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THE SEPTEMBER 18TH MEETING IS INDOORS AT CRCC!!

PRESIDENT'S CHATTER

SUMMER FLYING SEASON

Here it is September already. Indoor meetings is a sure sign of cold finger flying in the near future.

We did have a great Big Bird Fly and by the time you are reading this the Electric Fly will be in the rear view. Keep thinking about flying though because you can attend our Float Fly and our Fall Fly Out.

Keep in mind also we continue meeting every Wednesday morning at the field until October then indoors at the Andover community center attached to the Y on Hanson Blvd. 9 AM until about Noon.

I will be organizing indoor flying at the Blaine Sports center this year again and will keep you posted with times and dates as soon as they become available.

The road improvements are done and the bill has been paid. Mower blades have been replaced and thanks to our mowing crew and help from Mike we have a great looking flying site so let's get out and enjoy our hobby whilst the weather permits.

Jeff Slater

FROM THE VEEP

As I'm writing this, I'm thinking about the flying season coming to an end. Although it's supposed to be in the 80's and humid this weekend, the mornings have that fall feeling to them. As much as I am a self-proclaimed fair-weather flyer, I have said that I would try to fly at least once every month this year. So far, we're good, the weather in January and February behaved and allowed us to get a flight or two in each month.

I am also gearing up to do some indoor flying this year. Trying to keep the old thumbs from getting too rusty this winter. As many of you know, I had a stroke almost 2 years ago now. It left me with some left side deficits, which includes my left thumb. By far the best therapy has been getting out and exercising my left arm, and especially that throttle and rudder thumb.

Speaking of winter activities, the meetings move indoors as of September's meeting. I am hoping to see a larger turnout this winter. I know it can be a pain to get out and travel to a boring meeting, but this is your club, and the best way to make a difference is to be involved. Some say that better raffle prizes would entice more to attend, but I'm skeptical. Please, if you see me, let me know what you think. Also, speak up if you think we should incorporate some sort of instructional seminar/ building and finishing hints to the meetings. Nothing fancy, just a few minutes on what works for you and what doesn't.



Well, I have 10 airplanes that are in need of finishing, so it's off to the workshop for some building, covering, and assembly work. (I know, I need to thin the hangar. I'm addicted)

John DeVries

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

This is the last month of the current year membership. We have had one new member join us, moving the Membership Count to a round 90. Our renewed member is Dan Theide from Isanti. Welcome, Dan.

The monthly meeting did discuss the AMA requirement of taking the TRUST examination and having each member securing an FAA license as required by the AMA membership rules. If you were unable to make the last membership meeting, please review the minutes contained in the month's Newsletter for the outcome of that discussion.

Starting September 1st, all renewals will be valid for the remainder of 2025 and all of 2026, lapsing on 12/31/2026. If you are leaving Minnesota to winter elsewhere, please renew before leaving. Remember, we changed our bylaws and will be treating renewals after January 31, 2026 as new membership applications.

Happy Flying!

Earl Hendricks

EVENT COORDINATOR

Fall is just about upon us and events are frequent.

Electric Fly 9am Sept 13

Float Fly 10am Sept 20 @ Twin Lakes Park in Nowthen

Fall Flyout 10am Oct 4th

and Weather Permitting One last fun fly Oct 18

Let's get some flying in before the weather turns on us for the year!

Mike Reinert

Update: Online Membership Application Information

The online membership application form is active and ready for you to renew your 2026 ACRC membership.

It's quick, it's easy and it's almost painless... (You still need to pay your dues.)

And the extra \$3.00 saves you time and hassle of writing out a check, filling out the form, and having to mail it in. Think of the time savings...

Note:

One issue that I had with the renewal was that since the credit card I wanted to use was linked to a PayPal account, I had to use the "Log into PayPal" button before it would process the payment. If you have any issues, please contact me at marct@ruby4us.com.

Remember: You have until January 31st to renew at the current bargain basement price of \$78.00. We need renewals completed by then to establish our 2026 club budget.

Marc Tellevik

August (Big Bird) Fun Fly

The event schedule and weather impacted the August Fun Fly possibilities, so it was held during the Big Bird Fly In with some seven brave pilots entering their large aircraft into the foray. The events were as follows:

1. 5 attempts at a spot touch (only Cameron DeVries managed to score points on this one)
2. Take Off, Loop, Roll, Reverse, Loop, Roll, Reverse, Loop, Roll, Land for time.
3. Take Off, Five 360° Turns, Reverse, Five 360° Turns, Land for time.

It seems that the sensible events were chosen for the Big Bird planes (I mean who wouldn't want to see a Big Bird Limbo!) Final standings were Jeff Flander for first place, followed by Cameron DeVries, Gary Smith, Joe Boettcher, and Jeff Slater. John DeVries and Andy Smith also participated, but were unable to finish.

Written by Ryan Kontak
on behalf of Jeff Flander

A LOOK BACK

SEPTEMBER 2007

18 YEARS AGO

Al the Prez, reported the Electric Fly-in was a success, however his comments were only about the food.

No mention of participants or activities.

Al also had a string of bad luck losing 3 planes to receiver failures.

16 pilots participated in the Fun-Fly rain date. The events were timed 5 touch and go, egg drop, and limbo.

Membership is up to 96

A full page of Li-Poly battery basics was published.

SEPTEMBER 1997

28 YEARS AGO

Spence Minear lamented about how life gets in the way of recreation.

Bob Svare demonstrated how not to hand launch a foam plane by burying his thumb into the fuselage. Despite considerable "stick wiggling" the plane didn't survive.

Tim Karash had an elevator half separate in mid-flight on his Speedy Bee. High rates saved the day.

