



ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS CHARTERED CLUB #1255

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***THE APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> MEETING IS INDOORS AT CRCC!!***

### **PRESIDENT'S CHATTER**

#### **OLD MAN WINTER**

I would guess I will have to retract my last month's article titled SPRING IS IN THE AIR. I am looking out my window at quarter size snowflakes and massaging a sore shoulder from shoveling last week. It has been my life experience that the lady most generally gets the last word but it seems that mother nature is giving it up to old man winter.

I ventured up to Duluth for their annual auction and really had a great day. I brought a truck load and went home empty except for a few well priced props. If you were buying there were many great deals to be had. Ask Mike Dorff. The weather cooperated with a break between snow falls.

I am looking for volunteers to help with our spring fly-in. I will be in Canada that week hopefully catching many walleyes and lake trout. I will have the plastic container with plates, bowls, plastic ware, etc. with me at the meeting to hopefully hand off to a willing volunteer. I also have a couple planes to raffle off that will need to get to the event.

Keep-m-flying,

Jeff Slater



#### **Glow Fuel Order**

I am getting together a fuel order for this year through King Kong hobbies.

Morgan fuels, 15% Cool Power or Omega and 4 cycle is going to be \$110.00 per case. Sold in case lots only. Cash or check no credit card.

Let me know if there are any takers. We need to get to 16 cases to get that price.

This will be a multi club order. You will pick it up at the hobby shop in Ramsey.

I am hoping to get order forms that I will either get to you or fill out for you with a number that the store will use to call you when the fuel comes in.

You can email me with orders or text 763-276-5899 [jeff@techfamily.net](mailto:jeff@techfamily.net)

(Editor's note: a copy of the fuel order will be attached to the newsletter email this month.)

### **FROM THE VEEP**

Serendipity strikes again! One of the items in my RC collection is a wing for a trainer-like airplane for which I did not have a fuselage. It is a smaller size, only spanning 50 inches if it had proper wingtips and it appears to be from an ARF. I've had it further down on the list of priorities, but I planned to build a fuselage for it and equip it with a V-tail configuration. As I was perusing the RC Groups classified section (which I probably do too often) I found an ad for a Carl

Goldberg Eaglet kit, which has a 50-inch wingspan of all things. Furthermore, the kit was not complete and did not have the components to build a wing. I figured it was a match made in the skies for my wing, even though I had doubts that the wing chord would be the same.

I bought the kit and it made its way from Duluth the Lino Lakes in about a day. It must have seen some water damage earlier because only the top of the box was included and some of the lite-ply was warped. The chord of the wing is shorter than the design calls for, but I have some ideas to make it work. I promptly set out to build the fuselage and surprisingly had it mostly together in a couple of days. The interlocking parts helped to straighten each other out and make assembly easy. I'm hoping it won't be too hard to modify the tail section into a V-tail so that I can stick to my original plan. I think I will call it a V-Eaglet. I was happy to find the kit and give it a good home where it could be built and flown.

For those of you who came to last month's club meeting expecting to put your money down to win the Dollar Tree foam airplane/power pack, you may have been disappointed to find that it was not present. Instead, I raffled off a table top plane stand made by Ernst Manufacturing. During shipping, the power pack made it all the way to Maple Grove before it somehow got diverted. It ended up in Montana, looping all the way to Fargo, North Dakota, getting delayed there due to the snow storm and finally back to Minneapolis several days later. The good news is this well-travelled prize package will be available at the upcoming club meeting.

Ryan Kontak

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Membership renewals after January 31st will be processed once a month. If you send your renewal in April, you can expect your card by the end of the first week of May. A reminder to check your AMA expiration date, a few of you are expiring at the end of April.

- Current 2024-member count: 56

- Thank you to the following members for their generous Runway Fund donation.

Bob Moser

Andrew Smith

The next meeting will be at the Coon Rapids Civic Center April 18th at 7:00pm. The address is, 11155 Robinson Dr, Coon Rapids, MN 55433.

Scott Oleson



Fuselage and wing of the V-Eaglet

## A LOOK BACK

### APRIL 2006

18 YEARS AGO

Preparations for the upcoming flying season were brought to everyone's attention. The discussions were not limited to just aircraft. Recommended items included adequate personal hydration, a first aid kit, an aircraft safety restraint, and correct use of the frequency control board, so everyone knows who's doing what.

Also, be sky aware as lightning may strike 10 miles from the rain area. "When thunder roars, go indoors".

The list of upcoming events grows longer and longer. April marks the first monthly Fun-Fly of the season, Spring Fly-In, Pattern Contest in June, Fun Scale contest in July, and ACRC will host a Scale Masters qualifier in August.

**APRIL 1996**

28 YEARS AGO

A few brave pilots participated in the March Fun-Fly. The following day, a spring snowstorm put the dampers on flying activities for two weeks.

Land owner Al Johnson, let the board know that he is selling the 40-acre plot between the highway and our flying field

Early morning noise complaints, from local residents, prompted a rule change vote on flight restrictions prior to 9AM.

Tim Karash

**ACRC MINUTES****Board members present:**

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

4 Members present plus board

Guest: Mike Spence

**Membership Report:**

47 combined renewal and new members

**Treasurer's Report:**

Income: \$915.00

Expenses: \$890.66

**Safety Officer Report:**

None

**Event Coordinator:**

A tentative Big Bird Fly-In is scheduled for August 17th. Help will be needed to make the event a success.

Jeff Slater is working on a early May Float-Fly, possibly held at Twin Lakes

**Training Report:**

3 People have requested training. Minnesota's unpredictable spring weather may cause delays. Best guess is starting in May

**Old Business:**

A tree was planted in memory of Bob Svare in the Michigan State Forest, one of Bob's favorite vacation spots.

