



ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS CHARTERED CLUB #1255

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THE MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, AT THE FIELD!!!

PRESIDENT'S CHATTER

With the resignation of Al Spearbecker, I will assume position of club President of ACRC. Issues within the board, and the need for a new and positive direction of the club, were a main factor in the change.

With that said, I thank Al and I know others do as well, for the service he has provided the club. Some aspects of our club may need to be revisited - from safety issues to the club rules. To clear up any controversies concerning the rules or courtesy guidelines we need to have these discussions as a group. This is going to make the club meetings all the more important to all of us. Help make the difference and come to our monthly meetings with ideas and thoughts on any issues you feel need attention. To be able to listen and discuss such items with respect to one another will help this our club grow. There are so many good and knowledgeable R/C pilots in our club, there is no reason any issues that arise cannot be resolved. To fly and have fun is what we all are here for, but safety is a big part of our time at the field and so is common sense and courtesy.

I am very happy to announce ACRC's new Vice President, Mr. Dan Thiede. Dan has graciously accepted the VP position. With his new position, part of Dan's responsibilities will be shopping for the monthly raffle prizes that we have at our club meetings. For those of you who don't attend the meetings or forgot about them, we

do still have a raffle at the end of each meeting, and for some pretty good stuff, I might add.

At the last two board meetings there has been a discussion on a possible new cross-runway. With our fairly constant crosswinds this year, it is a reminder that an addition of an angled runway would keep our field more active with pilots. At our next club meeting this will be brought up so we can all talk about it, and share ideas to make it happen.

See you at the field,

Erik Castrodale

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

HOSPITAL REMINDER - The closest hospital is Fairview in Wyoming, just north of Forest Lake. Go east on Hwy 22 to Hwy 61, which is just a ways beyond Hwy 35, and south on Hwy 61 to the hospital, which is on the right side of 61 as you are going south. **FLY SAFELY!!!!!!!**

So far ACRC has 10 new members for 2008. Please give them all the assistance that you can when you see them at the field.

Dennis Batty

Michael O'keefe

Roy Carrigan

Bill Poirier

Belinda Castrodale

Andrew Thunstrom

Kurt Clark

Phil Vaughn

Ken Dinkel

Stuart Whitbeck

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The 2008 Fun Scale and Scalemasters contests, along with the Float Fly, are now or will soon be history. The only event still to occur this year, other than Fun-Flies, is the ACRC Electric Fly on September 6.

ELECTRIC FLY

The ACRC Electric Fly will be September 6 this year. Kevin Carlson is in charge and flying starts at 8:00 AM.

The next meeting will be at the field on August 21 at 7:00 PM. This is the last meeting at the field for 2008. **THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WILL BE AT RIVERWIND.** There will be a fun-fly on Saturday August 23.

Stan Zdon

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7 P.M.

24 members present.

Visitors: 1

Board Reports:

* Vice President: Eric Castrodale gave us a rundown on the new club website along with the forums section. He encouraged all to check it out. New pictures have been added, etc. The old site is still up and running and has a link to the new site at the top of the page. Thanks to Eric & Dale for all their efforts. The new site looks great!! Eric also reviewed the raffle prizes which included for first place a beautiful Zero 40 size ARF.

* Safety: Kevin Carlson reminded us not to smoke while fueling or de-fueling our planes and asked us to think safety while flying. So far this season there have not been any accidents.

* Membership: Stan Zdon reminded us that club shirts & hats are in. The new hats are \$12. He also reminded us of the Float Fly coming up next Wednesday at Long Lake.

* Events: Andy Noll encouraged us all to be at the Fun Fly this Saturday where one of the events will be an egg drop. Always a favorite event!

New business:

August 2 the club will host the Scale Masters at the field.

The St. Croix Valley club will have their Pattern Meet this Sunday.

Show and Tell:

Marc Davis brought his new Hobby Lobby Lear Jet. It is an all foam plane and sports two Castle ducted fan motors and retracts. He reports that it flies great and it certainly looks great!!

Kevin Carlson showed us his recently completed Great Planes Pattern plane. It is powered by an OS 55AX with an 11X6 Zinger prop. He estimates the weight at 4.5 lbs. Kevin reports that it flies like a dart – just point it to where you want it to go. It required only a couple of clicks on the aileron to tune it in. The plane is beautifully covered.

