



ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS CHARTERED CLUB #1255

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**FEBRUARY 2023**

***THE FEBRUARY 16 MEETING IS AT THE CIVIC CENTER!!***

## **PRESIDENT'S CHATTER**

### **MID WINTER??.**

I am declaring winter half over. The MARCEE swap meet and the annual TCRC auction are in the rear view. I had a great time at both. I have managed a few nicer days at the field flying with skis. I have the new windsocks for the fence ends ready to mount for spring. I put the next build project on my bench hoping to finish it by spring. So, all is good. I hope you have all renewed your membership for 2023 and are getting ready for the next flying season. Remember we base our budget on the renewals by February.

There are some new dates coming for indoor flying at the National Sports Dome for March and April which I will send out in a group email when they are solid. The February date is the 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 PM until 11:00 PM the day after our meeting.

I haven't got the amount yet but I do know that the auction helped with our runway fund through the donations from past members.

Hope to see you all at the meeting or the indoor fly.

Jeff Slater

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

**IT'S GETTING CLOSER TO SUMMER.  
LET'S GET THOSE NEW PLANES  
BUILT !!!!!!!!!!!!!**

About 50% of last year's members have rejoined

for 2023. This is a little less than last year at this time. If any of your friends have not rejoined, please encourage them to do so ASAP. The 2023 budget is based on a projected membership of 100 fully paid members. If we drop much below that number we will have to cut services somewhere.

If you have any pictures that could be used in the newsletter send them to me. If they are digital, email them to [szdon@yahoo.com](mailto:szdon@yahoo.com). If they are prints mail them to me and I will scan them and return them to you. If you come across any articles on the Internet that could be use in the newsletter send me the link and I will download them and use them.

The next meeting will be at the Coon Rapids Civic Center on February 16 at 7:00 PM.

Stan Zdon

## **FROM THE VEEP**

I don't know if I am simply more aware of it now, or if hobbyists are truly in the "getting rid of things" mode more these days. Between what I see on forums and at local swap meets, there are many modelers passing on their collections of airplanes, parts and kits that will no longer make it to their building tables or flying fields. The efflux of goods creates a market where builders and flyers with more time on their hands can snag a good deal on great models. I've picked up a couple goodies recently that I am excited about. For one, I got a large swamp boat that is mostly built that I will finish up and put my second glow engine on. The engine is an OS 50 Max that was

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used by my father back in the 70's and I hope to have it running on the test stand soon. The swamp boat should be fun to cruise around on the water and snow throughout the year. I also picked up a new kit for an Ultra Sport 40+ at the MARCEE swap meet a few weekends ago. I've been interested in the Ultra Sport series since flying it on the RealFlight simulator. It seems to fly well and go where you point it. I'll be excited to build it, someday. And that brings me back to my earlier observation. It appears that many people collect all of their favorite models with the intention of building it "someday", but the sheer quantity of favorites makes it unlikely for that day to come for some of them. Now before I go any further, I must say that I am not in any way trying to be critical of collectors or modelers with a passion for their favorite planes, nor am I saying that you should go and thin out your fleet. To each their own. For myself, I've started a small collection of planes, some are favorites, others just adopted over the years, but as the count has recently topped 30 I have begun to think about what my plans are long term. Of the 30+ planes, I would guess that only 4 or 5 are flyable. The rest are in a range of almost ready, a long way to go, or still in the original box. I hope to have the time to finish them all, but I'm thinking I might TRY to slow down the collecting for a while until more of them have felt wind beneath their wings. My better half would sure appreciate it if I finished and flew more of my planes, rather than adding to the used up volume of my basement shop.

Well, I've yammered for long enough here. As per usual, bring your latest projects, tips and unique tools to show off at the next club meeting. And don't forget to treat your significant other to something nice this Valentine's Day. They deserve it for putting up with our hobby. I'll be bringing a YAK 54 aerobatic profile plane produced by Electrify for the raffle this month. I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

Ryan Kontak

## **A LOOK BACK**

### **FEBRUARY 2005**

18 YEARS AGO

Al Spearbecker, Dan Stahn, and Darren Bitzer enjoyed a brief respite from normal February weather with multiple flights off a semi bare runway.

