



ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS CHARTERED CLUB #1255

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***THE JANUARY 19 MEETING IS AT THE CIVIC CENTER!!***

## **PRESIDENT'S CHATTER**

### **2023 FREEZE-FLY**

Here we are! A brand new year, still having fun.

We had eight members show up for breakfast. There was great food and conversation. Bob Proulx brought a section of 3D printed Cub wing. I was impressed with the attention to scale detail in constructing the wing ribs and the fabric feel to the span between ribs. We have found another new way to build planes.

We adjourned to the field for a few flights along with a few mishaps. Marc proceeded to plant his glider a field away to the east which resulted in an articulating tail section. Then Ryan tried to taxi through the south ditch, which resulted in snapping the prop in the ice. Jeff Smith showed us the ceiling in the foggy sky with all waiting for his plane to re-appear. Tyler showed us again this year that he can land the FRANKEN-PLANE foamy inverted several times before the motor was dislodged. Mike D flew his Corsair on skis. Mike R flew the Turbo Timber on floats. I flew my Cap 232 and an Apprentice on floats. There were a few that showed to watch. I think for the first club gathering this year we managed to have a good time.

The next event will be our Spring Fly-In. Date will be published.

Jeff Slater



## **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 membership applications.

Membership applications were included with the November and December newsletters that were

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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 2023 calendars. A complete listing of 2023 events and their dates will be published in future newsletters.

**TCRC ANNUAL AUCTION** - The TCRC auction will be on Saturday, February 4, at Cross Point Church on 98th and France in Bloomington. Registration starts at 6:45AM and the auction starts at 9:00AM. Go to the TCRC website for more information:

[http://www.tcrconline.com/pages/auction\\_seller\\_registration.htm](http://www.tcrconline.com/pages/auction_seller_registration.htm)

Big Sky Hobbies will be at the auction to take your hard earned money.

The next meeting will be at **Coon Rapids Civic Center** on January 19 at 7:00 PM.

Stan Zdon

## FROM THE VEEP

Happy New Year everyone! It was great to see a good turnout at our Freeze Fly this year. Reasonable temperatures, low wind and spectacular snow conditions contributed to an exciting time of flying, though a low ceiling led to some anxious moments. In one case, the sole glow plane at the event disappeared into the clouds and remained unseen for 20-30 seconds. Luckily, the plane descended below the cloud cover and the pilot was able to control it back to the ground. I had a great time at the event, especially since I had finished my skis just in time to try them out. They worked okay, but were a little weak and didn't stay in position well. I have already made some of the modifications necessary, and am looking forward

to getting out again this winter. Also, a big thank you to Jeff Slater for helping me run my first glow engine on a test stand I whipped together. It was said later that other pilots noticed the big grin on my face after hearing it run and knew that I might be hooked. I'll admit, it was fun to see the Enya 40 run so well and I will enjoy adding a few wet fueled planes to my hangar, though I don't expect them to outpace my electric aircraft. I have two points to share: I appreciate the willingness of this community to share their knowledge and support newer pilots; and I encourage each of you to try something new because you might find that you enjoy something unexpected.

It is still building season of course, so keep those winter builds going. I recently took my Cub's newsletter article to heart, and set her fuselage and wing together on my workbench. After a day of sitting there, I decided to get my knife and glue bottle out and I repaired part of the hangar rash that she incurred due to a dropped water bottle. One wing rib was salvageable, but the other was shattered into five pieces, so I carefully glued the pieces (and my fingers) together so I can cut out a new rib from a fresh sheet of balsa. I also surgically removed her firewall, since in my youth I had mounted it poorly. My next hurtle is to decide how I will load batteries into the nose. In the past, I had toyed with the idea of making a working scale door, but I think I will take the advice to create a hatch under the nose. It will still be a tight fit, so I'm planning to make a battery tray that will slide in and lock into place. Maybe, with this new momentum, I'll actually get her finished rather than just collecting parts for her while she collects dust.

For anyone interested in building their own plane, I still have the House of Balsa "Schoolyard Scale" Super Decathlon kit available for the January raffle. Our December meeting went virtual on Zoom, so it was hard to give away the prizes last month. I'll also bring a smattering of tools and such to give away this month. Remember, you have to be there to play and win. And as usual, bring your projects, tips and discussions to share with the group. See you there and at the field.

Ryan Kontak

# A LOOK BACK

## JANUARY 2005

18 YEARS AGO

Dedication by Andy Knoll was noted as he was up until 3:00 AM to get a plane ready for the next day's Fun-Fly.

No snow on the field made the Freeze-Fly a bit easier, however 20 MPH winds out of the east reminded everyone it's still January.

Auctions and swap meets are filling the winter calendar, while summer events are still in the planning stages.

## JANUARY 1995

28 YEARS AGO

Don McGillivray has invited everyone to his cabin, on Long Lake, for a sanctioned Float-Fly on July 26.

New board members Kevan Fager, Tim Karash, and Mark Dubay presided at the meeting.

"About a dozen" brave / foolish souls participated in the single digit temperatures at ACRC and St Paul RC Freeze-Fly events.

Enthusiasm for 1/12th scale combat is growing in several local clubs.

Tim Karash

# ACRC MINUTES

### Board members present:

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

5 Members present on Zoom, plus board.

### Membership Report:

29 have renewed for 2023

### Treasurer's Report:

Income: \$137.00

Expenses: \$1667.00

### Safety Officer Report:

Jeff Slater has been unable to contact Brett Ohnstad regarding his status. Jeff Flander will take over Safety Officer duties in the spring.

### Event Coordinator:

Freeze Fly January 1.

MARCEE swap meet January 28.

TCRC Auction Feb 4.

### Training Report

None until May:

### Old Business:

Wind socks will be ordered and installed before spring.

Grassfield R/C site has been sold. Contract to be signed over in March 2023. The club may be able to use the facility for one more year.

About 20 calendars have been sold. Final details will be presented at the January meeting/

### New Business:

Applications for FRIA (FAA Recognized Identification Area) status will be initiated by the AMA on behalf of AMA clubs and flying sites. The AMA has requested club information, primary contact, hours of operation, and type of operation be reviewed and updated sooner rather than later. An unconfirmed completion date rumor of September 2023 has been circulated.

Club safety rules in addition to AMA are now posted.

A suggestion was made to create advertising, aimed at non member Park Flyers to join a club.

### Show and Tell:

Tim Karash showed a laser cut piece of Ultracote. No fires as of yet. Application may be complicated and more testing is needed.

Tim also brought a Logitech G403 gamer style mouse. It has 4 additional programmable function buttons. Great for repetitive operations/selections in CAD.

Tim Karash

### For Sale:

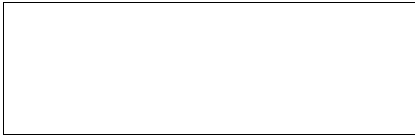
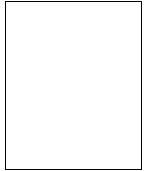
Older, but fully functioning Dremel Scroll Saw.  
\$25

Tim Karash



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## **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

Thursday – January 19

- ACRC Meeting-At CRCC

Thursday – February 16

- ACRC Meeting-At CRCC

Thursday – March 16

- ACRC Meeting-At CRCC

Thursday – April 20

- ACRC Meeting-At CRCC

Saturday – April 22

- ACRC Fun Fly #1

CCRC - Coon Rapids Community Center

