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Minneapolis, Minnesota U.S.A.

2022

TCRC Annual Banquet Full Of Fun, Food And Friends

by Jim Cook

Saturday, November 19th found lots of TCRC members, spouses and friends at David Fong's Restaurant in Prior Lake for the annual TCRC Banquet.



**The food at David Fong's Restaurant is delicious and plentiful.
(Photo by Jim Cook)**

Members started arriving at 5:00 PM to have time for some camaraderie prior to dinner. As they arrived they were greeted by Jayne Breisemeister and Jackie Lundquist at the reception table. Fong's

Restaurant is a perfect venue for the banquet as it is spacious and completely private for the event.

As those attending sat down at their chosen table, they found an array of games and puzzles put together by Chris and Nancy O'Connor that needed to be done. Completing the trivia contest, hidden word puzzle and showing his/her artistic talents coloring a plane picture allowed each person to be awarded raffle tickets that could then be used in an attempt to win one of the \$1,100 worth of prizes that the club had purchased.

Soon the hors d'oeuvres appeared on the buffet table and everyone ate their fill with the great Chinese specialties.

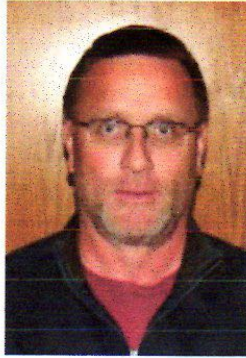
There was hardly enough time to savor the hors d'oeuvres before the entrees showed up on the buffet table. Everyone was back in line and filling their plate with wonderful Chinese cuisine. Again, the food was plentiful and nobody left the banquet still hungry.

Dessert was a special cake with the TCRC logo displayed on the icing.

After the meal, President Bob took the podium to begin the program. First order of business was a review of the TCRC events that had occurred
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A Note from The Head Wing Nut

By Bob Briesemeister



Hello Members,

Welcome to winter and a most likely White Christmas. Yeah!! Remember that the field is open for flying all winter if you want to brave the cold weather. The driveway and parking lot will be plowed. You can fly off the parking lot with wheels or runways with skis on the snow. There are a few people who fly their float planes. So just because it is cold and snowy there are often a few nice days in the winter for flying.

The elections were held at the November membership meeting. All incumbents were reelected. I want to thank the members of the board for their work in 2022 and for staying on in 2023. They help make things run smoothly. The board will be having the annual planning meeting for 2023 on December 7th. If you have any suggestions, please contact me or one of the board members.

The TCRC banquet was held on November 19th and the members who chose to attend had a fun evening. There were table games and a contest for the best artist who colored an airplane. I'd like to thank Chris and Nancy for coming up with the games. We also played Jeopardy which always brings out the competitiveness in all. Thanks, Tim, for pulling the questions together. I did have a couple of ideas, but he did the majority of the work. There were 7 airplane-related door prizes and 5 for the ladies.

The date for 2023 TCRC banquet has not been set but it will be in November so come and join in the fun and comradery next year. Also big thanks to Jim and Jackie Lundquist for helping with set up and tear down.

There is a membership meeting coming up on December 13th. It will be a Zoom meeting as well as in person at the church. There will be a program and also Show & Tell. Bring your plane or current project to talk about.

The BIG event coming up is the 46th Annual TCRC Auction held at Crosspoint Church on February 4th, 2023. If you are new to the club, it is our only fundraiser for the year and is an event attended by clubs from Minnesota and the 5 state area. The work begins at 5pm Friday with transforming the church into an auction house. Saturday is an all-day event starting at 6am with checking items in for sale, and ending after the

last of the 500 items are sold and the church is put back together. We need all hands-on-deck to keep the Auction running smoothly all day. Please volunteer your time! There will be more on the Auction in the January Newsletter.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! 😊

Calendar

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| Dec. 3 | All Season Flyer
Finale
Jordan Flying Field
10-10-10 Rule |
| Dec. 7 | Joint Board
Meeting
Bob Briesemeister
Home, 7:00 PM |
| Dec. 13 | TCRC Membership
Meeting, 7:00 PM
CrossPoint Church
Bloomington, MN |
| Dec. 25 | Merry Christmas! |
| January 1 | Happy New Year! |
| Feb. 4 | TCRC Annual
Auction
CrossPoint Church
Bloomington |

TCRC meets every month on the 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall of CrossPoint Church located on the southeastern corner of the intersection of 98th Street and France Avenue in Bloomington. Guests are welcome to attend these meetings.

