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THE MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, AT RIVERWIND!!!

PRESIDENT'S CHATTER

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great Christmas! Maybe there are some new projects to start, or projects that can be finished now. Our annual "Freeze Fly" turn out was good; there were eight of us braving the winds with a temperature of 21 degrees. It was good to see planes in the air and pilots having fun. We will have photos from the Freeze Fly on our clubs website shortly.

As a reminder, Jack Overbaugh's estate has been photographed and each aircraft identified for the up coming silent auction at the MARCEE Swap Meet Saturday January 24th 2009. Please follow the link at our ACRC website or ACRC Forums to view each item to be auctioned.

See you at the field

Erik Castrodale

ACRC AT LARGE

The purpose of ACRC At Large is to raise awareness of RC flight as a hobby, to inform people about our club, and to recruit new members as well as spectators. Eric, Dan and I have outlined a plan for 2009, which includes:

- Advertisements in local newspapers beginning in March
- Placement and additions to the signs along highway 65
- Participation in the RCX games in Cambridge
- Exploring opportunities to demonstrate RC flight at off-field, non-ACRC events

- Joint events with other clubs and inviting other clubs to our events
- Creation of a brochure for wide-spread distribution
- Exploring the possibility of airing a couple radio spots during the summer.

We've begun executing this plan and will continue to develop, refine and adapt it throughout the year. This effort is a compilation of ideas expressed by a number of different club members at club meetings as well as at the field. I ask one thing of all club members; if you have any ideas for something that might contribute to this effort, or know ways to improve existing ideas, please email them to me at Phil@Vaughn.org. Any input or feedback from any club member is greatly appreciated because I'm certainly not smart enough to think of all this stuff on my own. :)

Phil Vaughn

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NAME THE PLANE

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7 P.M.

28 members present.

Board Reports:

* Vice President: Dan Thiede reviewed the prizes for the evenings raffle along with the plane that would be offered in the silent auction.

* Membership: Stan Zdon reports that membership renewal is well underway.

* Events: Andy Noll reminded everyone about the Freeze Fly January 1 at 10 AM. Hopefully we will be able to get the road plowed like last year.

* Treasurer: Jake Groetsch reports that the club ended the year in good shape. The club saved quite a bit in postage by changing the newsletter to an electronic (PDF) format.

Old Business:

* The club is looking for its scrapbook. If anyone knows the whereabouts please let one of the board know.

* The B Dale Swap Meet will be on January 17 between 9 AM and 1 PM.

* The MARCEE Swap Meet will be on January 24 and ACRC will have a table there. Check out the Web site for pictures of the electric planes that will be offered.

New business:

* Phil Vaughn is our new "Member At Large" whose mission it will be to promote the club. He showed us a very nice 3-fold flyer that can be used to advertise the club. There was also discussion about putting an ad in the Shopper and other community papers when the flying season approaches.

* There is a new club in town. 3rd Dimension Radio Control that is flying at a field in Nowthen. The club's main interests are 3D IMAC and Helicopter. Check out their Web site at:

www.3DRCMN.com

* June 16 set for the Pattern Contest. Sportsman, Intermediate & Expert Events.

* July 11 set for Fun Scale. There will be an unsanctioned intermediate event along with the usual Sportsman & Expert.

Show and Tell:

* Al Spearbecker and Dale Anderson brought in their Q-Tees that they built up from a Lazer-Works partial kit. See www.lazer-works.com for more information about the kit. Al added aluminum landing gear and powered his unit with a HiMax 850KV motor & 2 cell LiPo battery. Bruce Nelson covering was used and the weight came in at 1-1/4 lbs. Dale's unit is powered by a Rimfire with a 3-cell LiPo battery. Control is motor, elevator & rudder. These planes looked great and we are anxious to see them fly in the spring.

* Darrin Bitzer brought in a fully framed Top Flight P47. He will glass and paint the frame and possibly power with a new Saito 4 stroke.

* Jason Proffit brought a Sportsman Aviation Ryan. He added carbon struts and made custom landing gear for the unit that turned out great. It is powered by an OS40SA with a weight of 4 1/2 lbs.

Raffle:

1st	Dale Anderson	Tower Fun Fly 51
2nd	Steve Ulrich	Extra 260
3rd	Dale Anderson	Real Flight Expansion
4th	Al Spearbecker	Contour sanding form
5th	Eric Castrodale	Razor saw
6th	Andy Noll	Box of balsa
7th	Al Spearbecker	King Kong Hobbies - \$10
8th	Darrin Bitzer	Heat gun
9th	Jeff Slater	Assorted LiPo batteries
10th	Andy Noll	CG jig
11th	Gary Titus	Covering iron
12th	Matt Campson	Assorted Props
13th	Jeff Slater	Trim cutter

Steve Ulrich



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

SEASONS GREETINGS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

The Freeze-Fly is over and although there were fliers at the field New Year's Day, I did not make it. I'll have to get out to the field later this month to get a start on year 14 of flying each month. If you qualify for an All Season Flier patch let me know at the January or February meeting. The club pays for the patch for the first year and the member pays for each additional year.

