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THE FEBRUARY 19TH MEETING IS INDOORS AT CRCC!!

PRESIDENT'S CHATTER

IS IT SPRING YET?

With no snow left and temps near 50, I think we may be led to believe that! BUT, then there is March and April to go yet and just maybe I won't put the skis away just yet.

I have spent most of this month trying to organize my shop I.E. getting things ready for swap meets and auctions. I did take a couple of truck loads out but it seems I could still empty the hanger a bit more. Thank goodness there is still the Duluth auction the end of the month.

Just a reminder, look at the web site and or face book for new indoor flying dates at the National Sports Dome in Blaine.

We are building Combat planes 5:00 PM before the monthly meeting both FEB and MAR.

I put new applications on the control board the last time I was at the field. Everyone joining weather a new member or past member after January will be joining as a new member.

I will be bringing skis and floats to the meeting for sale if anyone is interested in some late winter snow flying or prepping for our May Float Fly.

Hope to see you flying or at the meeting.

Jeff Slater



Covering the Stinson

FROM THE VEEP

Choosing the Right Glue for your RC Projects
Tips and Recommendations from the Workshop

When it comes to building and repairing radio control models, selecting the right glue can make all the



difference. Whether you're assembling a new airplane, fixing a cracked fuselage, or securing electronics, understanding the strengths and uses of different adhesives is essential for both performance and durability.

CA (Cyanoacrylate) Glue: Often referred to as "super glue," CA is the go-to adhesive for most quick fixes and model assembly tasks. It bonds rapidly and works well with plastics, wood, and even some metals. Thin CA is perfect for tight-fitting joints, while medium and thick formulations offer more working time and gap-filling ability. My personal favorites are the Starbond line available at Amazon.

Epoxy: For jobs requiring maximum strength, epoxy is my go-to. Available in various curing times (from 5 minutes up to several hours), epoxies create strong, durable bonds on wood, fiberglass, and metal. They're ideal for structural repairs and areas exposed to vibration or stress. Again, right now my favorite is Starbond. Also, you cannot find a tougher epoxy than the Devcon line. Available everywhere, you simply cannot get tougher epoxy. Some products boast a 3900psi strength, which is 2-3 times what the average 5-minute epoxy can claim.

Polyurethane Glue: This glue expands as it cures, filling gaps and providing a strong bond. It's especially useful for wood-to-wood joints but requires careful application to avoid excess foaming. Remember to clamp parts while curing for the best results. You guessed it, Amazon has a very good wood glue line. The Kraken brand is my favorite. The T3 is a white wood glue that dries clear. And T4 is a polyurethane foaming glue dries white and is waterproof. T4 is not water clean-up. Isopropyl alcohol is the ticket.

Each glue has its pros and cons, so always read the instructions and test on scrap material if you're unsure. Keep safety in mind: work in a well-ventilated area, wear gloves, and avoid skin contact. If you have questions, drop by the next club meeting or ask an experienced member for advice!

Happy flying and building!

John DeVries

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The final tally for renewals is in for the 2026 year. As of January 31st, we have active 82 members, with 76 renewals and 6 new members from September 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026. We have 15 members from last year who have not yet renewed. They may come in later in the year but at the new member fee.

We have two new members this month, Thomas Hensch from Isanti and Tom Stratton from Roseville. Welcome to ACRC.

I have processed all renewal cards received and processed by January 31, 2026 except for our new members (sorry, working on some processing changes). If you renewed and have not received your 2026 membership card, please let me know by email.

NOTE: Paper form renewals mailed to me will no longer need a return envelope. Also, do NOT include your AMA CARD, just note the number on the application. The AMA Card is required to be attached to the flying board at the field, so hang onto it.

Safe Flying,

Earl Hendricks

EVENT COORDINATOR

All is quiet on the event front so this will be short.

It was an excellent day of flying 2/14. 51 degrees outside and not a cloud in the sky. 6 flyers showed up including a guest and prospective member who got a flight in with his nephew and a micro F/A-18. Plenty of melting and puddles you could sink up to your ankle in. It was Awesome!

Mike Reinert

A LOOK BACK

FEBRUARY 2008

18 YEARS AGO

At the prez, reminisced about the early days of R/C flight. Where transmitters weighed nearly 10 pounds and the battery was on the ground. All of that just to

move a single control surface. Airplane plans were not just used as an assembly guide, but they were parts cut-out templates.

Steve Ulrich suggested a club build project. Some suggestions were SIG 4 Star 40, Lanier Stinger, or a Slow Survivable Combat Battle Axe. Sounds familiar, eh?

Several pictures from the Freeze-Fly were posted. The most interesting was the shot of a dashboard thermometer reading -2 degrees.

A full page of "You too may be a redneck pilot" quips were printed.

Some of my favorites are:

- Your stall warning plays Dixie.
- You use a Purina feed sack for a wind sock.
- Your airplane has exhaust residue on the right-side, and tobacco stains on the left-side.

FEBRUARY 1998

28 YEARS AGO

On January 31st, the board convened at the field to examine the ditch relocation project progress. Unfortunately, the ground had frozen extremely hard where the access road crossed the north/south drainage ditch, west of the field. This was to cause much consternation, and expense. An entire page was printed listing the problems and possible solutions.

