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THE JULY 20th MEETING IS AT THE FIELD!!

PRESIDENT'S CHATTER

ISN'T SUMMER GREAT!

Yep, July is here! I hope you all had a great holiday. I personally think Ma Nature is making a statement. If you can't take the heat, get out of the kitchen!! Or stay in the kitchen where there is A/C.

I have had the opportunity to get out and get a few days of flying at several events at several flying sites and I have still come to the conclusion that we have one of the best sites to fly at.

I don't know how many of you know Bob Svare. He is a long-time close friend of mine and an avid RC'er. He and Mark have been Life members of ACRC and AMA for many years. He deserves more than just an honorable mention when it comes to the condition of our site. He is responsible both in design and financially for our hard surface runway. We would not have an asphalt runway if it weren't for Bob. During a recent visit with Bob, he informed me that due to some health issues his flying days are at an end. I heard from others in the club that he has asked that his name should be removed from the roster as a life member. I will truly miss all the great times building and flying with Bob. I am still visiting Bob as often as I can and intend to bring a plane and buddy box along to try to keep him flying. Let's get those wings in the air!

Jeff Slater

A GREAT DAY

If you couldn't make it for the Stan Zdon Memorial fun scale you missed a really great time.

Many thanks to a lot of people including 31 registered pilots. We had an AIR SHOW quality experience watching the flying. We had war birds as well as civilian aircraft with some awesome aerobatics. We also saw some extraordinary crashes (sorry guys)!

Thanks to Tim and his wife we had sixty of the best hotdogs and baked beans. Thanks to the MARCEE club we filled sixty buns with smoked brisket. We went thru 5 lbs of potato salad and 50 bags of chips along with a couple cases of iced water.

We were honored to have many of Stan's family attend and help with the drawing. Much of Stan's shop misc. sold and the proceeds were given to Rita at the event.

At one time there were more than 75 people including spectators

Thank you to Dale and Mark Case for pictures and videos which I will get a link to the u tube for all to see.

With the proceeds from the entries, 50/50 raffle and the planes we raffled off we are well on our way to getting Stan a tile for the museum.

Dale Case won the 50/50 raffle and was very kind in donating it back to the event, Duane Orson donated an electric stick ready to fly, the ACRC club donated a Space Walker, I built and donated a combat plane receiver ready, SPRC donated \$100.00, and many ACRC members donated cash as well.



If I missed thanking someone here is a blanket thank you to all that made this a great day.



From high above the Stan Zdon Memorial Fly In

JUNE FUN-FLY

The June fun fly was a good time although only 4 participants. Mark Televik's motor failed right at the start or we would have had 5 & he would have smoked us. As it turned out Andy Thunstrom made a rare appearance & cleaned house. He even won the \$50 drawing. I won the 1st event-takeoff-5 upright loops-5 inverted loops-5 rolls to wheels touch. Jeff Smith & Andy tied for 1st in the 2nd event, best hand runway poker w/5 passes allowed. Andy killed us in the 3rd event, speed landing, everyone climbs to altitude then "land" is called-last one down is out each time till ya have a winner.

Jeff Flander

FROM THE VEEP

The other day I experienced a couple of "firsts" that had me quite excited. Buried in these events may just be some RC lessons for you all to heed. It was a perfectly calm Wednesday evening during training night and Ted Sander and I were training a handful of students. Ted had to leave early (something about a honey-do from his better half) so I was left to finish the evening out with only two charged batteries left.

Luckily, another member showed up and offered me the use of his battery inverter so that I could charge a couple of batteries up again. In my haste, when I went to put what I thought was a fully charged battery into

my electric powered Alpha 40 I unknowingly grabbed the wrong one. Since I rarely discharge my LiPos all the way in an effort to make them last longer, the plane still took off normally and flew for a few minutes. When I took over control of the plane at one of the student's "close calls" I found that it would not accelerate back into safe altitude (two mistakes high).

Despite being slightly baffled, I had enough wits about me to turn the plane towards the runway and recognize that I had a dead-stick on my hands. I still don't know how I had enough altitude and airspeed, but the plane managed to float safely back to the grass surrounding the runway, thus living to fly another day. After a quick check I understood that my ESC had saved the battery from utter failure by limiting the power to the motor but still sending electricity to the receiver and servos. If you fly electrics and didn't know this yet, dead-sticks can happen to you too! Always check your batteries before a flight to make sure they are fully charged.

The other event was a combination of "firsts". I was offered the opportunity to re-maiden a quarter scale Piper J3 Cub (nine-foot wingspan!) with a twin cylinder four-stroke glow engine on it. To say I was nervous is an understatement, but it's not every day that you get to fly a giant scale Cub, so I put on some extra confidence and took to the skies. It flew, well, "like a Cub", which I quickly learned involved a lot of rudder. At the point that I decided it was time to land I was handed my next challenge when the engine quit. I did not go to the field that night expecting that I would perform two dead-stick landings, but the Cub floated to the grass without a problem as well.

For the July meeting raffle, I'll be bringing some field equipment for both glow and electric, so come prepared to buy some tickets and win some prizes.

Ryan Kontak

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The current Member count as of July 1st is seventy members consisting of fifty-nine adult members, two junior members, four family memberships, and five

life members. We have one new member and one renewal this month but had two life members leave.

I was unable to attend the June Fun Fly, but Andy Thunstrom won the event and will receive a \$10 bonus for unseating Jeff Flander. Nice Job Andy!

