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THE NOVEMBER 20TH MEETING IS INDOORS AT CRCC!!

PRESIDENT'S CHATTER

END of a GREAT season of flying OR...

Just the beginning of the building season. I have a couple of projects planned for the winter. I will bring progress show-n-tells as I am looking forward to seeing all of yours as well.

I have scheduled some evening indoor flying for Nov and Dec and expect to schedule more times as they become available. Look at the web site to see current dates and upcoming dates.

As I write this, I am looking at the weekend weather hoping for reasonable weather to get in some fall flights.

An early reminder we will have our greet and eat meeting in December so plan on bringing your favorite savory or sweet treat to share. I will bring coffee.

See you all at the field or the meeting

Jeff Slater

FROM THE VEEP

Ah November, I am frequently looking at the weather app on my phone to determine when would be the best time to go flying. High of 53, no wind, 50 at noon. Noon it is. The myriad of projects in the shop and

garage will just have to wait another day. The 3D printer runs just about 24-7, or at least until I run out of the right filament again.

I would like to start a current projects corner where members can submit pics and a few notes about what they are currently working on. Let me know what you think.

We did have a few hardy souls out at the field on both the 1st and 4th of November. Great flying weather albeit a little windy. I'm the first to admit, I am a fair-weather flyer, but cool air makes for good running engines.

Pro tip: on gas engines, leave a little in the tank and run the engine dry. It makes spring start-up go just that much better. I remove all my batteries, charge the LiFe's fully and the LiPo's to their storage charge. I don't allow any batteries to freeze. They live in the basement in ammo boxes inside a concrete bunker made from concrete blocks and patio pavers. Most of the airplanes winter indoors, the ones that live in the garage do just fine. My garage, even with the heat off, rarely gets below freezing.

On a final note, Jeff Flander, we are all thinking about you and missing you at the field. Recovery is a long road, and you are just at the beginning. These things take time, patience, my friend. We'll see you at the field again soon.

John DeVries



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

This month increased to 95 members with the addition of two new members to the club. Please welcome Corey Strong from Blaine and Victor Suarez from Minneapolis. Both indicated they are just getting into the sport. Welcome Corey and Victor.

Since September 1, we have 24 signed up for the 2026 year. Our website now is taking renewals, gathering all the important information and linking with a convenient means to pay by credit card through PayPal.

As a new benefit, we are setting up a Google Group for ACRC members only called "ACRC Mingle". The purpose is for you to let other members know when you are doing something now that you want other members to know about. An example would be you decide that it looks like good flying weather and you are going to the field to fly. You think it would be nice to have some company so you post on the ACRC Mingle Group "I am going out to the field to fly at 3:00 this afternoon". This will give notice to everyone in the group that you are going out and when. If you receive such a message, you could respond "I will join you, see you there". However, no response is necessary.

This group will not replace Official Announcements which go to all members or posted in the newsletter.

This group is strictly voluntary. Each member will be added only after requesting to be added. I will be managing the group initially so if you want to be added, send me an email at escrunch007@gmail.com and just say "Add me to ACRC Mingle". To get off the listing after being added, just request "Take me off ACRC Mingle". If you do not request to be added, you will not be added.

When you join there will be further information on how we are going to operate this group. For anyone joining the group, I would love any suggestions as we ramp this up.

Safe Flying,

Earl Hendricks

EVENT COORDINATOR

Ladies and gents "Pick Your Winter Project November" is upon us. As such There isn't a whole lot to report for events. That being said, one major change coming next season needs to be discussed further at the November meeting and that is what to do with the monthly fun fly's. We do have a volunteer with an alternate backup offering to coordinate a weeknight fun fly rather than the weekend. If you have any suggestions or offerings, we would love to see you at the meeting on the 20th of this month at the Coon Rapids Civic Center at 7pm.

The December club meeting is on the 18th. One week before Christmas. Last year was a bit of a snow storm that day but those of us brave enough to come out had a great time. I hope to see more of you this year for coffee, cookies and other assorted Christmas Sweets.

Plan ahead for the annual freeze fly on January 1st at the field. There will be a charcoal fire, homemade chili and great fellowship plus whatever other goodies you all bring.

Also, there are a few Dates and times for indoor flying:
Friday Nov 21st 9pm to 11pm at the National Sports Dome in Blaine.

Wednesday Dec 3rd 9pm to 11pm at the National Sports Hall in Blaine.

Friday Dec 19th 9pm to 11pm at the National Sports Dome in Blaine.

Mike Reinert

A LOOK BACK

NOVEMBER 2007

18 YEARS AGO

Field safety reminders from the Prez and Safety officer regarding hand launchings and landings between the pilot stations and the runway.

Both of these are listed as "No-No" procedures in the club safety rules.

The lack of use of plane restraints (this means electric too) and fire extinguishers were also mentioned.

Kevin Carlson reminded everyone to give your planes a good "Once Over" before putting them to rest for the winter.

Slow Survivable Combat events were agreed upon using .15 size glow engines. Eric Castrodale brought a sample SSC plane called "Ripper"

10 pilots participated in the three Fun-Fly events

NOVEMBER 1997

28 YEARS AGO

Outgoing president, Spence Minear, expressed his gratitude to all members who make our club successful. From groundskeeping to event coordination, all help is appreciated.

The board met with Bobby Hoffman to finalize a major field improvement, moving the ditch between the pit area and the runway.

Spence Minear recapped his not-so-successful flights with a plans-built canard designed by Bill Winters, named QED. The first flight resulted in an immediate nose first crash. After rebuilding the fuselage and forewing, he stepped up the power from an OS 25 to a Magnum 36. This combo got the plane airborne, and after a half dozen flights, Spence tried some basic aerobatics. The plane had other ideas, as it would snap out at the top of a simple loop. Recovery from the snap was slow and scary, but he was able to land it safely.

