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THE JANUARY 18th MEETING IS INDOORS AT CRCC!!

PRESIDENT'S CHATTER

FREEZE FLY 2024

First event of the year was a considerable success. Great food thanks to Cookie, Tim's better half for the delicious beans. I grilled burgers had chips and a beverage.

There was some talk at the fly as to when was the first FREEZE FLY. I looked thru some older papers and found the first Freeze fly was coordinated by Bob Svare Jan 1, 1990. We gave out certificates until the sixth or seventh annual. That made this year our 24th annual freeze fly. We should maybe get back to giving out certificates again.

There were war birds, sport aircraft, scale birds, wheels and skis! Michael Reinert did a maiden flight with a new military cub, which flew very well. Jeff Flander did a parachute drop from his EC-1500 twin cargo plane with thrust vectoring. Many other flyers and spectators were there to enjoy the day.

I took some pictures and sent them to Marc so they should be on our web site now.

Now on to future events. Swap meets and auctions are coming in January and February. Ryan will add them as attachments with the newsletter.

ACRC's next scheduled event will be our Spring fly in May of 2024. We are planning to raffle at least one airplane and food will be available.

Anyone wanting to coordinate an event this year let us know so we can help.

Jeff Slater



FROM THE VEEP

I recently wrote about some best practices (that I tend to not follow) while building airplanes. One item on that list was choosing one project to focus on at a time. I made a decision to follow this practice for once, and the vote landed on my Sweet N Low Stik. It is, after all my oldest plane in the hangar, having been hanging in my grandpa's garage for many years before I even got into the hobby. So far, I've secured the elevator and rudder servos, glued in the push-rod guides, and got

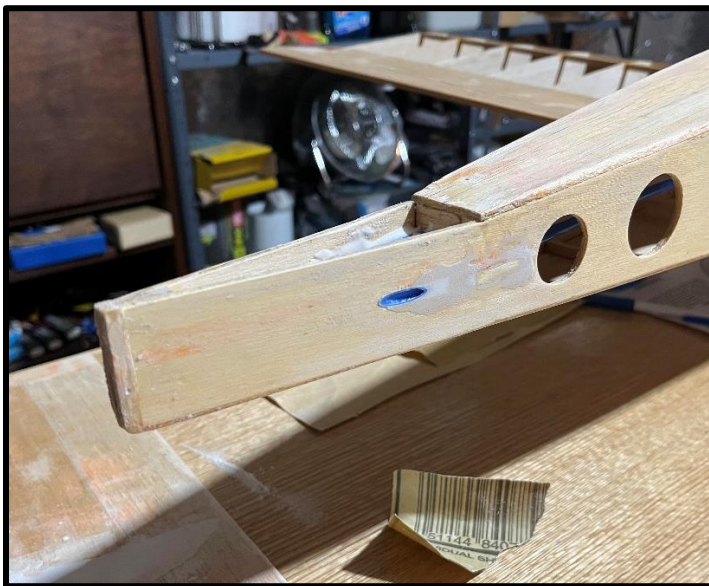


some experience working with micro-balloons mixed in epoxy as a filler material.

Regarding the later, it has turned out to be a good filler material for me. I've used it to fill some voids in the airframe and it creates a strong surface that can be sanded to a smooth finish. The picture below shows a pushrod guide exiting the fuselage. The hole started out as a rectangle to allow the guide through and the micro-ballon mix filled the space around the guide to make a clean result. I found that the filler does sand differently than the balsa or lite-ply around it, so you have to be careful not to sand too hard on the wooden parts

I'd like to hear about or see what you all are building this winter at the next club meeting. I think I'll be bringing my Stik along if you want to see the results.

Ryan Kontak



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had a decent turnout for the December meeting, there were plenty of treats and a couple of show and tell items. Thanks to those who attended and it's nice to see the meeting attendance improving.

New and renewal membership applications are flowing in. Remember January is due's renewal month, save yourself 5 bucks by getting your renewal in by January 31st. If you joined ACRC after September 1st, 2023, you should have already received your 2024 membership card and there is no need to fill out a 2024

application as you are considered paid through 12/31/24. Any questions as it relates to your membership, feel free to shoot me an email.

If you still need to renew your AMA or are waiting to get your card before you renew, don't wait. Just fill out a 2024 application with your AMA number and I will verify it with the AMA. I must verify you are AMA current before I can send you a new membership card.

I'm excited to report a new ACRC website is under construction, so far it looks great and there will be several new improvements, we will communicate the highlights as it gets closer to completion. If you have any pictures to share for the website gallery or newsletter, send them to one of the following links and provide a brief description. (Crash, new build, club meeting, flying event etc.)

webmaster@anoka-rc.org or treasurer@anoka-rc.org

- Current 2024-member count: 29
- Please welcome new members Doug Lewis & Eric Seaberg
- Thank you to Ryan Kontak for a generous Runway Fund donation.

The next meeting will be at the Coon Rapids Civic Center January 18th at 7:00pm. The address is, 11155 Robinson Dr, Coon Rapids, MN 55433. Please join us and share what you're working on this winter. If you physically bring an item for show and tell, you will receive a free raffle ticket.

