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THE MEETING ON JANUARY 21 WILL BE ON ZOOM!!!

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PRESIDENT'S CHATTER

2021 FREEZE FLY

Thank you to RIVARD COMPANIES (also Central Wood Products) for plowing the road and parking area so today's fly-in would be possible. Check out their web site to see their BOSS TOSS wall mounted game!

I brought three planes myself and ten batteries and used them all. There was ample parking for the ten fliers that showed. Six pilots took advantage of the sunny no wind day to get their airplanes in the air.

I left at approximately 12:30 so there may have been more fun to be had.

There were two MARCEE members that came out to get that fresh air on 1/1/2021

We were given a demonstration on just how incredibly tough a foam cub is on floats. Tyler tried crashing in the far ditch. Inverted tail touches several ended in summersaults only to take off again. Then a failed bomb drop (tennis ball with fins) followed by a drop in the ditch. Even after ripping off the floats and tearing the elevator a successful hand launch was achieved. Thanks for the show Tyler!

I deemed this a successful FREEZE FLY. I hope that all who attended had as great a time as I did.

If I am successful at getting pictures from my phone to Stan there will be pictures.

Then there is the January meeting. Download ZOOM and join us January 21, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Jeffrey Slater is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Time: Jan 21, 2021 07:00 PM Central Time Join Zoom Meeting

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Jeff Slater





FROM THE VEEP

There is very little to talk about at the moment. I had an announcement I was going to make here, but will postpone it until the meeting that will be held this month on-line (Zoom) on 1/21.

Speaking of on-line, we have been holding Realflight Simulator sessions every Wednesday night at 9:00 PM for several weeks now. They have been great fun and have lasted up to 90 minutes. It's a great way to hone your off-season skills and crashes are free! I am pretty sure all versions of realflight are compatible, to join click multiplayer on the top toolbar and find our group ACRC, when prompted for password enter ACRCMN (all caps) and you're in! Make sure to check windsock for wind!

Hope to see you all on Zoom!

Tony Hahn

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

SEASONS GREETINGS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

The Freeze-Fly is over and but I did not make it. The temperature was too much for my aging body. I stayed home and worked on my new plane instead.

Membership applications were included with the November and December newsletters that were mailed out. Members that read the newsletter online can download a membership application from the website. After January 31 a \$5.00 late fee will be added to your dues. This will also be the last newsletter that you will receive via snail mail because it is part of last year's membership. If you don't want to miss any of the newsletters, be sure you renew on or before January 31. If you don't have your AMA by the end of January you can send me your application and dues and I will mail you your ACRC membership card when you verify your AMA.

Anoka County R/C, St. Paul R/C and the other clubs in the area are working on their 2021 calendars. A complete listing of 2021 events and

their dates will be published in future newsletters.

TCRC ANNUAL AUCTION - The TCRC auction has been canceled due to COVID-19. Go to the TCRC website for more information:

http://www.tcrconline.com/pages/auction_seller_registration.htm

The January meeting has been canceled and will be held on ZOOM. See the president's column for a link to ZOOM.

Stan Zdon

A Look Back

JANUARY 2003

18 YEARS AGO

The Annual Freeze Fly went off without much drama, unless you consider frozen fingers as a downside. Also, a photo was published showing only the wing and empennage of a trainer emerging from a snow bank.

New board members, event planning, swap meets, were all discussed. Unfortunately, Northtown Mall will no longer allow "free" use of their space.

Runway replacement funding was another topic. Sound familiar?

Membership for 2002 was 150 including Associate and Lifetime members.

Seven plane or airplane related items were brought out for Show 'N Tell.

Tousley Ford offered a \$100 club donation for every vehicle purchased by a club member or friend. Red Tape was involved in the process.

JANUARY 1993

28 YEARS AGO

New board members here too, as well as membership renewal reminder.

A club fundraising raffles for a TV, VCR, and a Stearman air ride will be held in August.

Jeff Slater to continue the hard surface runway installation this spring due to delays resulting from the Halloween snowstorm.

20 brave pilots participated in -13 degree temps at the January Freeze-Fly. *Continued on Next Page*

Dan Weinberg was a busy soul taking over the "Who's Who" column (written about himself), a thorough description of the Sunday after Christmas at the field for his first time on skis, a tongue-incheek poem titled "Twas the Night Before Freeze Fly" and co-authoring a column describing the Freeze-Fly antics.

Tim Karash

ACRC FUNDRAISER

Another year has come to a close. It is likely the most memorable in many ways, both good and bad.

We were able to sell a few calendars this year despite the 'Rona difficulties. Every dollar earned helps our runway replacement fund. Speaking of dollars, two members have not come forward with cash or unsold calendars:

Marc Tellevik Ryan Kontak

Please contact me as soon as possible so we can wrap this up.

Tim Karash Tmkarash@gmail.com

SHOW AND TELL

This year has been difficult at best. Cancelled meetings, zoom meetings, and social distancing have thrown a wet blanket on our beloved Show & Tell portion of the monthly meetings. That being said, I've found some interesting products that may help your next project.

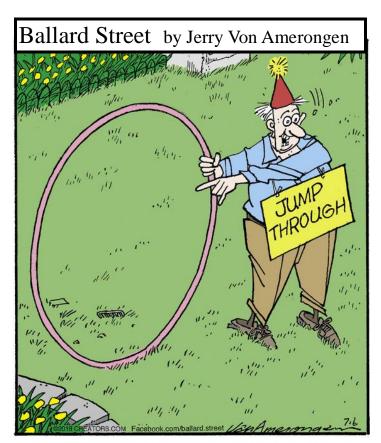
Local giant 3M has developed a multitude of tape products over the years. One of their latest is Automotive Performance Masking Tape. It is produced mainly for automotive paint repairs where good adhesion, clean line, flexibility, and ease of removal are needed. However, many woodworkers have found this product to be beneficial to them as well. The Performance tape is available in many different sizes and construction depending on the needs of the user.

The tape I'm talking about here is 3M part #03431 which is 0.70" wide. It has great grip, yet removes easily. I was able to form a 3 inch radius curve on a flat surface with no tearing and again, good adhesion. One other quality I really like is that it has a bit of stretch and recovery. For my unscientific testing, I stuck about 4 inches of the tape onto my workbench and pulled out another 4 inches. I was able to stretch the exposed portion about 3/16ths of an inch and it retracted back to the original dimension. This stretch will give you some clamping force while holding a delicate part in place.

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The only downside to this is the price. At \$7 a roll for the 3/4 inch size, you probably won't be using it to hold your grandkids latest art creation to the fridge, but in the right application, it could be very helpful to have in your toolbox.

Tim Karash



The Club is going to have to do something about their event planner.



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<u>CALENDAR OF</u> <u>UPCOMING EVENTS</u>

Thursday – January 21`

• ACRC Meeting-On ZOOM

Thursday – February 18

• ACRC Meeting-Riverwind

Thursday – March 18

• ACRC Meeting-Riverwind

Thursday – April 15

ACRC Meeting-Riverwind

Saturday – April 17

• ACRC Fun Fly #1

