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## *SERVO CHATTER*

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***THE MAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MEETING IS AT THE FIELD!!***

### **PRESIDENT'S CHATTER**

#### **TIME FLIES**

Is it really May? Seems as though I just removed the skis from my favorite winter planes. All those winter projects that I had too much time to complete are still unfinished. I have been having all sorts of R/C fun attending swap meets and spring time fly-ins. This brings me to ACRC's first event of the year: Our Float-fly at East Twin Lake in NowThen. The consensus was we could not have asked for a better weather day. We had 22 registered pilots that flew a variety of planes. There was a great lunch served that included burgers, dogs, chips, and of course those famous beans. Thanks to all that helped and attended to make it a great day. There were six local clubs represented by pilots and guests.

The raffle included a ready to fly Sea Wind that I had bound to my TX. It was won by Jeff Laleman who had it flying after we checked it out for correct control directions. All the children were lucky winners of a variety of flyable aircraft. There was a half dozen other items raffled off.



If the weather warms north of the border, I will be walleye fishing for our spring fly-in and the meeting. See you all in June.

Fly Safe!

Jeff Slater

### **FROM THE VEEP**

This just in, it is windy. I usually go out in some wind, but this has been ridiculous of late. For those of you who don't like any wind, I'm sure that this has been a very long and windy spring.



A reminder: just because the ailerons move, does not mean they are moving the right direction. RIP ASW-17 glider. I realized just a split-second too late that all was not as it should be.

I was a very nice turnout for spring edition of the float-fly. Although I did see many downwind takeoffs. Someone will need to explain the reasoning behind it. We tend not to do it at the field, so I fail to see the need at the lake. Yes, straight out is easier, but light, foam airplanes do not behave well downwind. Oh well, it was fun, that is what matters.

This will come out after the Spring Fly-in so I will conjure up a report before the fact. Many members came out, some even flew! Cam was not there (oh to be at the age that you have 6-8 weddings to attend in the summer). The food was great (thanks Mike). And once again the raffle prizes were top notch.

Well back to the salt mines. Hope to see you at the field. And a meeting or two.

John DeVries

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Our head count for the end of April is 94. This includes eight new members, Nathan Armstrong, Plymouth; Chuck Reid, Shoreview; Sam Jaeger, St Paul; Danial Stahn, Isanti; Steve Scott, Arden Hills; Douglas Lewis, St Francis; Joel Parker, Minneapolis and Richard Kurlinski, Ham Lake. Welcome to ACRC.

At the last meeting, we had a lively discussion on the rules for visitors flying from the ACRC field as a guest of a member or the club. It was put before the membership to follow the AMA rules for guests, both AMA members and non-members. See the Board minutes for details.

As we are now following the AMA guest policies, it is required that all pilots flying more than one flight per year (non-AMA guests) all Family memberships must be members of the AMA. There are two levels of membership available for Family members of ACRC that are not full members. These are Associate membership for those 18 years or older and Junior membership for those under 18. I will be contacting the

Member who has Family members in his/her household later this month to get the Family Member's AMA number. NOTE: junior members information on the membership roster will not contain demographic info but only their AMA # and surname.

Remember, the Wednesday morning get together will be at the field from now through the end of the flying season. See you out there.

Earl Hendricks

## EVENT COORDINATOR

Happy spring fellow flyers. I hope you have been finding since fair winds to get a plane in the air.

The ACRC Biplane fly is coming up on the 13th of June. There will be a \$10.00 landing fee as always this will include lunch or if you're not flying lunch is by donation. Pilots meeting at 9:30am.

Mike Reinert

## A LOOK BACK

### MAY 2008

18 YEARS AGO

Prez Mark Dubay was still in awe from his recent trip to the Toledo Model Aviation show. Tightly clenched fingers around his wallet curtailed excessive spending.

Some settling of the filled ditch and erosion near a culvert has occurred following the ditch relocation project. Bobby Hoffman and the contractor are aware of the situation and fill will be added.

11 pilots flew in the April Fun-Fly

2 events were on the schedule before the next meeting:

The 3rd Annual Spring Fly-In and the 1/2A Fly-In, which had motor size limitations of 0.01 - 0.074

### MAY 1998

28 YEARS AGO

Al the Prez reminded everyone to not only prep your airplane, but prepare yourself with sunblock, a good hat, sunglasses, and plenty of water,

Stan Zdon also reminded everyone to use the flight stations and call out your flight intentions.

The ACRC pattern contest has been cancelled, however a new event, the ACRC Warbird Fly-in, will be held in its place.

A Float Fly, Fun Scale Contest, and the Scale Masters scale contest are on the calendar as well.

Despite temps in the low 40's, 13 pilots and 10 spectators attended the April Fun-Fly

Safety is everybody's business. Don't walk by a problem without correcting it.

Tim Karash

## ACRC MINUTES

### Board members present:

Jeff Slater, Marc Tellevik, John DeVries, Cameron Devries, Earl Hendricks, Mike Reinert, Tim Karash.

9 Member present plus board

Guests Sam Yeager and Fernando Leija. Both joining tonight

### Membership Report:

87 Members

### Treasurer's Report:

Income: \$472.00

Expenses: \$395.00

### Safety Officer Report:

Electric powered airplanes have inadvertently caused injury to pilots. All members are reminded that the motor may start when you least expect it.