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during 2022. Bob pointed out that everything that had been scheduled by the club in 2022 occurred because of the excellent weather that had been provided all year. He did note that the 2022 TCRC Auction had to be postponed from its usual time in February until April because of the Omicron version of the COVID virus, but that had not stopped our fund raiser from being extremely successful. He continued to review all of the many activities that were held during the balance of the year.

Then it was time for the awarding of the prestigious Walt Billett Award. This trophy is given to that person who has best personified the purpose of TCRC: To preserve, encourage, and further develop the hobby of building and flying radio controlled model airplanes. Traditionally, the recipient of the previous year's award presents the new recipient. Brian Johnson, last year's winner, had a last minute conflict and couldn't be at the banquet, so President Bob made the presentation. Thad Gorycki was the well-deserving recipient. See the article on page x for more information on the Walt Billett presentation.

Next, the new officers and board members for 2023 were introduced. Actually, the entire board from 2022 was re-elected for the current year. Bob thanked them for the past contribution and their desire to continue in their positions.

That concluded the formal part of the banquet, and it was time for more

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Jayne And Jackie Welcomed All To The TCRC Banquet



Jayne Breisemeister and Jackie Lundquist had big smiles for you as you arrived at the banquet. (Photo by Jim Cook)

The Raffle Prizes Were Much Desired At The Banquet



Everyone tried to win as many raffle tickets as possible to have lots of chances to win some great prizes. (Photo by Jim Cook)

TCRC Banquet

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fun and games. Tim Wirtz took the floor for the 2022 edition of TCRC Jeopardy. This has become a tradition at the banquet and Tim Wirtz does a fantastic job at creating some great categories. This year they ranged from airplanes, of course, to Minnesota, to National Parks, Rock Bands, and even a category on James Bond. Tim had kept with the technical world and computerized the entire game this year, with the board being projected onto a large screen. A table correctly answering their chosen question could net each person at that table with 1, 2 or 3 raffle tickets, depending on the difficulty selected. When the last question had been answered, every table had added to their collection of raffle tickets.

Everyone was given time to put their collection of raffle tickets into the container in front of their desired prize. When that was done, The winning tickets were then drawn to the elation of the winners and the dismay of the losers.

The winning of the prizes concluded the 2022 edition of the TCRC Annual Banquet, and it was time to go home.

Thanks to all who made the banquet such a success: Bob and Jayne Breisemeister, Chris and Nancy O'Connor, Jim and Jackie Lundquist and Tim Wirtz.

The banquet is always lots of fun and marks the end of the year for the club. Plan on being a part of this great event next November! ☺

Amassing Raffle Tickets Is A Prime Endeavor At The Banquet



All the games completed, it was time to organize your tickets and hopefully become a winner of a great prize. (Photo by Jim Cook)

Smiles Were In Abundance Among The Raffle Winners



All the hard work of winning raffle tickets paid off for all of these very happy contestants. (Photo by Jim Cook)

Pictures From TCRC's Annual Banquet



The TCRC Annual Banquet was attended by young and old alike.



There were quite a few winning tickets at this table after the dust had settled.



Everyone at each table worked hard at completing the puzzles, trivia and coloring contest.



