



ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS CHARTERED CLUB #1255

## *SERVO CHATTER*

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***THE MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup> MEETING IS INDOORS AT CRCC!!***

### **PRESIDENT'S CHATTER**

#### **WHAT CAN I SAY?**

Last month I was commenting on the nice spring weather we were experiencing. Now today I am watching it snow. I am glad I didn't take the skis off the CAP 232.

During the warm weather we had I did get some painting done on my Stinson.



The painted Stinson fuselage

For those that were asking the Stinson is a SR9 RELIANT ¼ scale designed and drawn by Dick Barron.

There are still a couple more indoor flying sessions at the sports dome. Check out the dates on FB or our web site.

I am busy getting planes inspected and ready for spring flying including our float fly and spring fly in.

Hoping to see you all at the meeting. Remember we have another build session for combat planes at 5:00 before the 7:00 meeting.

Jeff Slater

### **FROM THE VEEP**

#### **RC Airplanes: Powered By Batteries and Optimism**

Every RC airplane flight begins the same way: with confidence that is wildly out of proportion to skill level.

You line up on the runway, gently apply throttle, and think, "This is going to be a great flight." And for about 10 seconds, it is. The plane climbs beautifully, the turn is smooth, and you briefly consider giving lessons.

Then reality sets in.

RC airplanes are excellent teachers of humility. They respond instantly to bad decisions, questionable wind judgements, and that one extra click of elevator trim you absolutely didn't need. Landings range from "butter" to "well it's technically in one piece."

But that's the fun. When the flight goes well, nobody cares. When it doesn't, nobody forgets. If it was easy, it wouldn't be a challenge. It's "fun" to have your landings rated by the Smiths. Although I think the scale should be 1 to 10, not -8 to 2.



So, we keep trying. Striving for that perfect flight. That's why we keep coming back. Because at the moment the wheels leave the ground, we think, "This time, I've got it." And looking at the 10-day forecast several times a day, wishing that spring would come early.

So far this year, I have 15 flights in. Ranging from 4 minutes to 30 minutes in length. This doesn't include the one day that I forgot my transmitter at home. Don't laugh, we've all done it.

See you at the field.

John DeVries

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

This month has been very quiet on the Membership front. Our head count remains at 82. Hopefully, with the coming spring weather and the airfield becoming better for flying, the membership will pick up some of our members who are waiting for spring.

If you are coming late to the party of renewing membership, we no longer require a return envelope for your membership card.

Wishing for warmer weather.

Earl Hendricks

## EVENT COORDINATOR

As spring approaches so does a mid-March snow storm... shucks... But on the bright side we are hard at work setting the details for our float fly which will be opening the ACRC flying season. Saturday May 2nd. More details to come. So, blow the dust off that old float plane or put floats on a faithful favorite and join us for a unique and fun flying experience.

Mike Reinert

## A LOOK BACK

### MARCH 2008

18 YEARS AGO

Ham Lake and East Bethel have been talking about a sewage treatment plant near our field. They are trying to encourage larger businesses to move into our area.

**Ed Note:** A water treatment plant was built, west of Hiway 65, just south of the theater.

Safety Officer Kevin Carlson, reminds everyone to thoroughly inspect all portions of your aircraft fleet. The electronics components deserve special attention.

10 club members were listed as training instructors

78 members have signed up for the 2008 season.

An informative article regarding windy weather flying was published. It discussed airplane design features that give you the best flying characteristics in windy conditions.

The list of topics discussed were: Size, Dihedral, Wing Loading, Aspect Ratio, Power, Lateral Control, Landing Gear, and Wing Mounting Location.

The 2008 fuel order from King Kong Hobbies listed Cool Power 10% at \$12.49 a gallon. Sigh....

### MARCH 1998

28 YEARS AGO

The ditch relocation project has been completed; however, it drained our bank account to nearly zero. Fortunately, Lifetime memberships kept us afloat, plus the overall bill came in a bit less than the mid-construction estimate. Deeper than planned ditches and an additional culvert drove the price up.

Eric Malkerson donated a box of "spinner prop nuts" that he manufactures. All proceeds go to the club to replenish the treasury.

13 pilots braved the February weather for the Fun-Fly.

It seems Show & Tell participants had speed in mind. A Lanier Shrike with a 15 up front, a Quicky 500 with an Enya 30, and a Sig Wonder with a K&B 21.