Propeller removal during setup is the safest.

A "Friendly" reminder to everyone that all flights must take place east of the flight line, as listed in the Field Safety rules.

### Event Coordinator:

Float fly on May 2nd

Spring Fly-In May 16th

Dennis Acosta will demonstrate the D-FEND unauthorized drone "removal" system on 5/12 & 5/13

### Training Report:

One request for training so far

### Old Business:

At the March ACRC meeting, considerable discussion ensued regarding a non-member one time flight, with a buddy box, and Guest flying privileges.

Research of AMA rules and regulations produced the following recommendation for one-time non-member flight:

*"For non-AMA members, wishing to experience a "Hands-on" model flight, the Academy does allow this, on a one-time basis per person only (with the use of a Buddy Box system for RC). During this one-time flight, the club is protected through its liability coverage as long as the non-member's supervised flying is in accordance with the AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code(s). Under no circumstance should the non-member's equipment or aircraft be used.*

*"Only AMA members are insured during this flight per the terms of the liability policy. This coverage is never transferable to the non-AMA member during the one-time trial flight."*

*"Should an accident occur during this one-time flight, the person providing the flight assistance must file an accident report. Under the liability policy, the airplane is never insured and the non-AMA member is never insured during this flight."*

Regarding Guest flights, the AMA has this listed:

*"Academy of Model Aviation (AMA) rules for guest flights generally require guests to be current AMA members accompanied by a member, often limited them to 1-2 visits annually. Guests must abide by all AMA safety codes and club rules, with many clubs requiring field marshals to approve guest flying."*

Jeff Slater proposed that we follow these guidelines.

Motion passed.

A reminder that everyone who flies at our field must be a current AMA member per ACRC rules.



**New Business:**

Family memberships need to notify the membership Secretary so all will be listed on the club roster.

Student pilot and AMA information should be sent to the secretary as well.

Other non-ACRC events:

NW RC is holding Fun-Fly on 5/25

MAARCE has an electric event on 6/27

September meetings & forward will be held at Riverwind Center.

The U of M Space Program may produce student flights.

**Show and Tell:**

Ryan bought the fuse from his Javelin made of double layered Coro-Plast. The cut, bend and fold school of design was used. Unfortunately, it's getting heavy. The double layer foam makes nice, easy hinges.

**Raffle:**

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|------------------|----------------|
| 1) Giant magnet  | Tim Karash     |
| 2) Foam Glue     | Marc Tellevik  |
| 3) Cutting mat   | Earl Hendricks |
| 4) Cutting mat   | Virgil Okeson  |
| 5) JB Weld epoxy | Jeff Slater    |
| 6) Hemostat      | Marc Tellevik  |

Submitted by Tim Karash

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

We are taking orders for Spring/Fall and Winter coats.

Anyone interested please contact Marc Tellevik for information.

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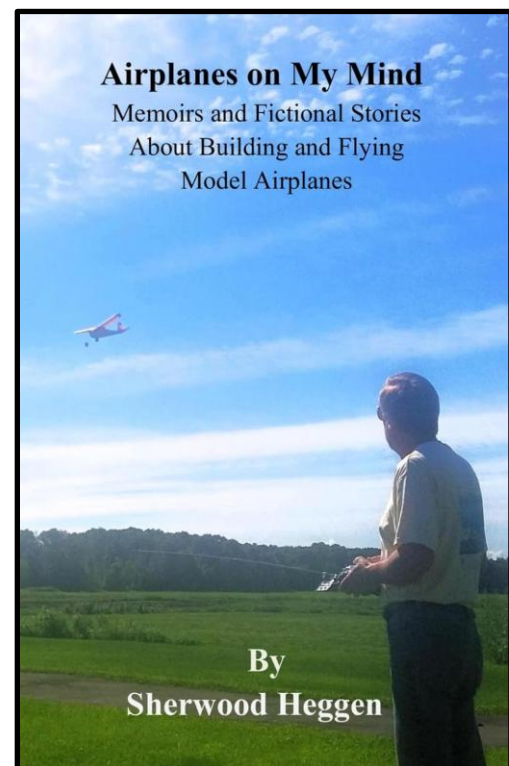
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Marc Tellevik

**“Airplanes on My Mind” by Sherwood Heggen**

ACRC member Sherwood Heggen has written a book. His 60+ years in the R/C hobby has given him many experiences and ideas to put into writing to which any R/C modeler can relate. The 125-page easy reading book is a compilation of his short stories including pictures. His unique writing style and ability provides the reader with interesting, humorous, and true and not so true stories about model airplanes.

Airplanes on My Mind can be purchased on Amazon for only \$8.50. The book is a great value for its contents that you would want to read and read again.



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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday – May 21

- ACRC Meeting-At the Field

Saturday – June 13

- ACRC Biplane Fly

Thursday – June 18

- ACRC Meeting-At the Field

Thursday – July 16

- ACRC Meeting-At the Field

Saturday – July 18

- ACRC Big Bird Fly

Meetings are held at 7:00 pm  
At the Field – May thru August  
At RCB – September thru April

RCB – Riverwind Community Building

