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THE OCTOBER 15TH MEETING IS INDOORS AT RCB!!

PRESIDENT'S CHATTER

IT HAPPENED

Yes, it did! Summer has given way to fall. It seems that just yesterday I was getting things ready for the Spring Fly-in and here we are saying goodbye to another great flying season with the Fall Fly-out. Aside from a bit of wind and threat of rain I think it was a great success.

I am looking forward to some indoor flying again this year at the Sport dome in Blaine. When I get the schedule confirmed I will make sure it gets posted. AMA is required to fly, but spectators are welcome. Fees will be the same as last year. \$20.00 per session to fly. 20 ounces is the weight limit for aircraft. Most UMX and similar planes are far under that weight.

Come out and join in the fun. Rubber powered, free flight, fans, quads, helis, and fixed wing are all welcome.

Our ACRC Wednesday coffee meetings will be at the Andover community center behind the YMCA on Hanson Blvd from October through April every Wednesday from 9:00 AM until noon. Bring your own beverage and join in some interesting conversations.

We had nominations for 4 board members at last month's meeting and will confirm the new board by verbal vote at this month's meeting.

Bring your new project for show-n-tell to the meeting.

Keep them flying,

Jeff Slater

FROM THE VEEP

The Unofficial Guide to Having Too Much Fun in RC

Let's be honest for a second. We didn't get into Radio Control to become master aerodynamicists or electrical engineers. Sure, we tell our partners that we're "servicing high-torque brushless motors," but deep down, we're just adult kids who want to go fast and make small things zoom around until something breaks.

If you've been taking your RC hobby a little too seriously lately — measuring battery telemetry down to the millivolt or weeping over a scratch on a bumper — it's time for a friendly reset. Here is your reminder of what actual fun looks like in our world.

1. The Art of the Spectacular Crash

If you haven't brought home a trash bag full of foam confetti or bent an aluminum chassis into a pretzel, are you even trying? There is a profound, almost artistic beauty to a high-speed unintended landing. Next time your aircraft performs an unprompted soil audit, don't hang your head. Take a bow. You just gave the chair pilots the best show of the day.



2. Tailgate Engineering & Duct Tape Magic

Half the thrill of RC is the field repair. Anyone can fly a pristine, factory-tuned model. It takes a real champion to field-rig a vertical stab with zip ties, hot glue, and a piece of a discarded soda can, only to launch it back into the sky while shouting, "She'll hold!" (Spoiler: It usually doesn't hold, but those two minutes of flight are pure adrenaline.)

3. The "Watch This!" Phenomenon

Nothing brings a group of RC enthusiasts together faster than someone uttering the fateful phrase, "Hey, check this out." It's the universal signal for everyone to drop their chargers and grab their phones. Whether it ends in a land-speed record or a cloud of dust and plastic gears, the collective gasp from the pit line is worth every penny.

4. Don't Forget to Laugh at the Gremlins

We've all been there: three hours of prep time, driving to the field or, setting up, only to realize you forgot the transmitter batteries or charged the wrong Lipo pack. You can either let it ruin your afternoon, or you can sit in your lawn chair, steal your friend's snacks, and offer unsolicited, terrible advice while they try to land in a crosswind.

Quick Column Fillers & Chuckles

RC Pro Tip: A "successful" landing/session is defined entirely by whether or not you can reuse the receiver.

John DeVries

A LOOK BACK

OCTOBER 2008

18 YEARS AGO

Runway repair was at the top of the list; 4 bottles of filler and 3 tubes of caulking were used.

Additional repairs will be needed in the future. Sound familiar?

The September Fun-Fly had 14 pilots

Swap meet dates and locations were listed.

Membership was at 96 for the year.

End of the flying season equipment checks were suggested. Plan for repairs and have parts on hand for the upcoming building/rebuilding season.

SEPTEMBER 1998

28 YEARS AGO

Willie Allshouse presented Prez Mark Dubay with a handmade gavel, to replace the one stolen from Mark's truck.

The board has approved a "new pilot" award for completing their flight training and first solo flight.

15 mph plus winds kept Fun-Fly participation to only 7 pilots.

Tim Karash

ACRC MINUTES

Board members present:

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

7 Member present plus board

No guests

Membership Report:

117 members to date

Treasurer's Report:

Not Available

Safety Officer Report:

None

Event Coordinator:

Not Available

Training Report:

None

Old Business:

The ACRC "Training flag" out by the highway, is in bad shape. It will be replaced in the spring.

Four board members' terms are up: Marc Tellevik, Jeff Slater, Michael Reinert, Jim Van Norman.

Nominations are: Marc Tellevik, Jeff Salter, Gary Smith, Ryan Kontak.

Vote next month

New Business:

Although frequency control is not an issue as it once was, club and AMA membership is. Per ACRC rules, pilot iD cards need to be placed on frequency board.

Jeff Slater proposed Clip type badge on person with AMA & club card Except 72mhz

Motion carried and will be purchased.

It is important to present a friendly attitude at the field, especially with the public as they may be new or prospective members.

Steve Schonborn has created molds to fit Ziroli T6 100-inch span airplanes. He has them for cowl, composite foam wings, canopies.

Steve volunteered to help build if there is interest.

Show and Tell:

Ryan Kontak brought a Mini Drake micro float plane. The motor will be mounted on a pod above the 26-inch span wing. Tiny micro servos will be used.

Raffle:

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| 1) ACRC Cup | Earl Hendricks |
| 2) Flashlight | Cameron DeVries |
| 3) Foam Glue | Jeff Slater |
| 4) Screwdriver | Jeff Solomon |
| 5) 3D sign | Mark Ptaszynski |
| 6) Foam tack | Steve Schoeborn |

Submitted by Tim Karash

CLUB JACKET ORDERS

We will be taking orders for club jackets at the October club meeting.

Marc Tellevik



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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday – October 15

- ACRC Meeting-RCB

Thursday – November 19

- ACRC Meeting-RCB

Thursday – December 17

- ACRC Meeting-RCB

Friday – January 1

- ACRC Freeze Fly - Field

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

RCB – Riverwind Community Building

