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***THE JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> MEETING IS INDOORS AT CRCC!!***

### **PRESIDENT'S CHATTER**

#### **THE NEW YEAR**

Here we are starting a new year with I am hoping a lot of r/c related fun for the coming year. We have already had a couple of indoor events with more coming in Jan, Feb, and Mar which I will get posted as soon as I have dates.

We have our ACRC events for the year scheduled and some are already sanctioned. Marc is taking care of the production of the flyers.

Swap meets and auctions happen in January with lots of great buys to be had. MARCEE swap meet, TCRC auction, and the Duluth auction. If anyone knows of any others, please let us know so we can get them on our web site

I am diligently working on my Stinson SR 9, hoping to maiden it early spring. Painting in progress and with the help from John Feye I have wheel pants for the 7-inch wheels. I am always thankful for the comradery and helpfulness of others in our hobby.

Hoping to see you all at our next meeting and the upcoming events.

Jeff Slater



Covering the Stinson

### **FROM THE VEEP**

#### **Winter RC Flying: Embracing the Chill, or Chili, Whatever Works**

When winter arrives, many RC flying enthusiasts pack away their models until spring. Including myself. But for those willing to brave the cold, winter offers a unique and rewarding experience. Crisp air, stunning snowy landscapes, and quieter flying fields can make for truly memorable flights.



Before heading out, make sure your batteries are fully charged and keep them warm until you're ready to fly, as cold temperatures can reduce their performance.

Dress in layers to stay comfortable and consider using gloves designed for dexterity and warmth. I find that I cannot fly with gloves on, so making sure my hands are warm prior to a flight is essential. Pre-flight checks are extra important—cold can make plastic brittle, so inspect your gear thoroughly. Also, the silicone lubricant in servos will thicken when exposed to cold.

Flying in winter also means navigating different challenges, installing floats on an aircraft works just as well as skis, in my opinion. Just protect those foam floats with a piece of packing tape and you're good to go.

I will be the first to admit, I usually hang up the transmitter in the winter. But with a properly prepared airplane and a pocket full of batteries, it can be a pretty good time.

Also remember, we have more dates coming up for indoor flying. Again, I didn't know if I'd like it. I built a Synergy from Twisted Hobbies and really enjoy the challenge. It also makes you fly with your left thumb more than most of us are accustomed to. Never a bad thing.

Ultimately, winter RC flying is about adapting and enjoying the season. With the right preparation and a spirit of adventure, you'll discover a whole new side to your favorite hobby. So, bundle up, grab your transmitter, and take to the skies this winter!

John DeVries

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

As of the end of 2025 year we had 94 members. As of December 31, we have received 56 membership renewals for the 2026 year.

We are beginning the countdown for our 2026 membership renewal. Club membership expires on December 31, 2025 with a grace period running through January 31, 2026. Any renewals after 1/31/2026 will be considered a new membership with the appropriate increase in membership fee, so get

those renewals in. You can either renew online or by mailing an application to me (see ACRC website for details).

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.

The first batch of 2026 renewals were mailed out after Christmas. This was for all members who had registered and paid by December 22nd. Those paid after that will receive their membership cards as they are processed. The next batch of paid members should be mailed the week of the 5th of January.

Safe Flying,

Earl Hendricks

## **EVENT COORDINATOR**

Welcome to 2026, my fellow model aircraft enthusiasts, it's going to be a fantastic year for ACRC. I hope you all have found a chance to get a few flights this Month and start the year off right.

The schedule for our flying season is set and the process of sanctioning the events for the season is started. The list is as follows:

Float Fly	May 2nd
Spring Fly-In	May 16th
Biplane Fly	June 13th
Big Bird Fly	July 18th
Electric Fly	Aug 15th
Fall Fly-out	Oct 3rd

All of this year's events will have a rain-day set for the day after the scheduled day. We will do our best to get word out on Facebook, the ACRC website and a mass email/text as soon as we are certain the rain-day is going to be utilized. I hope to see you all at the field.

One last thought to leave you all with:  
Just remember, two wrongs don't make a right but two Wrights made an aircraft!

Mike Reinert

## A LOOK BACK

### JANUARY 2008

18 YEARS AGO

The annual Freeze-Fly pilots braved near zero temps with stiff breeze from the northwest.

Darren Britzer will replace the pavilion roof this coming spring.

Al the prez noted the club sign is getting beat up and will need replacement soon.