Al Spearbecker showed us his newly completed Sig Fazer. He added tail brace wires and mounted the tank with industrial strength Velcro. He also printed his AMA information on the paper tubes that the aileron servo wires run through. The wing is finished in a transparent green and the fuselage is red. It looks great!! Power is from an OS 32 which Al says allows unlimited vertical climb.

Raffle:

1st	Roy Carrigan	Zero 40 size ARF
2nd	Al Spearbecker	Club hat
3rd	Dan Thiede	Glow Plug wrench
4th	Ken Dinkel	Chicken stick
5th	Kevin Carlson	Battery for glow driver
6th	Mike Dorff	Club hat

A donated Futaba radio was also auctioned off and brought in \$20.

Steve Ulrich



JULY FUN FLY

The Fun Fly started at 10:00 AM and about 2/3 of the way through the first event it started to rain lightly. Fortunately it passed after about 10 minutes and despite the forecast we had 14 pilots show up to participate in the fun fly

The first event was the most loops in 30 seconds. If I hadn't been there and hadn't been the pilot I would not of believed it. The winner was not your typical fun fly plane. It was a Dynaflyte Butterfly motor glider

1. Andy Noll	13.5	5. Dave Dentz	8.5
2. Stan Zdon	11.5	6. Joe Coleman	8
3. Erik Castrodale	11	7. Kevin Carson	7.5
3. Dan Thiede	11	8. Bob Nagle	7
3. Mike Dorff	11	8. Jim Taylor	7
4. Al Spearbecker	10	9. Darren Bitzer	3
4. Paul Castrodale	10	9. Dale Anderson	3

The second event was the egg drop. Due to multiple requests we will be repeating this event in August. Al was first up and remained the man to beat. none of the other pilots could match or better his 20' 11"

1. Al Spearbecker	8. Erik Castrodale
2. Joey Coleman	9. Dave Dentz
3. Mike Dorff	10. Stan Zdon
4. Dale Anderson	11. Darren Bitzer
5. Andy Noll	12. Paul Castrodale
6. Kevin Carlson	13. Dan Thiede
7. Bob Nagle	14. Jim Taylor

The third event was 3 spot touch and goes. The scoring area was an elusive tiny two square foot area worth 100 points and then zones of about 10 feet starting at 25 then lowering to 20 15 10 and 5.

1. Darren Bitzer	3. Stan Zdon
1. Kevin Carlson	4. Dave Dentz
2. Al Spearbecker	4. Mike Dorff
2. Erik Castrodale	5. Joe Coleman
2. Jim Taylor	6. Dan Thiede
3. Bob Nagle	7. Andy Noll
3. Paul Castrodale	8. Dale Anderson

The overall placing for the July Fun Fly came out like this

1. Al Spearbecker	6. Bob Nagle
2. Mike Dorff	6. Dave Dentz
3. Andy Noll	7. Paul Castrodale
3. Erik Castrodale	8. Darren Bitzer
3. Joe Coleman	8. Dale Anderson
4. Kevin Carlson	9. Dan Thiede
5. Stan Zdon	10. Jim Taylor

The August Fun Fly will be August 23, 2008

Andy Noll

AUGUST SAFETY NOTES

I came across some tips on safety at some of the R/C forums online. I know that some are just common sense but it's a good idea to just be reminded from time to time.

- Choose an unobstructed sight.
- Keep a safe distance from vehicles, people and structures.
- Only fly in suitable weather.
- Always fly with regard to local laws or ordinances.
- Keep clear of controlled airspace unless with permission.
- Always fly within sight of your aircraft.
- Keep clear of any congested area of a city or town.
- Never carry any type of load on your model.
- Make sure your airframe is sound, secure and undamaged.
- Make sure all control surfaces are secure and safe.
- Is the radio equipment in good working order and batteries charged?
- When leaving home for the field make sure your radio is turned off.
- When arriving at the field check the frequency board and identify your channel.
- Be aware of spectators and don't let them get into an area where they may be injured or worse.

Fly Safely

Kevin Carlson - Field Safety Officer





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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday – August 2, 2008

- Scalemasters at ACRC

Thursday – August 21, 2008

- ACRC Club Meeting

Saturday – August 23, 2008

- ACRC Fun Fly

Saturday – September 6, 2008

ACRC Electric Fly



*Deadline for the
next newsletter is:
September 1, 2008*