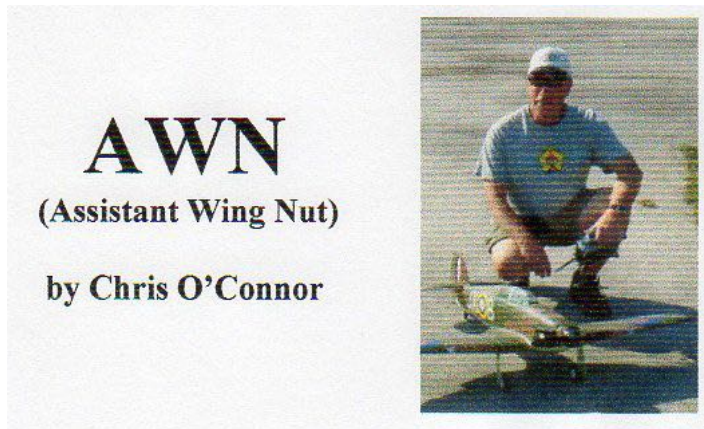
This table took a break in doing their puzzles to flash big smiles for the camera.



This table also seemed to be holding a lot of winning raffle tickets.



Safety officer Larry Couture made sure there were no accidents waiting to happen.



I can't believe it's already December! What happened to our flying season? I know for most of us we did a lot of flying in between all the wind we have had throughout this past season and still continues as of now.

Winter brings building, repairing, and for some, flying. I'm trying to build a little now because I'm one of the lucky ones that gets to continue flying. For the first four months of the new year, 2023, I will be in Arizona. So, I'm bringing two planes with me, my FMS T-28, and the Freewing T-33 electric ducted fan. Both will fit in the car, and being both are electric, my support equipment isn't what I would need for maintaining giant-scale gas warbirds. I don't want to pull a trailer that many days or for that distance, but would love to fly the big stuff down there. Truly having flown the foam electrics as compared to giant-scale, the giant-scale fly considerably better than the smaller models.

Nancy and I will be at Corte a Bella for four months, which is in the Sun City West area of Phoenix. I'm a member at two clubs there, Speedworld RC, and ARCS. Both of the flying fields are 15 minutes from where we are staying. The ARCS field is smaller, but not bad for my T-28, and kind of cramped for the T-33, because about 200 hundred feet west of the east-west runway is a huge powerline. The field was there before the powerline, but had no say as far as the proximity to the field. The runway is hard surface and about 500 feet long. So, facing north you just do more flying to the east side. I did fly the T-33 there, but that was a little unnerving given the space that model uses.

The other field, Speedworld RC is very open with a north-south runway that's around 800 feet of very nice blacktop. Many guys fly jets there. The only drawback is it's harder in the morning because of looking to the east with the sun in your eyes. I usually go there in the afternoon.

Last year I flew at both of these places and had a great time. I feel lucky enough to be able to travel to Arizona and do some flying. As a side note, Luke Air Force base is about 7-8 miles to the southwest of us, so we get to see and hear fighter's everyday such as F-22, F-35, F-18, and F-16. Mainly the first two that I mentioned. So, because of our travels my building is suffering! Sorry, Nate.

I hope all of you are either able to get some flying or building in to make the winter go by a little faster.

Happy Holidays to everyone! ☺



TCRC Meetings Continue To Offer Virtual Attendance

Now that summer is over and so are the 'meetings at the field', TCRC takes its monthly membership meetings back inside to CrossPoint Church.

And while it is great to be able to get out and attend the monthly TCRC meetings, there are times when we just can't. And if that is the case, and you still have access to your phone or iPad or laptop, you can still be at the meeting via Zoom.

Tim Wirtz acts as host, sets up the Zoom meeting, and furnishes the link to all members prior to the meeting.

At the TCRC physical meeting, Tim has his laptop there and sets up a camera so those in the Zoom meeting can see those in attendance.

This has worked well, and the members appreciate having the option to attend a meeting when it is inconvenient to be there physically.

So, there is really no excuse why you can't make it to the monthly TCRC membership meetings! ☺

Thad Gorycki Presented TCRC's Walt Billett Award

by Jim Cook and Brian Johnson

The Walt Billett Award for 2021 was presented to the 2022 recipient at the TCRC banquet. This award is given to a member of TCRC who demonstrates the true meaning of the hobby of building and flying model airplanes and personifies the clubs purpose: "To preserve, encourage and further develop the hobby of building and flying radio-controlled model airplanes."