Arne Wall had his motor split in two during a flight. When he landed the tail-heavy plane, the muffler pressure line was holding the muffler, cylinder head, and piston. Everything else was MIA. A field FOD search was successful.

10 folks participated in the Fun-Fly

6 members brought Show and Tell items.

Mark Dubay drew up a scale rendering of our flying site including access paths over the drainage ditch.

If you understand the last statement, your hair is grey.

Tim Karash

ACRC MINUTES

Board members present:

Jeff Slater, Marc Tellevik, John DeVries, Cameron Devries, Earl Hendricks, Mike Reinert, Tim Karash.

9 Member present plus board

No Guests

Membership Report:

89 members to date

Treasurer's Report:

Income: \$180.00

Expenses: \$295.50

Safety Officer Report:

No issues

Event Coordinator:

July Fun-Fly was rained out

Big Bird Fly-In 8/23

Combat Event 9/6

Electric Fly-In 9/13

Float Fly 9/20

Fall Fly-Out 10/4

Training Report:

2 students in process

Old Business:

FAA numbers displayed on aircraft, as a club requirement, was discussed.

There is the possibility of a fine if your FAA number is not displayed on the exterior of the plane, however the possibility of a fine is very unlikely.

Any FAA fine would be to the individual, not club.

The Trust test is an FAA requirement. A copy of test completion must be available in print or electronic form during flight activities.

Following considerable discussion, a vote was held to not require displayed FAA ID numbers a club requirement at ACRC

Road into the field has been improved. A culvert that passes under the north/south portion of the road, was completely clogged courtesy of a family of beavers.

The clog restricted water flow and raised the level of the pond, and weakened the road surface.

ACRC agreed to pay half of road material costs of \$1200

New Business:

Mike, who works for Bobby Hoffman, has been mowing the ditch weeds back, chopping up the grass clippings with the giant mulching mower, and spread fertilizer on our grass areas.

Jeff Slater proposed a \$50 gift card for his services. Motion carried.

The Runway fund has been placed into a CD, to earn a higher interest rate than a normal savings account.

Show and Tell:

Ryan Kontak brought an Ultra Stick 25E, with floats, that he bought at an auction. The float mounting was scrutinized. Ryan is using a 32 sized motor.

Raffle:

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1) Goop E6000 glue | Cameron DeVries |
| 2) Magnet Tool | Andrew Smith |
| 3) Epoxy | Mike Reinert |
| 4) Xacto Blades | Ted sanders |
| 5) Steel rule | Lucky La Rose |
| 6) Steel Ruler | Eric ??? |
| 7) Steel Ruler | Tim Karash |

Submitted by Tim Karash



Editor's Ramblings

At the recent Big Bird Fly I was encountered by a significant amount of temptation in the form of a Sig 1/4 scale Piper J3 Cub. The spectacular model was built by the late Ed Chargo, and boy did he do a great job on it. Throughout the day I waffled on whether to take the yellow bird home with me, thinking that if I did there would be some significant amount of "feedback" from my wife. After an unhealthy amount of worrying, I told Jeff Slater (who was selling of some of the estate) that I would test-fit it in my Subaru to make sure I could haul it to-and-from the field (how many times have I fallen victim to the "will it fit" train of thought... well, three times to be specific.)

Needless to say, I brought the new Cub home that day, trying to decide which advice to follow: sneak it into the basement and claim "I've always had that one honey" (an unlikely chance of that one working), or simply beg for forgiveness. I improvised a different idea. I put the big plane together in our living room and finished it off with as big of a red bow as we had. The premise was that I had just done the shopping for my wife, since I have a birthday and Christmas coming up.



The new Cub with a bow for effect

I was still a bit anxious, but when my beloved got home, it took several moments before she noticed it. The couch and kitchen island were blocking it from her line of view. When I couldn't stand it anymore, I pointed it out to her, and I've got to say, she responded in quite a healthy way. She welcomed the new friend

to our home and was sad that I was so anxious about it. It had been a while since I brought a new plane home, this one is much closer to being ready to fly, and it really was a beautiful J3. My wife also said the red bow was a very good touch.

All in all, it turned out quite well. I needn't have stressed so much over my decision. I've already started inspecting the well-built aircraft and hope to maiden it this fall. The jury is still out on whether my yet unfinished Sig 1/6 scale Piper J3 Cub will be happy to have a new big brother, but I'm sure we'll all hear about it in November.

See you all at the club meeting, indoors at CRCC this month! Build season starts in October, so bring your ideas of what you plan to build this year.

Update: Right before posting this newsletter, I took a trip to the LHS and picked up some supplies for the new Cub. This included a 16 oz fuel tank upgrade (over the original 11 oz I pulled out of the nose) since I suspected the OS 90FS might drink more on an average flight, a new glow plug igniter with USB charger, and a new receiver with telemetry. I'm still considering whether I need a new LiFe receiver battery, or if the older NiMh cube that came with the plane will be sufficient and safe to use. I also already had some Rustoleum Golden Sunset Yellow paint, which I've been told will match the Cub Yellow covering well enough (the cowl paint color was a shade or two too light). I think I now have everything I need to get it up in the air this fall.

Ryan Kontak

Finally, just for the fun of it, here are a couple of old Fujifilm photos of my original Cub that my parents gave to me for Christmas back in the year 2000.



Look at that happy kid!



The cubby of space that I build the Cub in

Ryan Kontak

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday – September 13

- ACRC Electric Fly-in

Thursday – September 18

- ACRC Meeting-At CRCC

Saturday – September 20

- ACRC Float Fly

Saturday – October 4

- ACRC Fall Fly-out

CRCC - Coon Rapids Civic Center

