



ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS CHARTERED CLUB #1255

## *SERVO CHATTER*

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***THE AUGUST 17<sup>th</sup> MEETING IS AT THE FIELD!!***

### **PRESIDENT'S CHATTER**

**HOT! HOT! HOT!**

Maybe it is my age showing but I think it has been too warm some days to enjoy outdoor activities. I have braved the heat to enjoy a few events this month but, not near as often as I was hoping.

Mixing in a few family activities and some lake time I don't have a lot to say this month. I know some of you are saying thank goodness!

The electric fly is coming up Sep 16th. There will be food and lots of flying so I hope to see you all there.

There are monthly meetings the third Thursday of every month and fun-fly the following Saturday which have been rather poorly attended I am hoping to see more of you at both.

Jeff Slater



### **FROM THE VEEP**

I'm going to start this off with a request for content. As your latest ACRC Newsletter Editor I've noticed that there is room for improvement from the last few months of the Servo Chatter that I have cobbled together, which has been confirmed by a couple of member comments. So, I am opening a channel for

club members to submit content that they feel is appropriate for gracing the pages of this newsletter. Building tips, Fun-Fly challenge recommendations, humorous anecdotes, for sale/wanted ads, short stories, and more. Pictures are great too! Send your submissions to [newsletter@anoka-rc.com](mailto:newsletter@anoka-rc.com). I'm looking forward to what you all come up with.

In the meantime, I'll start with a few build tips that I've learned from other members. After one of my early "FROM THE VEEP" submissions (the one about bending canoe ribs) our late friend Stan Zdon sent me a quick tip for bending the balsa stringers on my Piper Cub, which involved soaking the stringers in a 50-50 mixture of water and ammonia to make the balsa "bend like rubber". Once it dries it will retain its shape.

Another tip, this time from Sherwood Heggen, taught me that epoxy can be softened by heating it up. Just hours before writing this article I attempted this feat, and was able to remove a heavily epoxied part from the Four-Star 40 that I recently acquired. The gobs of epoxy came off very easily after a minute long blast from my covering heat gun on high temp.

The most recent tip I've heard also involves epoxy. Ted Sander informed me that micro balloons can be mixed with epoxy, which can then be used for filling gaps in airframes. I picked up some micro balloons on my last trip to the hobby store because I know that will come in handy for the Four-Star as well. It endured a crash and quick repair before I received it, so there are several gaps to fill.

As a slightly random side note, while I may be too chicken to fly my Ultra Sport in the Fun-Fly events, I'm much more comfortable with the idea of putting the Four-Star into that purpose. I'm planning to clip the wings by one rib bay to make it float less and roll faster. See you all at the next club meeting!

Ryan Kontak



Ryan's Four-Star 40 (to be electric powered)

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The current Member count as of June 1st is 74 members consisting of 54 adult members, 2 junior members, 7 family memberships, and 5 life members. Membership increased by 4 since 7/1. Renewals are still trickling in, and we have one new member.

Membership is still low compared to years in the past and meeting numbers are at an all-time low. Outside the Stan Zdon Memorial fly, event numbers are low too. I know weather has a lot to do with events, but I think there are other reasons too. I've had a couple conversations with club members about the low numbers. The question is why? I've heard a few different opinions and a couple align with my observations too. If you have any comments or suggestions good or bad, I want to hear them. You can email, text, call, talk to me in person, or better yet bring your ideas and comments to the next meeting. If you would rather remain anonymous, I completely understand, especially if it's a touchy subject. I assure you I will take your comments with an open mind and

will not take offence. Remember, this is your club. Your opinion matters!

ACRC welcomes new member: Andrew Smith

The next meeting will be at the field on August 17th at 7pm. Monthly Fun Flies are scheduled for the Saturday after the membership meetings at 10am, the next one being August 19th.

Scott Oleson

## A LOOK BACK

### AUGUST 2005

18 YEARS AGO

Things are winding down for the year as most of the events are in the record books.

The 12 participants in the July Fun-Fly were literally blown away by Mother Nature as a severe rain storm with high winds moved in suddenly, causing the event cancellation.

A page and a half of wacky "Daffy-Nitions" of R/C Airplane Definitions and Truthisms were published. Most are closer to the truth than you would think.

Directions to the area medical facilities were also published.

### AUGUST 1995

28 YEARS AGO

President Dennis Fenton spent 4 days at the Dayton Ohio Air Show. He and his son managed to wriggle their way to the flightline fence for a spectacular view of the full-scale aircraft.

Brian Dorff made a plea to all for help with flight instruction.

15 pilots attended the Float-Fly at Don McGillivray's lake cabin near Isanti.

Ray Gruetzman used his "Super Pilot Skills" to land his plane, when 10 ounces of nose weight parted company with his plane, resulting in a very tail-heavy airplane.

Stan Zdon put truth to the rumors of a new local hobby store. National Hobby Company is scheduled to open in August of '95.

Tim Karash

## ACRC MINUTES

### Board members present:

Jeff Slater, Marc Tellevik, Tim Karash, Ryan Kontak.

2 Members present plus board

Guests: Ed Kilowatt

### Membership Report:

ACRC has 74 paid members.

### Treasurer's Report:

Income: \$288.00

Expenses: \$342.00

### Safety Officer Report:

None

### Event Coordinator:

Sept 16th ACRC will host an All Electric Fly-In in coordination with MARCEE in the morning. Open flying the remainder of the day.

The annual Fall-Fly Out will be held on Oct 7th

Monthly Fun-Flys will be held the Saturday following membership meetings.

### Training Report:

Mother Nature "Cooked Out" training on 6/19

Remaining Wednesday training to continue, weather permitted.

### Old Business:

The Memorial tile from the AMA, for Stan Zdon, will allow up to 5 lines, with the AMA insignia at the top. Stan's wife, Rita, has requested the tile over a memorial brick. The 8X8 inch tile is made of granite, and will cost \$1000. Our fundraising efforts have surpassed the cost of the tile.

The tractor mower blades have been replaced. However, the deck blade spindles will need repair or replacement for next year. A repair date to be determined.

Marc Tellevik has ordered ACRC hats in 3 colors.

No news on FRIA info for ACRC

### New Business:

None.

### Show and Tell:

Tim Karash brought a Model Airplane News Plans built quarter scale Pitts S2B. 61-inch span, OS 91 FX 2 stroke for power. weighs in at 10.5 lbs. The plane was built by someone else in the late 80's, and sat un-flown.

*Note: The airplane did not survive the maiden flight.*

Tim also brought a disassembled HP VT49 engine. This unique engine uses a rotary valve in place of the poppet style of most 4 stroke engines. The engine castings are a polished work of art. He promised to have it running for the next meeting.

### Raffle:

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|----------------------|----------------------------|
| 1) Chicken Stick     | Ryan Kontak                |
| 2) LiPo Battery Bag  | Tim Karash & Marc Tellevik |
| 3) Microfiber Cloths | Jeff Slater                |
| 4) Glow Fuel Filler  | Tim Karash                 |

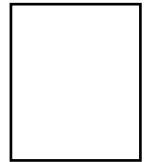
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Sorry Tim, but the picture fits (even the antenna)

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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday – August 17

- ACRC Meeting-At FIELD

Saturday – August 19

- ACRC Fun Fly #5

Saturday – September 16

- ACRC Electric Fly

Thursday – September 21

- ACRC Meeting-At FIELD

Saturday – September 23

- ACRC Fun Fly #6

CCRC - Coon Rapids Community Center