The board also voted to host the Minnesota Big Gas Birds Fly-In, scheduled for August 15th.

The new frequency board is finished, and will be hung in the spring. Thanks Mark.

Mike Dorff reported 30 brave souls attended the January Freeze-Fly.

8 events were placed on the calendar for the '98 flying season, plus the monthly Fun-Fly events.

The club fuel order form was added to the newsletter. \$9.89 a gallon for Omega 10%. Ah yes. Those were the days...

Tim Karash

ACRC MINUTES

Board members present:

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

8 Member present plus board

No guests

Membership Report:

63 members signed up for '26

Treasurer's Report:

Income: \$1226.00

Expenses: \$100.00

Safety Officer Report:

One report of an in-home drone vs. hair incident

Event Coordinator:

All scheduled events have been sanctioned.

Landing fee will be set to \$10 exception of electric fly-in will be \$15.

Training Report:

Not happening at the moment.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Swap meets and auctions through the winter months

An ACRC summer event schedule will be created and published on our Facebook page.

A "QR" code will be created, placed on event flyers, and at the field, for quick access to our website information.

Jeff Slater proposed spending more on raffle prizes for events. A max amount of \$400 for prizes for each event. 2nd by Earl Hendricks motion carried

February and March meetings will start 2 hours earlier for combat aircraft building.

Show and Tell:

John DeVries brought a large jet pilot bust that he 3D printed it in PETG. Highly detailed

Ryan Kontak brought a NIB COMO 40 engine to be installed on Old School Model Works Javelin. Ryan is

building from just the plans and he will use CORTEX style material.

Marshall Mills gave a presentation on Bloody Baron style combat R/C airplanes. They are made of foam sheets, covered with shipping tape.

A low temp (80 Watt) glue gun is recommended as too much heat melts tape.

Oracal covering works well for markings.

He also showed a 2X version

Ted Sander recommends Oracal 651 from Amazon. The low temp adhesive works well with the foam material. www.orafolamericas.com

Raffle:

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| 1) Foam glue | Earl Hendricks |
| 2) Super glue sign | Scott Oleson |
| 3) HD shears | Ted sanders |
| 4) CA Accelerator | Jeff slater |
| 5) Wood filler | Ted sanders |
| 6) Glue Caddie | Tim Karash |
| 7) Foam tack Glue | Marc Tellevik |

Submitted by Tim Karash

TREASURER’S REPORT

Jackets ordered will be ready for me to pick up around the 26th of February. Distribution will follow.

Marc Tellevik

Streamer Combat Update

As mentioned last month we are going to start a build session two hours prior to the monthly club meeting in February and March. I currently have a texting group that was dedicated to the SPMRC club that worked well to contact only combat members in the club. I plan to start a Combat group in my phone for ACRC members soon and am looking for anyone interested in joining that group. I use it mostly for popup combat sessions at the field or just updates to the combat members only.

If I get more than four interested, I will start that group and can add more later this year. For now, let one of

your board members know that you are interested in joining this dedicated texting group and give them your number. I will update the Combat Texting group when notified by one of your board members.

Marshall Mills

Editor’s Ramblings

I finally got in my first flight of 2026 on Valentine’s Day. I would have normally done this on January 1st at the Freeze Fly, but I was grounded by a bad cold. The weather was a lovely 51 degrees and I got to bring my beautiful Valentine with me to the field. She enjoyed soaking up the warm sunshine, while I got in those first flights. One was a maiden for my Ultra Stick 25e on floats. I was glad to see some patches of snow to use, and now I can say it is ready for the Float Fly in May. Take-off was a bit nerve racking due to being out of trim, but a few laps around the field and I had it trimmed out and was quite pleased with how it flew. Roll rate was impressive, even with the floats. I did forget one thing, and I will use this opportunity to remind you all to do a range test for any new or recently repaired aircraft. I was fortunate to not find out the hard way what can happen with limited radio range.

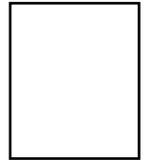


I also brought along my Buzzard Bombshell old timer. After a few spin outs when the wheels hit the snow, I remembered that my rudder is programmed on the aileron channel, and I was able to stick to the grass patches. It was a nice leisurely flight, as is bound to happen with this plane. On landing, I aimed well enough to hit another patch of grass. I also managed to blow some of the cobwebs off of its landing gear with the prop wash. All said, it was a good couple of flights to get my feet wet for the new year.

Ryan Kontak

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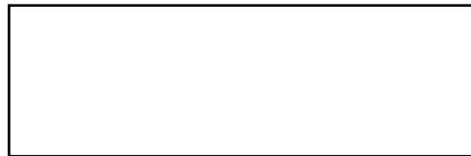


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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday – February 19

- ACRC Meeting-At CRCC

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- ACRC Meeting-At CRCC

Thursday – April 16

- ACRC Meeting-At CRCC

Saturday – May 2

- ACRC Float Fly

Saturday – May 16

- ACRC Spring Fly-In

Thursday – May 21

- ACRC Meeting-At the Field

Dome – Blaine National Sports Dome

Hall – Blaine National Sports Hall

CRCC - Coon Rapids Civic Center