Dan Stahn also lamented about CRS, forgetting his transmitter at home. After returning to the field, he discovered that he had now brought the wrong transmitter.

Ten members brought Show & Tell items.

### **FEBRUARY 1995**

28 YEARS AGO

Newsletter Editor Tim Brockman, had to enforce his February 1st cutoff date, so this month's newsletter was quite slim.

Membership was up to 81 including the Dorff father & son team.

The fuel order form listed 10% Omega brand for \$9.95 per gallon,

### **FEBRUARY 1985**

38 YEARS AGO

This month's raffle prize is a Midwest Twin Stick, with a pair of Super Tiger 29's

Tim Karash

## **FREE TO GOOD HOME**

Goldberg Anniversary Cub

Needs a bit of TLC

76 Inch wing, Saito 80, Basic Futaba FM radio

Tim Karash



# ACRC MINUTES

## Board members present:

Jeff Slater, Tim Karash, Ryan Kontak, Jim Van Norman.

3 Members present plus board

Guests: Andrew Thomas

## Membership Report:

33 Members have paid dues.

## Treasurer's Report:

Income: \$1665.00

Expenses: \$120.00

## Event Coordinator:

Spring Fly-In scheduled for May 20.

Fall Fly-Out scheduled October 7.

Pattern contest and Electric Fly-In dates TBD

## Old Business:

FRIA application has been submitted by Ryan Kontak

Replacement windsocks have arrived. Will be installed in April.

## New Business:

TCRC Auction Feb 4.

MARCEE Auction Jan 28.

Indoor flying at National Sports Center this year

January 27 9-11 PM

February 17 9-11 PM

March 4 9-11 PM

April 2 10 AM - 12

April 20 7-11 PM

Jeff Slater is working on the possibility of an Introduction to Flight, in April, at the National Sports Center

## Show and Tell:

Ryan Kontak brought an OS 50 that belonged to his father. Ryan hopes to have it powering a project this summer.

Ryan also brought his F15 ducted fan project. He has converted the single pusher power to twin 50mm ducted fans. Air ducts were 3D printed.

Tim Karash brought a pair of soft sanding "blocks" from Rockler. They use common 5-inch hook & loop backed sanding discs.

## Raffle:

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|--------------------|-------------|
| 1) House of Balsa  | Duane Orson |
| 2) 15 minute epoxy | Jeff Slater |
| 3) Epoxy Brushes   | Tim Karash  |
| 4) Epoxy Mix Cups  | Ryan Kontak |
| 5) #11 blades      | Bob Barton  |
| 6) Wire brush set  | Gary Titus  |

Tim Karash

## R/C AIRPLANE DEFINITIONS

**FUEL TANK:** Plastic bottle, designed to leak when placed in totally inaccessible locations. A temporary storage place for chemicals before they saturate your aircraft.

**FUSELAGE:** Optional interconnecting structure between wings and engine. Receptacle into which R/C pilots stuff money in hopes that it will fly better.

**GIRLS:** Something you used to be interested in before you got into modeling.

**GLITCH:** What you holler when you pull up elevator while flying inverted at 10 feet.

**GRAVITY:** The force of nature designed to reduce aircraft to their component parts.

**HINGE:** A device to prevent control surface movement and cause flutter.

**INVERTED FLIGHT:** A method of landing to save wear and tear on the tires.

**JOKER:** A person that asks if you can taxi back after a dead stick landing.

**LANDING GEAR:** A structure designed to separate fuselage from the runway after landing. Does not always succeed in doing so.

**LANDING:** A test of strength between your plane and the planet. Comes in multiple forms.

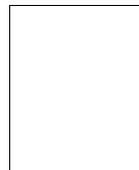
Good: The plane comes in contact with the ground, and all pieces remaining together.

Average: The plane comes in contact with the ground, and most pieces still there.

Bad: The plane comes in contact with the ground, and all pieces grow in number, but diminish in size.

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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday – February 16

- ACRC Meeting-At CRCC

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- ACRC Meeting-At CRCC

Thursday – April 20

- ACRC Meeting-At CRCC

Saturday – April 22

- ACRC Fun Fly #1

Thursday – May 18

- ACRC Meeting-At FIELD

Saturday – May 20

- ACRC Fun Fly #2

CCRC - Coon Rapids Community Center

