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THE MARCH 21ST MEETING IS INDOORS AT CRCC!!

PRESIDENT'S CHATTER

SPRING IS IN THE AIR

It's here early after our non-winter. I have been doing a bit of spring cleaning in the shelter attic. I will explain at the meeting. Any one that may have information on the P. A. system, I am trying to resurrect it for our events this year.

The new sign and training banner is in place. I welded T stands for the FLYING TODAY signs and they are hanging in the shelter. I am currently working on repairing the cabinet handles and doors.

Since spring has come so early, I have already gotten a call for two prospects about training night. If weather keeps improving, we may start Wednesday training early. Another topic for meeting discussion.

We should talk about safety too with the flying season starting already.

Last season we zeroed in on the issue of shutting down all motors before turning toward the pit area. That was number 12 of the flying site rules. I think the reminders were received rather well.

This year we should look at number 13 of the flying site rules and number 2 of the flying site courtesy.

All flying should be taking place east of the east edge of the asphalt runway. That would include all aerobatics, high speed passes, and hovering. There are exceptions: approaches for a crosswind landing can

start west of that line. The infinite line north and south of the runway and area above the asphalt is dedicated to takeoffs, landing pattern practice, and approaches for landings or touch-n-goes.

I found myself guilty of a few of these infractions last year so I will be doing my best to correct that. These rules have been put in place to coincide with the AMA guide lines to keep our hobby as safe as possible.

Let's all look at our flying habits. Mechanical failures and radio failures do happen. The safest place for that to happen is away from the pit and spectator area.

If anyone has any questions or comments feel free to contact me. 763-276-5899

Keep-em in the air and safe.

Jeff Slater



The NEW sign up along the highway



FROM THE VEEP

Serendipity: when a plane you have admired for many years happens to be for sale at the right moment, and ends up in your hangar. That's what happened for me recently regarding the Northstar pictured to the right. I snapped the picture in the Fall of 2021, showing the model in a Vanessa Rig. I wanted to make my own rig so that I could check the CG of difficult to balance aircraft. I came to admire the plane and thought of acquiring one someday. I almost purchased a kit that I found for sale on a forum, but since I knew that Jeff Slater owned one or two of them, I took the chance of asking him if he'd part with one. It turned out that I was in luck because Jeff had this white and red Northstar hanging from the ceiling of a local hobby shop on consignment. We made a deal and he brought it to the last club meeting for me. The other bit of luck was that it just fit in the back of my vehicle.

The neat thing about this plane is that it can be flown off of land, water and snow. I've been interested in float flying for a while, and I own one other boat plane kit and a pair of floats, but this is my first aircraft that is ready to fly off a lake this year. It has me looking forward to the potential of a float-fly event.

I know the raffle prizes lately have been a bit paltry, so I'm planning some slightly bigger items over the coming months. To start off, I'm bringing the ever-popular components for building one of the foam-board combat airplanes that have been at the club field. The package includes a 1400 KV motor, 30-amp ESC, two 9-gram servos, and two 8 x 6 propellers. I'll also throw in two sheets of Dollar Tree foam board for turning into the shape of whatever sort of airplane you desire. In future months I'll have some neat stuff for our glow and gasser members too.

As building season wraps up, I invite you all to bring in your latest builds to the monthly club meeting, no matter what state they are in presently. We will enjoy hearing about your projects and seeing what you've been up to. Plus, your show-and-tell will earn you a ticket for the aforementioned raffle prizes. Hope to see you there!

Ryan Kontak



The Northstar getting its CG figured out

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

At the February meeting a motion was carried to change the membership card format as it relates to the AMA expiration date on your card. 2024 renewals will continue to have the AMA expiration date printed on the top. If your AMA renewal date is at some point during the flying season, I will not be sending you an updated card. I am tracking your AMA expiration date via Excel spreadsheet which will alert me via date range if your AMA is expiring or expired. I can verify your status with the AMA, if you renew, you will not hear from me. If your AMA is expired, I will first send an email, followed by a phone call if you do not reply to my email. Current AMA is required to fly at ACRC per By-Laws Article 1 Section 6.

