



ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS CHARTERED CLUB #1255

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***THE MAY 19 MEETING WILL BE AT THE FIELD!!!***

## **PRESIDENT'S CHATTER**

**WHEN WILL OUR FLYING SEASON START??**

His is a question everyone is asking. May will be our first fun-fly due to more cool wet weather this weekend.

I just got home from the annual TCRC auction where I think I actually sold more than I bought.

More than 500 items were auctioned. The balance of the Charles Nordstrom planes went to auction so I now have a garage again. Thank you to all that helped his daughter and me find homes for some of his treasures. I have some miscellaneous R/C stuff left from his collection I will probably bring to the field this summer.

I am looking forward to the CAP event this next weekend and seeing you all at the field for our next meeting.

Jeff Slater

## **FROM THE VEEP**

Good news everyone! I have something else to write about other than my overweight aircraft! For one thing the weather is finally warming up, though we can hope for a bit less wind yet. Flying season is here as well as events where we can share our enjoyment of the hobby with others. I'm looking forward to getting out to the field to fly and seeing all of the ways we can expand our club's membership and participation.

I want to shout out a big thank you to the club members who came out to South St. Paul's

Fleming Field for the MN Aerospace Fling on May 7th. We had a dozen or so model airplanes on display along with three RC flight simulators. I believe it was a great success because we introduced hundreds of youths (and some parents) to the exciting world of model aviation. Many of them were already interested in aviation, being part of the Civil Air Patrol, but I believe we did a spectacular job of showing them the side of flight that allows you to keep both feet firmly planted on the ground. The variety of models on display demonstrated the range of investment that was possible to get started, from a sub-\$50.00 blue fan foam delta wing to a many thousand-dollar aerobatic powerhouse. I was pleased when I overheard our members connecting with various boys, girls and families about getting involved in model aviation. The simulators were a big hit, as many came back multiple times to try their hand at flying (and crashing) airplanes and helicopters. It was neat to see how today's youngsters picked up the basic controls of RC flight so quickly. We even had some families that showed interest in coming to our summer flight training program. I also want to send a thank you to the folks at MN Wing Aerospace Education who invited us to the event and to Bob Moser for organizing our participation in it.

We will be attempting to start our Wednesday flight training sessions on May 11. Hopefully the weather will hold out and we can begin introductory flights. I have an Apprentice ready to go and the Alpha is not far behind it. Also, if you haven't heard yet, I will be running our May club meeting at the flying field in Jeff's absence. Don't

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forget to come early or stay late to fly some of those planes you've worked on during the building season.

As a friendly reminder, please reread the club's field rules and courtesy guidelines. Flying at our field is a privilege and we want to make sure that all members, guests and new trainees have ample opportunity to enjoy the hobby in a safe and inclusive environment. Please be in the habit of practicing safety so that you can go home after every flying session without any injury to yourself or others. Let's make it a great year everyone!

Ryan Kontak

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The meeting this month will be **AT THE FIELD**. The starting time is 7:00 PM and if you get there early you can get in some flying before the meeting. Remember that you should be using your current membership card to mark your channel and guests should be using their AMA card to verify their AMA membership. ACRC rules require that your membership card be attached to the impound board anytime your transmitter is not in the impound rack or in a Tx case.

In 2014 the By-Law concerning nominations for the Board was changed. Nominations are now held in May and June with the election in July. The three members whose terms end this year are Bob Barton, Brett Ohnstad, Bruce Martin and Mac Tellevik. Hopefully we can convince them to re-up for another two years.

ACRC members should remember and follow the safety rules. We all have mental lapses from time to time so gently remind others when you see them having a **SENIOR MOMENT**. Starting engines with the plane faced other than toward the runway and full RPM run-ups in the pits seem to be the most frequent violations of club rules. If you just visualize where the prop blades will go if the blades break off it will help you remember why the club has these rules. The plane should be started in the pit area and moved to the run-up area for the high RPM run-up. There should be **NO** running of engines or electric motors in the shelter.

The flight stations are close enough so pilots can communicate their intentions concerning take-off, landings, etc. Be sure to let other pilots know what you are going to do. Shout out "coming out", "taking-off", "landing", "on the field" etc. Remember, if the wind is from the north, you should be flying from the 5 stations by the south half of the runway and vice-versa.