Tim Karash

ACRC MINUTES

Board members present:

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

2 Member present plus board

No guests

Membership Report:

93 members

Treasurer's Report:

Income: \$1134.00

Expenses: \$573.00

Safety Officer Report:

No concerns

A suggestion was made to have Lipo battery disposal / recycling container at the field for damaged batteries. No decision was made.

Event Coordinator:

Freeze-Fly on January 1st

Training Report:

Done for the season

Old Business:

Porta Potty to be removed at the end of October, and brought back in April 2026

The 2026 Officer names and email address need updates on newsletter

New Business:

Calendar fundraiser. Unfortunately, the cost of the calendars has risen significantly, which makes the sale price of \$25 a difficult request. ACRC will discontinue the sale.

Our monthly Fun-Fly participation has dropped off over the years, despite being a "relaxed competitive" event. A suggestion was made to make the Fun-Fly as a single scheduled event, rather than monthly.

Tabled pending further discussion.

The December meeting will have a "Christmas Treat" potluck. Spousal units are welcome.

Indoor flying dates TBD

Show and Tell:

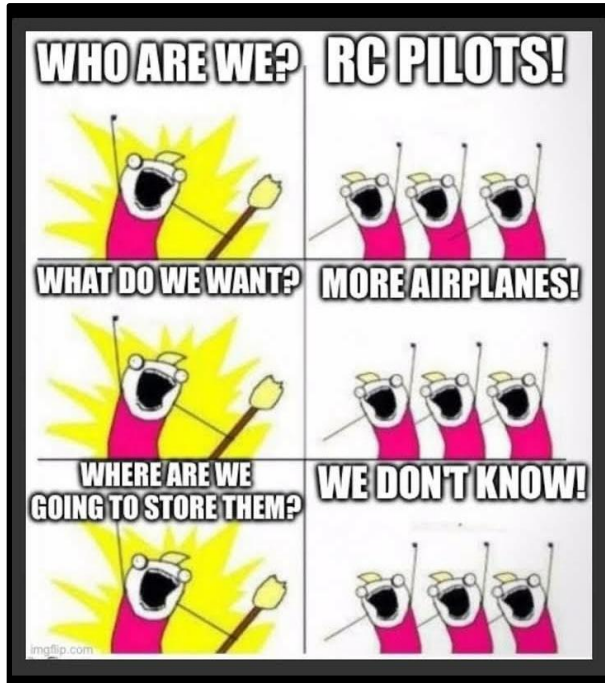
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Raffle:

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| 1) ammo can | Gary Smith |
| 2) super glue sign | Mike Reinert |
| 3) TX stand | Earl Hendricks |
| 4) epoxy cups | Tim Karash |
| 5) clamps | Tim Karash |
| 6) gorilla tape | Marc Tellevik |

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| 7) Air plane | Jeff Slater |
| 8) Cell mate | Virgil Okeson |
| 9) ruler | Cameron DeVries |

Submitted by Tim Karash



CLUB JACKETS

We will be taking names of people interested in purchasing club jackets, either lightweight or winter versions. Samples of both will be at the November meeting. Pricing for the jackets will be dependent on how many orders we get. Sign up on the list at the meeting or contact Marc Tellevik or Jeff Slater.

Also, if you have a jacket already, wear it to the meeting for others to see.

Marc Tellevik

Editor's J3's Ramblings

Hi again, it's me, Ryan's Piper J3 Cub. It is hard to believe that another year has gone by and it is November again, which is Ryan's birthday month, so he gets to take a break while I write the newsletter article. Not much has changed for me personally in the last year, though Ryan did finally repair my left wingtip, which had a water bottle dropped on it a few years ago. It is also up in the air whether I will get a

wet fuel power plant or stick with electric. Ryan acquired an Astro Flight brushed motor/esc combo that might end up in my nose. It may be fitting that I get an old school electric power plant (since I am now a solid quarter century old). I hope you all enjoyed my baby picture in the September newsletter; all snuggled in my original kit box.



J3 Cub with Astro Flight motor, et al.

Speaking of the September Servo Chatter, you may all know by now that I have a new big brother J3! I'm still trying to decide how I feel about this, as the big guy is much closer to being flight ready than I am, but it is nice to have another Cub around.

Ryan has been in a bit of a funk this last month or so. He barely got down into the shop to build anything during October, the AMA build month. It didn't help that he had to go to Alabama for a week. Still, he worries too much about when or whether he will finish all of us who are half-built or in kit form down here in the hangar. I have to remind him that it is a hobby, not an occupation, for him.

As I am writing this, Ryan just came home from a trip to Rockler where he went to spend a birthday gift card, and I was glad to see as smile on his face as he brought down the silicone glue tray and brushes that he picked out. Yikes, it seems I'm running out of room to ramble! I'll write to you all in another year, and maybe, just maybe I'll be closer to flight ready. Have a happy building season this year! Over and out.

Ryan's J3 Cub (the original one)

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday – November 20

- ACRC Meeting-At CRCC

Friday – November 21

- Indoor Flying in the Dome

Wednesday – December 3

- Indoor Flying in the Hall

Thursday – December 18

- ACRC Meeting-At CRCC

Friday – December 19

- Indoor Flying in the Dome

Thursday – January 1

- ACRC Freeze Fly

Dome – Blaine National Sports Dome
Hall – Blaine National Sports Hall
CRCC - Coon Rapids Civic Center