This is the last month that you can rejoin for the regular \$50.00 dues. Membership applications were included with the November and December newsletters. Members that read the newsletter online can download a membership application from the website. After January 31 a \$5.00 late fee will be added to your dues. This will also be the last newsletter that you will receive because it is part of last year's membership. If you don't want to miss any of the newsletters, be sure you renew on or before January 31. If you don't have your AMA by the end of January you can send me your application and dues and I will mail you your ACRC membership card when you verify your AMA.

Anoka County R/C, St. Paul R/C and the other clubs in the area are working on their 2009 calendars. ACRC will be having a Fly-In in May, a Pattern Contest in June and a Fun Scale Contest in July. The Fall Fly-Out will be repeated since the previous events were very successful. A complete listing of 2009 events and their dates will be published in future newsletters and are also available online.

Some aviation websites that you may find interesting:

1). www.enginehistory.org has a tremendous historical take on full-size aircraft engine development. Also a lot on rocket engine development.

2). www.zenoswarbirdvideos.com has a lot of warbird information and each month features 3 or

4 new free video downloads on some aspect of flying combat planes.

3). www.modelengineneeds.org is a website put up by an Australian professor that has a lot of information on small engines. Especially interesting is the info on his machining techniques for construction of replica model engines.

4) www.corsair82.com is a website by a "real" modeler showing his methods of designing and building a 82 % Corsair. His building sequence pictures and in a lot of cases, redesigning and rebuilding pictures really show an exceptional amount of patience... and a lot of expense!

SWAP MEET AND AUCTION:

MAAC SWAP MEET – The MAAC swap meet will be January 17 at the B-Dale Club located at 2100 North Dale Street. This is 1/2 mile south of Hwy 36 on Dale. Buying or Selling, admission is \$5.00.

The TCRC auction will be on Saturday, February 7, at Cross Point Church on 98th and France Avenue South in Bloomington. This is a new location this year. Registration starts at 8:00AM and the auction starts at 10:00AM. Go to the TCRC website for more information:

<http://www.tcrconline.com>

Sky Hobbies and Hobby Warehouse will be at both events to take your hard earned money.

The next meeting will be at Riverwind at 7:00 PM on January 15.

Stan Zdon



FIELD SAFETY

Hello, I would like to wish a Happy New Year to all, and thank the membership for giving me the opportunity to serve on the Board again. As your Safety Officer my goal is to help ensure that our hobby is safe and enjoyable for all.

Safety is a responsibility for all who participate in our great hobby, and I would like to ask for everyone's help. Would you please take the time to review the safety procedures outlined for our club, some of these have been modified in recent years, so it is good to review them each year.

I believe that the membership of ACRC is committed to safety, and this commitment makes our Club one of the safest and enjoyable around.

Fly Safely

Mike Dorff

HISTORY 101

From the Valley City R/C Club, Inc., Medina Ohio

Story Number One

Many years ago, Al Capone virtually owned Chicago. Capone wasn't famous for anything heroic. He was notorious for enmeshing the windy city in everything from bootlegged booze and prostitution to murder.

Capone had a lawyer nicknamed "Easy Eddie." He was his lawyer for a good reason—Eddie was very good! In fact, Eddie's skill at legal maneuvering kept Big Al out of jail for a long time. To show his appreciation, Capone paid him very well. Not only was the money big, but Eddie got special dividends also. For instance, he and his family occupied a fenced-in mansion with live-in help and all of the conveniences of the day. The estate was so large that it filled an entire Chicago city block.

Eddie lived the high life of the Chicago mob and gave little consideration to the atrocities that went on around him. Eddie did have one soft spot however. He had a son that he loved dearly.

Eddie saw to it that his young son had the best of everything: clothes, cars, and a good education. Nothing was withheld. Price was no object.

Despite his involvement with organized crime, Eddie even tried to teach him right from wrong. Eddie wanted his son to be a better man than he was. Yet, with all his wealth and influence, there were two things he couldn't pass on to his son, a good name and a good example.

One day, Easy Eddie reached a difficult decision. Easy Eddie wanted to rectify the wrongs he had done. He decided he would go to the authorities and tell the truth about Al "Scarface" Capone, clean up his tarnished name and offer his son some semblance of integrity. To do this, he would have to testify against the mob, and he knew that the cost would be great. So, he testified. Within the year, Easy Eddie's life ended in a blaze of gunfire on a lonely Chicago street. But in his eyes, he had given his son the greatest gift he had to offer; at the greatest price he would ever pay.

Story Number Two

World War II produced a number of heroes. One such man was Lieutenant Commander Butch O'Hare. He was a fighter pilot assigned to the aircraft carrier Lexington in the South Pacific.

One day his entire squadron was sent on a mission. After he was airborne, he looked at his fuel gauge and realized that someone had forgotten to top off his fuel tank. He would not have enough fuel to complete his mission and get back to his ship. His flight leader told him to return to the carrier. Reluctantly, he dropped out of formation and headed back to the fleet.