Starting 1/1/25 we will have a different club card format which will not include the current AMA expiration date. AMA's will be tracked as explained above.

- Current 2024-member count: 46
- Thank you to the following members for their generous Runway Fund donation.

Dave Sapp

Jeff Flander

Jeff Slater - from estate sale items sold for club donation.

The next meeting will be at the Coon Rapids Civic Center March 21st at 7:00pm. The address is, 11155 Robinson Dr, Coon Rapids, MN 55433.

Scott Oleson

A LOOK BACK

MARCH 2006

18 YEARS AGO

President Al Spearbecker received a letter from one of our club's founders, Dick Pollock.

Unfortunately, Dick didn't give a timeline to the search for members and flying sites, but he did mention the newspaper as that seems to have kick started our club. Followed by anecdotes of the multiple flying sites that were used until our permanent site was found.

Dan Stahn reminded everyone to be careful when starting your engine as the somewhat frozen ground may not hold your plane restraint securely.

Upcoming events: Spring Fly-In, Pattern Contest, Fun Scale Contest, Float Fly, ACRC Electric Fly, and ScaleMaster's Scale Contest. WOOF!!!

A Channel use (11 - 60) list was published. channels 12, 16, and 52 were the most popular.

2 pages of club member contact information were published. So much safer then.

Omega 10% fuel for \$12.49 on this year's fuel order.

MARCH 1996

28 YEARS AGO

President Kevan Fager posted an idea for a club contest where participants are given a box containing balsa wood, glue, and an engine. Participants are given a time limit to create a flying plane.

The AMA's five-year odd channel phase-in program has come to an end. This required all receivers to be dual conversion. ACRC allowed single conversion units to be used provided additional frequencies were blocked on the frequency control board. The

membership voted in an additional 1-year extension for our club.

Tim Karash

ACRC MINUTES

Board members present:

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

4 Members present plus board

Guest: Fernando Leija

Membership Report:

42 renewals, plus several from tonight's meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Income: \$1740.00

Expenses: \$0.00

Calendar fundraising: our tax-exempt form puts us in a grey area. Marc determined it was safer to pay the sales tax charges

Safety Officer Report:

Not Present

Event Coordinator:

We are still hearing a request for a Big Bird Fly-In event. Unfortunately, no one has volunteered to CD the event or help run it.

Time to step up boys.

Other scheduled events:

Spring Fly-In 5/18

Electric Fly 9/14 (ACRC website shows incorrect date)

Fall Fly-Out 10/5

Training Report:

None

Old Business:

Jeff Slater added \$100 to our coffers from estate sales at auctions.

The replacement highway sign has been printed, but waiting on additional coatings to be applied.

Many Membership cards options, as far as color and member information were discussed.

Motion by Jeff Slater, and second by Gary Smith to allow the Membership Secretary control of card information and issue dates. Motion carried.

Jeff Smith has offered to print sheets of membership cards.

New Business:

Newsletter email notifications have been a small issue lately. Changes will be made to say more than “Ryan” in the header

Website photos have improved.

In order to prevent "Junk" photos from being directly loaded to our website, Marc has engineered a spot on the lower left of the main web page to register for permission to post pictures. If this turns out to be difficult, email the pictures directing to Marc for posting.

Show and Tell:

Tim Karash brought a modified YS45 muffler that he machined out the rear tapered portion to accept the rear section of another muffler with a side outlet.

Raffle:

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| 1) Velcro Strapping | Jeff Slater |
| 2) Electric prop adapter | Jeff Smith |
| 3) Pack of #11 blades | Marc Tellevik |
| 4) Fuel tank cap | Gary Smith |
| 5) Tailwheel | Tim Karash |
| 6) Epoxy brushes | Scott Oleson |

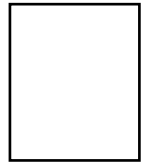
Submitted by Tim Karash



For those of us that need their eyes checked 😊

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday – March 21

- ACRC Meeting-At CRCC

Thursday – April 18

- ACRC Meeting-At CRCC

CRCC - Coon Rapids Civic Center