Be sure that you are standing on or behind the flight station blocks. If you stand ahead of the blocks you could be blocking the view for someone who is landing and if you are standing way ahead of the blocks you are definitely in a Danger Zone. All flying is to be done beyond the runway. This even applies to Micro-Electric planes (See Rules 9 & 10). Once you land, clear the runway and taxiways as quickly as possible. If you have to do maintenance on your plane or change the battery, it should be taken back to the pits.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT THE FIELD ON MAY 19 AT 7:00 PM.** The summer meetings will be at the field until August. The fun-fly will be on Saturday May 21.

Stan Zdon

## A LOOK BACK

### MAY 2004

#### 18 YEARS AGO

Central Wood Products has started construction work of their new facility. The building is on top of our original access road. A new road was made on the south end of the property for our and Bobby Hoffman's access.

Speaking of property, the acreage involved for Central Wood Products was zoned residential, not commercial. It was possible for houses to have popped up, and chased us out.

Don McGillivray has cancelled the Float-Fly due to noise complaints by his neighbors.

14 Pilots participated in the April Fun-Fly.

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**MAY 1994**

28 YEARS AGO

Dennis Fenton described the roller coaster of emotions that affected him as half of the stabilizer broke off of the Tiger 2 fuselage at the bottom of a loop.

10 new members have joined this month.

Upcoming events include monthly Fun-Fly, Pattern contest, and a Scale Contest.

Rules #8 and #10 update proposals were published. The rules need changing due to the addition of the asphalt runway,

Tim Karash

**ACRC MINUTES****Board Members present:**

Jeff Slater, Stan Zdon, Ryan Kontak, Tim Karash, Jim Van Norman, Bruce Martin

**Members Present:**

6 members present plus board  
Guest: Steve Scott

**Membership Report:** 61 members to date

**Treasurer's Report:**

Income: \$110.11  
Expenses: \$65.33

**Safety Report:** None

**Events:**

Bruce Martin will have food for the Spring Fly-In

**Training Update:**

Jeff Slater has printed forms for training, AMA student & Instructor insurance coverage, and training completion certificates.

All training Instructors need to register with the AMA instruction program.

**Old Business:**

New or prospective members have questioned ACRC rules and regulations that are different from other groups. Every club has the right to add requirements to their rules.

The new member "check ride" was discussed in the past multiple times, but was never made a official rule. Following considerable discussion,

Stan Zdon made a motion to clarify the assumed rule, which was never written into the club's rules, to not be added to club's rules. Seconded by Jeff Slater. Motion carried.

Also, the "check ride" must not be confused with the Introductory Pilot Program.

Jeff Slater was contacted by a member of the Charles Nordstrom family. He got a considerable amount of older equipment that may be flyable after a good look over and cleaning. There were 37 wings, several partially built planes, and many boxes of "unknown goodies". Jeff will sort and clean the salvageable items.

A road proposal. by city of East Bethel, from Viking Blvd to Klondike Drive, passing through the sod fields and possibly our field, is on the back burner for 10 years or more.

**New Business:**

Following the discussion of the assumed check ride rule, a new Flying Field Courtesy guideline was proposed by Tim Karash:

"ACRC members are encouraged to introduce themselves to a new or prospective member, and make them aware of club rules, regulations, and procedures."

Motion 2nd by Jeff Slater. Motion carried

Grass cutting is in need of volunteers; contact Jeff Slater or Gary Titus.

Combat events may happen at St. Paul R/C if enough interest is shown. Please contact Marshall Mills 763 645 6888

**Show and Tell:**

Tim Karash brought a R/C Group score of a high-end transmitter with sophisticated functions, for a very low price. Good deals are out there if you search hard enough.

**Raffle Prizes:**

GP "Tori" electric sailplane	Jeff Slater
Futaba servo	Jim VanNorman
Hdwe package	Tim Karash
Screwdriver	Stan Zdon
Prop balancer	Ryan Kontak

Tim Karash

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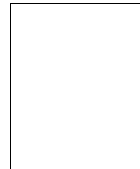
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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday – May 19

- ACRC Meeting-At the Field

Saturday – May 21

- ACRC Spring Fly In Fun Fly

Thursday – June 16

- ACRC Meeting-At the Field

Saturday – June 18

- ACRC Fun Fly #3

Thursday – July 21

- ACRC Meeting-At the Field