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***THE OCTOBER 19<sup>th</sup> MEETING IS INDOORS AT CRCC!!***

### **PRESIDENT'S CHATTER**

#### **SAFETY AND/OR COURTESY FIRST**

It has been brought to my attention that some of our safety and courtesy rules have been stretched a bit. Our summer flying season may be coming to a close but there is still much flying to do before the snow comes. I think I have been guilty of stretching some of these rules.

Let me go through some that I have been made aware of. # 2 of the courtesy rules states fairly plain that all flying including high speed passes, aerobatics and, hovering should be done east of the east edge of the runway with the exception of take offs, landings, or touch-n-goes. There are some exceptions. All are stated in the rules that are posted at the field.

#9 of our flying site rules says some of the same that ALL FLYING shall take place east of the west edge of the asphalt. The exception is for turnarounds and cross wind landings. Then the plane can be west of the runway. Please keep in mind this should be north or south of the runway that would be north of the field road or south of the ditch.

#12 of the flying site rules has to do with taxiing west of the pilot line when returning from a flight. All engines Gas, Glow, or Electric should be killed. I am told we are doing a lot better this year.

I am not above being told that I am not acting in a safe or courteous manor. I am hoping that we all want to be

safe so please don't be offended if someone approaches you with a concern.

Let's all fly safe and a lot.

#### **FALL FLYOUT**

The summer flying season is officially done for 2023. Our Fall Flyout was a success attended by about 25 with guests from a couple clubs in the area. Food was again absolutely fantastic and the weather was more than reasonable. I think we had sport planes, war birds, electrics, jets, and 3D all day. Thanks to all that helped make it a great day.

Just because we have had the fall flyout does not mean we are done flying so let's enjoy our great Minnesota weather while it lasts and get some air under those wings.

Jeff Slater





## FROM THE VEEP

I get excited each October because I get to write about building season beginning. This year I'm going to mix it up a bit with a list of five building tips that I just don't seem to follow very well.

1. Plan your projects ahead of time: It is useful to know what you're going to work on before you get to building season. That way you can collect the parts, plans, and other materials you need so you're ready to start right away. I, on the other hand, tend to build all year round, very slowly, and I forget to choose my priority projects so that I can have what I need when its time to ramp up the time I spend building.
2. Choose one project to work on at a time: The more you focus your energy on one airplane, the more likely it will get done during the current building season. Then you can move on to the next thing. I've never gotten along with this bit of advice and I believe that many of you are right there with me. I like to bounce between multiple projects, doing the thing that I feel most interested in on a given day. The problem with that is I rarely seem to finish any

one project in the year that I started it (or decade, when it comes to my Piper Cub.)

3. Never cut toward yourself or pinch the blade across the part toward your thumb: Seems self-explanatory, right? And yet this is how 95% of my build injuries occur. The other 5% seem to always involve potential energy stored up and released unexpectedly.
4. Use a sharp blade and change your dull blades out often: Sharp blades cut better and avoid the dragging and mashing that often happen when you force a dull blade through some material. Sharp blades are also safer because you will require less force to slice through the material, which eliminates some potential to cut yourself. If you do happen to cut yourself, a sharp blade will make a cleaner wound, which will likely heal faster. I am notorious for using a blade longer than I should. For some reason I tend to use tools until they are very worn out, perhaps I put too much value into a #11 blade that costs less than a dollar.
5. When removing material from a part, start with a small amount and slowly work it down to the right size: It is much easier to remove more material than to add it back on. I tend to get impatient when sanding or carving and I want the process to go quicker. So I pull out a coarser grit paper and see how fast I can get it done. This behavior flaw just bit me as I was sanding the Depron wing on my F-18. I pushed to hard and made some chatter marks in the trailing edge, which I'll have to fix somehow.

Hopefully you can learn from my mistakes as you've read this list, or at least enjoyed my attempt at humor. That all being said, I find that building is just as much a part of our hobby as flying. If you build too, choose something you enjoy and do your best to put safety first. I just got back from the store to pick up some more building tools for the club meeting raffle. Remember to bring in your build projects to show off, you will be rewarded with a free raffle ticket when you do. I'm looking forward to seeing more of you at the meeting.

Ryan Kontak

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The current Member count as of October 1st is 77 members consisting of 64 adult members, 2 junior members, 8 family memberships, and 3 life members. Membership increased by 2 since 9/1.

Recently I have had a few questions as it relates to yearly membership dues, so I'll take the opportunity to clarify. Dues are paid by the calendar year beginning January 1 and ending December 31. The amount of the dues will be indicated on the membership application. Members who join between January 1 and August 31 shall pay the full current annual rate. Members who join after September 1 will still pay the full current annual rate but will be considered paid in full for the following calendar year. This is because the board realizes flying time is limited after September 1 in Minnesota.

2024 renewals are already trickling in. Your new 2024 membership card will have emergency information on the back, the intent is to decrease the response time in case you or one of your fellow members needs emergency medical care.

ACRC welcomes new members:

John Feyo

Scott Jorgenson

The next meeting will be at the Coon Rapids Community Center, October 19th at 7:00pm. Monthly Fun Flies are scheduled for the Saturday after the membership meetings at 10am, the next one being October 21st.