Stay safe and healthy!

Scott Oleson

A LOOK BACK

JANUARY 2006

18 YEARS AGO

New board members were introduced and positions noted.

15 brave pilots attended to Annual January 1st Freeze Fly

A variety of 6 "aircraft" from foamies to electric conversions, were brought in for Show and Tell

The search for a lake to host a Float Fly begins.
Cambridge State Bank donated \$100 to the club.

JANUARY 1996

28 YEARS AGO

16 pilots enjoyed the 30-degree temps for the January Freeze Fly

President Kevan Fager recommended attending the Oshkosh EAA Annual event for inspiration for your next R/C project.

Not really news, but an informative list of the 14 metro area R/C club's contact persons was published.

Tim Karash

ACRC MINUTES

Board members present:

Jeff Slater, Tim Karash, Ryan Kontak, Scott Oleson, Jim VanNorman.

6 Members present plus board
No Guests

Membership Report:

21 renewals for 2024 to date.

Treasurer's Report:

Income: \$857.05
Expenses: \$1661.68

Safety Officer Report:

Not Present

Event Coordinator:

Dates for the upcoming year were set:

5/18 Spring Fly-In

10/5 Fall Fly-Out

9/15 Electric Fly

Other events:

TCRC auction February 3rd

MARCEE swap TBD

Duluth superior club auction March 17th location TBD

Training Report:

Status of equipment was discussed.

Old Business:

ACRC road sign update: A digitized version of our logo has been created by the sign maker. This will allow us to use the ACRC logo on a variety of projects.

A motion was made by Jeff Slater to purchase a replacement sign and artwork for \$300. Motion 2nd by Mike Dorff. Motion carried.

Tim Karash has been working on the club tractor. During the blade spindle replacement, a crack in the mower deck was discovered next to the main belt tensioner pulley mount. It will be repaired and braced. Also, lube extensions will be added to the spindles. The steering will be inspected and repaired as well.

New Business:

The club website update has been moved from GoDaddy to InMotion. This will give us more features at 25% of the cost. Members should note the domain suffix has changed to ".org" for all addressees.

The club website has been allowed to go "stagnate" over the years. Several proposals were discussed:

*Membership information

*Picture additions

*Marketplace to buy & sell club member items

*PayPal for renewals -- under investigation

The AMA will make temporary FRIA insurance available for flying events. This is similar to the temporary insurance we have for mall shows and swap meets.

Show and Tell:

Paul Rono brought a very light Katana from Precision Aerobatics. The composite structure is lighter than a foam build. The plane is capable of 3D maneuvers in low wind conditions.

Virgil Okeson brought a Guillows B25 that he enlarged a short time ago. He added motor nacelles with landing gears, and canopy bits from a foamie that were of the correct scale. Virgil has covered and painted the plane.

Donald Auld donated tools, flight boxes, 72mhz radios, and a box of rocket stuff to the club.

Lee Ellwein donated a trainer plane.

A Fun Tiger Extra with motor, an unbuilt Fun Tiger ARC, and a Pizazz ARF from Lee, were purchased by the club for upcoming event raffles.

Raffle:

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| 1) Sanding drum | Jim van Norman |
| 2) Covering iron & sock | Jeff Slater |
| 3) Mini C clamps | Scott Oleson |
| 4) Bag 'O hinges | Virgil Okeson |
| 5) Mini hot glue gun | Doug Powers |
| 6) Dubro Wheels | Doug Powers |

Submitted by Tim Karash

WEB SITE NEWS

We are in the process of building a new web site for our club, you can check it out at www.anoka-rc.org.

Please note: Several of the pages are still under development and are blank, it is a work in progress.

The hope is to make the site easier for our members and visitors to navigate.

We also working to make our club easier to find in web searches.

Planned for future development:

- Photo page where members can post their pictures of events, aircraft builds and even crashes.
- Marketplace section where we can swap/sell R/C items.
- Online membership application with the ability to be billed for your membership and pay through PayPal/Venmo.
- Direct links to the AMA and UAS registration sites.
- Links to major manufacturers, hobby sites and useful info. (Please send any links you find useful)

Let me know if there are other things that you would like to see on the site.

By the end of January, the address www.anoka-rc.com will be changed to point to the new web pages as well.

WEB SITE TAGLINE CONTEST

We are having a contest to create a tag-line for the footer of the new web site.

Prize will be a \$25.00 gift card to Kwik-Trip

We are looking for something that reflects our club and sport.

AOPA has “One mile of runway can take you anywhere in the world”

Greyhound has “Leave the driving to us”

Rice Krispies has “Snap Crackle Pop” Which could fit us... 😊

The contes will be open through the February meeting.

Submissions will be put in an online poll to determine the winner.

Send entries to marct@ruby4us.com

Marc Tellevik



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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday – January 18

- ACRC Meeting-At CRCC

Saturday – January 27

- MARCEE Swap Meet

Saturday – February 3

- TCRC Annual Auction

Thursday – February 15

- ACRC Meeting-At CRCC

CRCC - Coon Rapids Civic Center