Tim Karash has completed repairs to the tractor mower deck. While repairing the loose steering components, the main drive axle belt was found to be severely cracked. The belt replacement required the PTO clutch to be removed for access, the clutch anti-rotation arm was worn halfway through, and will be replaced.

Marc Tellevik is continuing his search for club jackets.

**New Business:**

Jeff Slater made a motion to add an insurance rider, for the club tractor, to his own policy for \$46 / year. 2nd by Marc Tellevik. Motion carried.

Jeff Slater cleaned the pavilion attic area and disposed of a mountain of trash. An access door is now in place to prevent bird nesting.

2024 Club Insurance and club charter certificates have been received.

An Electric Fly Sport Cub S airplane, radio, and 2 batteries combination was purchased for an event raffle prize.

**Show and Tell:**

Ryan Kontak brought an "in process" Ryan STA ARF from Great Planes. Ryan will be fitting a 32-size electric motor.

Jeff Slater brought a Cox 15 rear exhaust race glow motor found in an estate sale collection.

**Raffle:**

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|----------------------------|---------------|
| 1) Ernst Ultra Stand       | Mike Spence   |
| 2) DX6 I Antenna           | Mike spence   |
| 3) Leftover covering       | Tim Karash    |
| 4) EZ Fuel Filler          | Mike Spence   |
| 5) Bullet style connectors | Marc Tellevik |

Submitted by Tim Karash

## 2024 MOWING CREW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Spring is coming and we need mowing volunteers. Please contact marct@ruby4us.com to be added to the list. We can work around vacation schedules and there

are always volunteers to back you up if you are not able to mow during your week.

Last year there were seven of us mowing so each person only needed to mow 3 to 4 times during the entire 2023 season.

## CLUB JACKET UPDATE

We need people to bring their club jackets to the meeting on the 18th. I have been working on getting lightweight spring/fall jackets for the club. Our previous vendor has decided to retire and no longer wants to do our jackets. I am working to find the best vendor to provide them. It sounds like our jacket files will have to be re-created from scratch and I need pictures of the different color combinations. If you can't make the meeting, please send Hi-Res pictures of the front and back embroidery to marct@ruby4us.com.

Additionally, the 3 1/2" disk that was given to me by the old vendor is unreadable in my disk drive. I'm not sure if it's the drive or the disk. Even though the format on the disk is for a much older embroidery machine and the vendors I have contacted say that they can't use iT. I would still like to have the files, if possible, if anyone has access to a 3 1/2" drive and would see if they can read the disk, please let me know.

Marc Tellevik

## OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

**Save the Date - May 4, 2024 at the South St. Paul Airport 10:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m.**

ACRC is looking for club members to volunteer to exhibit and show off their models at the Great MN Wing Aerospace Fling put on by the Minnesota Wing of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP). The event is May 4, 2024 at the South St. Paul Fleming Airport from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Set up for exhibitors should begin about 9:00 a.m.

The event is going to feature full scale airplanes, flight simulators, drones, model rockets, a radar display, wind tunnel and hopefully many ACRC models. I believe there will be air rides. There will be more information to follow

Jim Zurales (retired Delta Air Lines Captain and education leader of the MN Wing) is organizing the event and asked if ACRC members could bring their models for static display and demonstrations. ACRC has worked with Jim several times in the past and the CAP was always appreciative. We will be at an airport so there will be no outdoor flying allowed, however we would like as many static displays as possible and we plan to do some engine runs throughout the event. Also, I would like to have several laptop and/or desktop RC simulators set up to let the cadets try their hand at flying.

The goal of this event is to stir up interest in aviation in a fun, exciting and hands-on way. I firmly believe that a lifelong interest in aviation often begins with RC modeling. I will have more details about the event as I receive them.

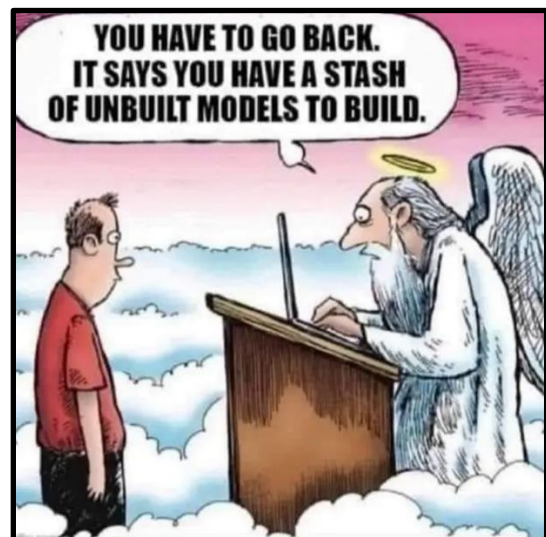
Please let me know if you can make it and what model(s) you might bring (scale, multi-rotor, simulator, etc.). My contact information is below. Feel free to email, text or call. Once again it is the "Great MN Wing Aerospace Fling" on May 4, 2024 at the South St. Paul Fleming Airport (KSGS). More information and directions to the event can be found at [https://mncap.org/activities/aerospace\\_fling.cfm](https://mncap.org/activities/aerospace_fling.cfm)

Thank you,

Bob Moser

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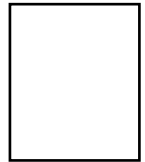
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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday – April 18

- ACRC Meeting-At CRCC

Thursday – May 16

- ACRC Meeting-At the Field

Saturday – May 18

- ACRC Spring Fly-In

CRCC - Coon Rapids Civic Center