Scott Oleson

## A LOOK BACK

### OCTOBER 2005

18 YEARS AGO

27 pilots with more than 35 planes attended this year's Fall Fly-Out.

10 pilots competed in three very busy events for the September Fun-Fly

The building season is upon us as plans to build a BD-5 and a P39 were overheard in conversation.

An interesting filler article about Grumman test pilot Tom Attridge who managed to shoot himself down. The mission was to test fire the four 20mm cannons while at Mach 1 speeds. At 20,000 feet, he pushed the nose down to a 20-degree dive and lit the afterburner. As he passed 13,000 feet, one short and one long burst was fired. Tom continued the 20-degree dive and at 7,000 feet he was struck by his own bullets. One cracked the front windscreen, 2 others damaged the engine of his F11F-1 resulting in a flame out and subsequent crash short of the runway, into a forest. He managed to escape unharmed.

### OCTOBER 1995

28 YEARS AGO

After several years with ACRC, one of which serving as president, Dennis Fenton has accepted a job in Warroad MN and will be moving WAY north.

Bob Harding brought out his visiting brother to the field for some Buddy-Box flights. Up to altitude, straight and level, Bob pushed what he thought was the trainer button, only to hear his brother exclaim "I ain't got it" as the plane banked over hard to the right. Bob released the "button" only to hear the left stick snap back to center, and was able to level out the plane. He had inadvertently shoved the rudder stick over while reaching for the trainer button.

Five new members joined this month, and we are looking for Board Member volunteers. HHMMMMM...

A full-page New Plane checklist was published with heavy emphasis on control surfaces movement in the correct direction and balance fore/aft & left/right.

Truer words were never spoken.

Tim Karash





## ACRC MINUTES

### Board members present:

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

2 Members present plus board, new member Scott Jorgenson

### Membership Report:

ACRC has 78 paid members.

### Treasurer's Report:

Income: \$177.00

Expenses: \$1810.00

### Safety Officer Report:

It has been reported to the board, by multiple members, that there has been repeated flying over pilot stations. Also, flight patterns deliberately behind the flight line to the Northwest and Southwest. Please refer to Flying Site Rule #9

Flying site rules and procedures will be republished in the newsletter as a reminder to all.

### Event Coordinator:

October 7th Fall Fly-Out:

October Fun-Fly TBD

TCRC Swap Meet 9/23

Hub Hobby Swap Meet 9/23

### Training Report:

Winding up for the season. No solo flights this year.

### Old Business:

Grass mowing to continue as weather conditions permit.

The Stan Zdon memorial tile is in the works at AMA Museum. We will be notified upon it's completion.

18 Pilots registered for the Electric Fly-In

Additional suggestions / ideas for events are welcomed

FRIA for ACRC has been approved

Marc Tellevik is trying to put together a club jacket order, however, he is in need of an old jacket order

form. If anyone has one in an old newsletter, please let Marc know.

### New Business:

For the dates of 9/25 to 9/29, Dave Christiansen will have a ACRC guest pilot status

Indoor flying will happen this year. The dome will be inflated and ready by October 30th.

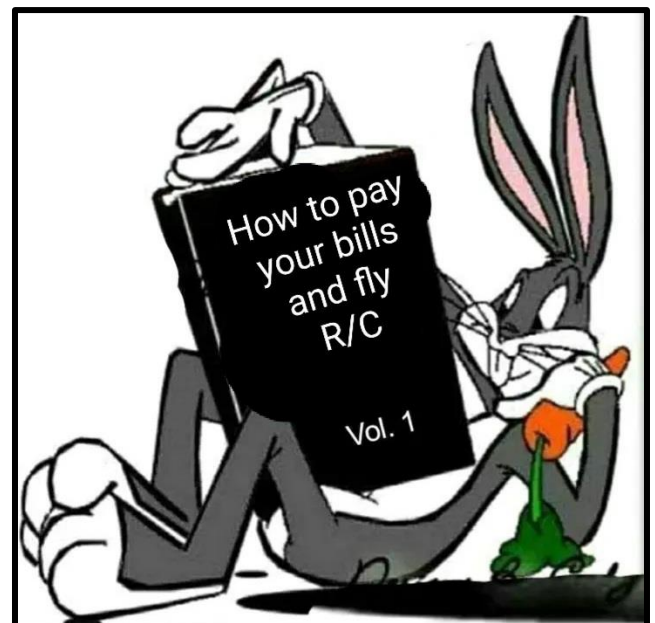
### Show and Tell:

Ryan Kontak brought an Ultra Sport 40, built by someone else. He has had balance issues, requiring the motor to be moved forward 7/8 inch. A new longer cowl is in the works as well as a rework of the fuel system. All up weight is 6 Pound 4 ounces

### Raffle:

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|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1) Tee pins           | Tim Karash    |
| 2) Super 'Phatic glue | Virgil Okeson |
| 3) Forceps            | Ryan Kontak   |
| 4) Velcro roll        | Marc Tellevik |

Submitted by Tim Karash



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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday – October 19

- ACRC Meeting-At CRCC

Saturday – October 21

- ACRC Fun Fly #7

CRCC - Coon Rapids Community Center