Tim Karash

## ACRC MINUTES

### Board members present:

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

13 Member present plus board

No guests

### Membership Report:

82 Members as of 1/31/26

### Treasurer's Report:

Income: \$2980.54

Expenses: \$1622.04

### Safety Officer Report:

"No taxi in the pit area" said a member who caught himself doing it.

ACRC Safety Rule #10 explains this in detail.

### Event Coordinator:

Food costs for scheduled events were discussed.

### Training Report:

None

### Old Business:

Jacket order will be in prior to the next meeting.

ACRC AMA charter has been renewed.

### New Business:

John DeVries asked if an additional windsock could be placed near the tractor parking area, to the east of our grass runway.

A motion was made by John DeVries to install a windsock on the field. to the east, near the irrigation well head. Motion second by Michael Reinert. Motion carried.

Existing windsocks will be replaced in the spring.

Cameron DeVries will take over social media posting for the club.

### Show and Tell:

Michael Reinert brought a homemade helping hands soldering jig. The heavy iron base keeps things steady, and multiple bendable arms hold the wires.

John DeVries brought a 3D printed aircraft CG balance stand

Jeff Slater brought 2 Model Airplane magazine from 1958, and a Flight Training handbook from 1954

Jeff also brought a "Midget" single-stick transmitter from back in the day. He is hoping to adapt the gimbal to a modern radio to help handicapped pilots get back in the air.

### Raffle:

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|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1) Tie wraps          | Larry Dingman   |
| 2) Heat-shrink tubing | Larry Dingman   |
| 3) Parts tray         | Jeff Slater     |
| 4) Storage bins       | Marc Tellevik   |
| 5) Glue holder        | Larry Dingman   |
| 6) Microfiber cloth   | Tim Karash      |
| 7) Microfiber cloth   | Earl Hendricks  |
| 8) Storage bin        | Mark Ptaszynski |

Submitted by Tim Karash

## TREASURER'S REPORT

If you ordered club jackets they will be at the next meeting on March 19th.

If you are unable to make the meeting, you will need to email: [treasurer@anoka-rc.org](mailto:treasurer@anoka-rc.org) or text me at 612-308-8575 to arrange place and time for pick-up or meeting spot.

Marc Tellevik

## Streamer Combat Update

Well, we had our first build session at Coon Rapids Civic Center two hours before the monthly meeting started. We were able to cover six planes and all of them are ready to be assembled before the March meeting starts. Everyone did a great job of being self-directed and accomplish the covering job with minimal oversight. It's probably a new covering technique for

several but it seemed like everyone just jumped in and did what needed to be done.



The initial time for the next combat session will be used to optimize any covering issues and then assemble the components for a complete airframe.



We will duplicate the start time used for the first combat build session which was from 5:00 till 7:00 before the monthly membership meeting. The cost for electronic supplies to build a plane is approx. \$55-\$75.00 per plane that is bind and fly ready. The foamboard is purchased from Dollar Tree for \$1.35/sheet. I'm planning to bring some additional foamboard with me if someone would like to purchase a couple of them from me.

The plans are available via email for anyone interested in having a copy, however know that they are the original plans that we started with five years ago. The planes we fly now have been significantly modified to fly better than before.

**Once again if you plan to attend this combat build session, please let me know via the email at the end of this article so I can be adequately prepared.**

Email:> [mrmills53@yahoo.com](mailto:mrmills53@yahoo.com)

Marshall Mills

## Editor's Ramblings

I've been taking advantage of the renewed winter by working on some of my airplane projects. Most of my attention has been on the Sig 1/6 scale J3 Cub and the Aeromaster biplane. The Cub's nose has been going back together nicely, after breaking some glue joints to straighten it. The firewall is ready for the E-Flite Power 25 that I intend to install. A 3D printed motor mount is designed and ready to print as well.



I got the Webra 61 Blackhead engine mounted in the Aeromaster and finished gluing in some new scallops behind the cockpit area. Lots of sanding yet to do, which includes removing the rest of the sheeting from both wings. I'll clean them up and install fresh sheeting while also straightening the lower wing. Fun times!



Ryan Kontak

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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday – March 19

- ACRC Meeting-At CRCC

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- 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

Meetings are held at 7:00 pm

At the Field – May thru August

At CRCC – September thru April

Dome – Blaine National Sports Dome

Hall – Blaine National Sports Hall

CRCC - Coon Rapids Civic Center