As he was returning to the mother ship he saw something that turned his blood cold. A squadron of Japanese aircraft was speeding its way toward the American fleet. The American fighters were gone on a sortie, and the fleet was defenseless. He couldn't reach his squadron and bring them

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back in time to save the fleet. Nor could he warn the fleet of the approaching danger. There was only one thing to do. He must somehow divert them from the fleet.

Laying aside all thoughts of personal safety, he dove into the formation of Japanese airplanes. Wing-mounted .50 calibers blazed as he charged in, attacking one surprised enemy airplane and then another. Butch wove in and out of the now broken formation and fired at as many airplanes as possible until all his ammunition was finally spent. Undaunted, he continued the assault. He dove at the airplanes, trying to clip a wing or tail in hopes of damaging as many enemy airplanes as possible and rendering them unfit to fly. Finally, the exasperated Japanese squadron took off in another direction.

Deeply relieved, Butch O'Hare and his tattered fighter limped back to the carrier. Upon arrival he reported in and related the event surrounding his return. The film from the gun-camera mounted on his airplane told the tale. It showed the extent of Butch's daring attempt to protect his fleet. He had in fact destroyed five enemy aircraft. This took place on February 20, 1942, and for that action Butch became the Navy's first Ace of World War II, and the first naval aviator to win the Congressional Medal of Honor. A year later, Butch was killed in aerial combat at the age of 29.

His hometown would not allow the memory of this WW II hero to fade, and today, O'Hare Airport in Chicago is named in tribute to the courage of this great man. So the next time you find yourself at O'Hare international, give some thought to visiting Butch's memorial displaying his statue and his Medal of Honor. It's located between Terminals 1 and 2.

So what do these two stories have to do with each other?

Butch O'Hare was Easy Eddie's son.

NORWEGIAN MATH TEST

A Norwegian fella wants a job, but the foreman won't hire him until he passes a little math test.

Here is your first question, the foreman said. "Without using numbers, represent the number 9."

"Without numbers?" The Norwegian says, "Dat's easy." and proceeds to draw three trees.

"What's this?" the boss asks.

"Vot! You got no brain? Tree and tree and tree make nine," says the Norwegian.

"Fair enough," says the boss. "Here's your second question. Use the same rules, but this time the number is 99."

The Norwegian stares into space for a while, then picks up the picture that he has just drawn and makes a smudge on each tree. "Dar ya go."

The boss scratches his head and says, "How on earth do you get that to represent 99?"

"Each of da trees is dirty now. So, it's dirty tree, and dirty tree, and dirty tree. Dat is 99."

The boss is getting worried that he's going to actually have to hire this Norwegian, so he says, "All right, last question."

Same rules again, but represent the number 100."

The Norwegian fella stares into space some more, then he picks up the picture again and makes a little mark at the base of each tree and says, "Dar ya go. Von hundred."

The boss looks at the attempt. "You must be nuts if you think that represents a hundred!"

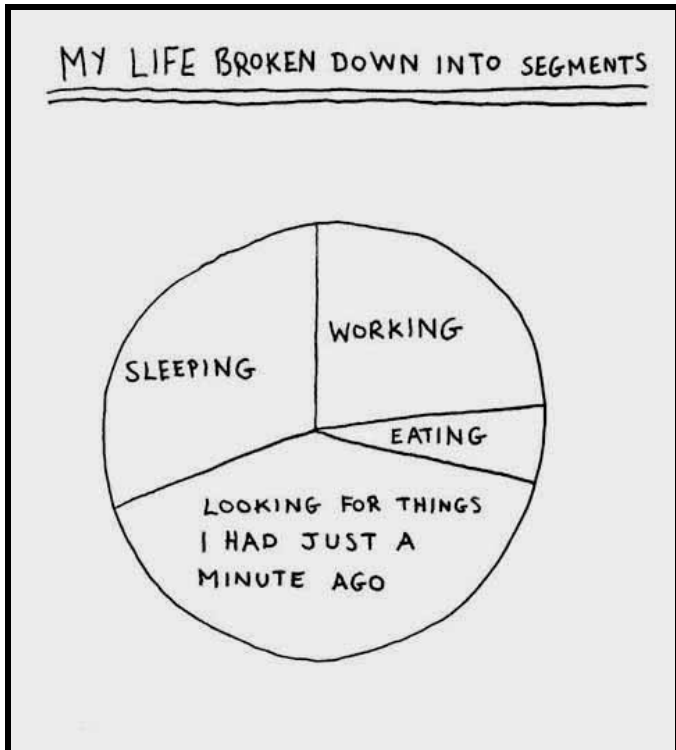
The Norwegian leans forward and points to the marks at the base of each tree and says, "A little dog come along and pooped by each tree. So now you got dirty tree and a turd, dirty tree and a turd, and dirty tree and a turd, vich makes von hundred."

"So, ven do I start?"



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Deadline for the next newsletter is: February 1, 2009

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday – January 15, 2009

- ACRC Club Meeting

Saturday – January 17, 2009

- MAAC Swap Meet

Saturday – January 24, 2009

- MARCEE Swap Meet

Saturday – February 7, 2009

- TCRC Auction

Thursday – February 19, 2009

- ACRC Club Meeting



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