearly tripled the run time on the same battery.

Tim Karash

**ACRC MINUTES**

5 members present plus board members:

Jeff Slater, Ryan Kontak, Bob Barton, Stan Zdon, Tim Karash

**Treasurer's Report:**

Income: \$145.10 Expenses: \$377.51

**Membership Report:**

85 Members total

**Safety Officer:** not present.

**Events:**

17 Pilots participated in the All Electric Fly-In. Approximately \$900 in prizes given out. The MARCEE group was very successful with prize donations.

A Combat demo with streamers was also held at the event.

Next event up is the Oct 2nd Fall-Fly-Out

**Training:**

6 students in the process of training. Bob Barton stated training would end on September 29.

**Old Business:**

The club lawn mower is in need of a seasonal service. Jeff Slater will call the John Deere dealer to arrange.

Fence documentations and receipts were found by Virgil Okeson.

Following a brief discussion, Jeff Slater made a motion, 2nd by Stan Zdon to dispose of unnecessary paperwork. Motion carried.

Wells Fargo account information has been corrected.

Bob Moser has The "Crash of the Month" trophy.

**New Business:**

Virgil Okeson started a discussion on attracting new younger members.

Many ideas bantered about with a club vs. club combat event getting some interest.

Jeff Slater is checking on our highway sign upgrade.

Winter indoor flying is still possible as details are being ironed out.

Winter meetings will be at the Coon Rapids Civic Center due to scheduling issues at Riverwind. Location information will be posted in the October newsletter.

**Raffle:**

Lynx XF ducted Fan ARF	Lucky LaRue
Hobby Knife	Tim Karash
Futaba Servo	Stan Zdon
Super Glue pack	Bob Barton

Tim Karash

**CALENDAR UPDATE**

Greetings from the Calendar Bureaucracy

It's that time of year again, the leaves are falling, weather discussions turn to snow probabilities, and the new Calendars are here. Yes, you read that right. It's time to continue our annual fund raising effort with the sale of Weather Guide Calendars from the Minnesota Freshwater Society.

I believe are nearing the halfway point in our fund raising efforts to repave the runway, so every sale helps us and the environment as well. Calendars will be available at the next several meeting, so plan your sales tactics now. They make great gifts too.



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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday – October 21

- ACRC Meeting-Civic Center

Saturday – October 23

- ACRC Fun Fly #7

Thursday – November 18

- ACRC Meeting-Civic Center

Thursday – December 16

- ACRC Meeting-Civic Center

Saturday – January 1

- ACRC Freeze Fly