Rob Swenson convinced The Green Barn Garden Center to plow the field access road and parking lot.

Earning another All-Season Flier patch, Stan Zdon is starting year 14 of flying each month.

### JANUARY 1998

28 YEARS AGO

The annual Freeze-Fly was well attended with 30 folks showing up. Perhaps the 30-degree temps and light winds brought people out from under their blankets.

The ditch filling and rerouting of the drainage water project has been delayed because of a death in the contractor's family.

Bobby Hoffman is in the process of purchasing the sod field from the Al Johnson family.

Dan Wennberg was given a hearty Thank you for the creation of multiple signs at the field.

Tim Karash

## ACRC MINUTES

### Board members present:

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

8 Member present plus board

No guests

### Membership Report:

96 members for 2025 final report

45 members have signed up for 2026

### Treasurer's Report:

Income: \$1349.00

Expenses: \$1724.00

### Safety Officer Report:

No issues to report

### Event Coordinator:

The December newsletter contained incorrect dates for several events. These are the corrected dates:

Float-Fly	May 2nd
Spring Fly-In	May 16th (Thirtieth Annual)
Biplane Fly-In	June 13th
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### Training Report:

Will start in the spring

### Old Business:

Our yearly "Christmas Thank you" check was sent to Bobby Hoffman.

Indoor flying will continue throughout the winter season. Dates will be sent via email.

### New Business:

Combat airplane build sessions will be scheduled over the next few months.

### Show and Tell:

Ryan Kontak brought an Ultra Stick 25E on floats.

Michael Reinert showed an inline capacitor arrangement for long wire runs to the battery.

Jeff Slater brought a SIG quarter scale Cub with a twin cylinder 4 stroke engine and onboard glow.

### Raffle:

1) Screwdriver set	Jeff Slater
2) Forceps	Cameron DeVries
3) Magnet	Earl Hendricks
4) Shears	John DeVries
5) CA Glue sign	Marc Tellevik
6) Battery tester	Gary Smith

Submitted by Tim Karash



MY WALLET IF MODEL AIRPLANES DIDN'T EXIST.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Scam Emails and Texts

Several board members have received requests to make payments on my behalf as treasurer. They will state some reason that I can't do it and that it is urgent that payment is completed.

Please ignore any of these requests and report them to your text or email provider as spam/scam items. It will only be a matter of time before they figure out how to send these to the general membership.

Do not click on any of the links in the email/text as they will lead to malware or a scam site.

I will never ask members to make club payments on my behalf via email or text.

### Club Jackets

Orders for club jackets will be placed after the January 15th meeting. I will have forms available for those who still want to order them. Checks will be cashed and invoices sent after the Jan meeting.

Marc Tellevik

## Streamer Combat Intro

As I stated in December, I have been sponsoring Combat Events at the SPMRC field since the spring of 2020. After the first year it was obvious that this couldn't be a one-person task so I enlisted two other members in the club to assist. I wanted to make sure combat events would remain fluid and operational even if I wasn't available to be the host. Anthony (Tony) Forchas and Ted Sander have always backed me up when I wasn't available since I presented this to the SPMRC club and I truly appreciate all of the assistance and comradery they have provided.

I have been asked to present a combat build session for ACRC members that might be interested in building combat planes. The sessions will be tentatively planned to occur before the February and March meetings. This time would be dedicated for members interested in building combat planes for the 2026 flying season. If we have four or more members interested the two sessions will be part of the monthly meetings for these two months. The combat build sessions will be from 5:00 till 7:00 before the monthly membership meetings occurring from 7:00 thru 9:00.

The cost for supplies to build a combat is approx. \$65-\$75.00 per plane that is bind and fly ready. The foamboard is purchased from Doller Tree for \$1.25/sheet. I'm planning to bring some 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 modified to fly better than ever before.

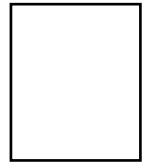
If you plan to attend this combat build session, please let me know via the email at the end of this article so I can be adequately prepared.

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Marshall Mills

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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday – January 15

- ACRC Meeting-At CRCC

Saturday – January 31

- MARCEE Swap Meet

Saturday – February 7

- TCRC Auction

Thursday – February 19

- ACRC Meeting-At CRCC

Dome – Blaine National Sports Dome

Hall – Blaine National Sports Hall

CRCC - Coon Rapids Civic Center