ACRC welcomes new member:

Jack Zenz

The next meeting will be at the field on July 20th at 7pm. Monthly Fun Flies are scheduled for the Saturday after the membership meetings at 10am, the next one being July 22nd.

Scott Oleson

A LOOK BACK

JULY 2005

18 YEARS AGO

President Al Spearbecker, reported a record minimum training time. Andy Geppert was able to solo with only 17 minutes of Buddy Box instruction. Andy was shooting touch and goes while on "the cord" when Al decided to turn him loose. Congrats to Andy.

One plane was lost and a second nearly lost from weak control linkages. HMMMM

13 pilots were in attendance for the June Fun-Fly

10 pilots braved the weather conditions for the Pattern Contest.

16 pilots participated in the Fun-Scale contest.

JULY 1995

28 YEARS AGO

A Float-Fly will be held July 26th at Don McGillivray's cabin on Long Lake.

Jeff Flander is heading up the Training Instructor program this year. Wednesday nights are being designated for training. Sound familiar?

7 pilots participated in the Fun-Fly.

Mark Dubay created a Field Flying diagram. OMG!!! There is a drainage ditch between the pit area and the

pilot stations! Those of us with grey hair probably remember it.

He also explained the reasoning behind the multiple pilot stations, general flight area, and areas to be used for landing approaches on less-than-ideal wind conditions.

Tim Karash

ACRC MINUTES

Board members present:

Jeff Slater, Marc Tellevik, Tim Karash, Ryan Kontak, Scott Oleson, Jeff Flander.

9 Members present plus board

Guests/New member: John Devris

Membership Report:

71 Members have renewed for this year.

Treasurer's Report:

Income: \$592.98

Expenses: \$160.00

Safety Officer Report:

No bad news

Many pilots have been seen bent over the propeller when starting their motor.

Keep your face away from the prop when starting a wet fuel engine. Electric powered planes can break and fling a prop too.

Event Coordinator:

Stan Zdon memorial Fun Scale event on July 15

Proceeds will be for a memorial brick at the AMA Museum.

Training Report:

5 students every week so far this season

Scott Oleson is donating a radio & Buddy Box to the training program.

Old Business:

Jeff Slater made a motion to purchase an ARF kit to raffle at the Stan Zdon Fly-In July event. 2nd by Marc Tellevik. Motion Carried.

Many Remaining airplane related items from Jerry Nelson estate are still available. Contact Jeff Slater

Remote ID update from Crystal Pearson at AMA. The deadline was set for September 16th, but has been held up due to bureaucracy, both AMA and FAA.

Many FRIA sites will most likely be approved, however sample airborne ID devices are very expensive at this time

New Business:

Grass seeding from last fall is growing well, despite a plethora of weeds.

Tim K to get new blades for the mower.

Road and parking lot fill: Jeff Smith has located a supplier of reground asphalt for road and parking lot.

Tim K has a supplier of asphalt millings. this contractor can spread and pack the millings at a price.

During the discussion, the prospect of a three-way contribution from Bobby Hoffman, Rivard, and ACRC. The board is pursuing this possibility.

Seal coating runway not necessary this year. The crack filling efforts of the last few years have been successful.

The ditch weeds are in need of trimming again. Members are being requested to bring your weed wacker and help the club.

Show and Tell:

Tim Karash brought a hobby knife from a company named Slice, with a ceramic blade that is ultra sharp. The standard blade has a rounded tip, however, #11 Exacto style are available. The ceramic blade is thicker than Exacto brand, so the Slice brand handle is a required purchase.

Raffle:

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| 1) Hot Shot Glow igniter | Bruce Montgomery |
| 2) Foam safe CA glue | Jeff Slater |
| 3) Wheel collars | Tom Hensch |
| 4) Fuel line clamps | Marc Tellevik |
| 5) 6x32 hardware | Tim Karash |

Submitted by Tim Karash

TIM IS "THINNING THE HERD"

I've collected too much stuff. these things have got to go.

Just what every LiPo user needs is a metal safety cabinet for charging and storage. This is a Bretford brand Mobile charging station #TUCM20PAC. 20W X 24D X 38H on industrial casters. It has a 6 ft power cord, switched, feeding two power strips, each with ten outlets. Internal shelves. \$60

SIG Ultimate Fun-Fly Biplane with K&B 40. Has a few scars. Gets small in the sky in a hurry. \$50

SIG Wonder, never flown, with a NIB Fox 15. Has servos. Extra covering inc. \$75

Great Planes 40 size Cub. Full wing w/struts. MDS 48. Flies like a Cub. On wheels now, Floats included. \$250

Project Plane: Midwest AeroStar 40. Strong Fox 50. Wing is a mess, but I have a rib & dihedral brace kit. \$25

2 Sullivan starters. Both work, but need new connectors. \$10 each

NIB Hangar 9 Power Pro HD starter. \$25 (no, it won't start your Harley)

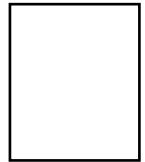
MDS 40 w/muffler \$40

Hobbico Mini Tach \$10

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday – July 20

- ACRC Meeting-At FIELD

Saturday – July 22

- ACRC Fun Fly #4

Thursday – August 17

- ACRC Meeting-At FIELD

Saturday – August 19

- ACRC Fun Fly #5

Saturday – September 16

- ACRC Electric Fly

CCRC - Coon Rapids Community Center