President Bob presents the 2022 Walt Billett Award to Thad Gorycki at the Banquet on November 19th. (Photo by Jim Cook)

The recipient of the Walt Billett for the year is chosen by the past three winners of the award. In 2022 the award committee consisted of Brian Johnson, Jeff Tolzmann and Morgan Larson.

At the banquet, TCRC historian Jim Ronhovde was asked to come forward and tell who Walt Billett was and how the award came into existence.

Following Jim's presentation, Bob took the podium again. He explained that last year's recipient, Brian Johnson was going to do this presentation, but he had a last minute conflict that kept him from the banquet. However, after the banquet, Brian shared his notes with the editor as to why Thad was the obvious choice for the 2022 Walt Billett Award:

Thad has always helped with every club event, workday or whatever else has been needed. He is always willing to lend a hand to a fellow modeler, give advice or donate parts for those in need. He is always extremely welcoming to any guests who come to the field. He has 'buddy-boxed' more newcomers at the field than anyone else. He goes above and beyond in doing field maintenance to make sure that we all have a beautiful place to fly.

For these reasons, Brian believes that Thad exemplifies the best of the model airplane community and is a very deserving recipient of the 2022 Walt Billett Award.

Congratulations, Thad! 😊

Show & Tell Data Form

Bringing a plane to the TCRC meeting for Show & Tell?

If you are, be sure to go to the club website TCRCOnline.com and print out a blank Show & Tell Data Form. Fill this out and make sure it gets to the newsletter editor, Jim Cook so that the correct information shows up about your new airplane in the newsletter.

Also, if Jim is not at the meeting, make sure someone takes a picture of your new masterpiece and emails the picture to Jim also. If he is not at the meeting, you can have someone take a picture of the completed form and email that picture to him also. 😊

Douglas XB-19

by Conrad Naegele

The November Mystery Plane was the Douglas XB-19.



On June 27, 1941, a new bomber took off for the first time. Although not radical in appearance, it dwarfed all other existing planes. It took seven years to design and build, and presented so many challenges that eventually Douglas asked to be relieved of the project, but the USAC more or less forced them to continue.

Featuring the longest wing yet built, spanning 212-feet, it featured two sets of ailerons each over 45-feet long. It also featured tricycle landing gear, the first featured on a bomber! The 8-foot main gear retracted into the lower surface of the wing. When delivered to the USAC, it carried four R-3350 engines, each developing 2,000 horsepower.

Flight testing was done with all armament on board, all fully loaded. It held 10,400 gallons of gas, and 16,000 pounds of bombs. Only one plane was built, and the Air Corps had no real use for it, so it spent its military life as a cargo transport. World was not yet on the horizon. No idea of how much it cost the government. At the end of its useful life, it was flown to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and scrapped in 1949.

The XB-19 had a wingspan of 212-feet, a gross weight of 140,000 pounds, a speed of 265 mph and a ceiling of 39,000-feet. For armament it carried ten 50-caliber machine guns plus 16,000 pounds of bombs. ☺

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New Members

In November, TCRC gained two new members.

Bradley Jones lives at 48640 367th Avenue in Kasota, MN 56050. His phone number is 507-388-4920 and his email address is olbart@hickorytel.net. Brad is a seasoned flyer having been in the hobby for 32 years.

David Kaiser lives at 16981 Soshore Lane in Eden Prairie 55346. His phone number is 612-760-1319 and his email address is dkais1@comcast.net.

When you see Brad and Dave at a meeting or the field, be sure and introduce yourself and welcome them into TCRC. ☺

18304

If someone were injured at the TCRC flying field and you had to call 911, what would you tell the operator for the location of the emergency? You would tell the operator the fire number for our field: 18304.

For safety reasons, it is very important every member knows our fire number. Hopefully we will have the fire number prominently displayed in the shelter at the field in the very near future. ☺

Building Season Has Arrived!

TCRC Elections Held November 8th Membership Meeting

TCRC held its annual elections at the November 8th regular meeting at CrossPoint Church.

All four of the officer positions were up for election plus one of the three board seats. The board seats held by Brian Johnson and Jim Ronhovde were not up for election this year. The board seat held by Gerry Dunne was up for election.

Incumbent President Bob Breisemeister, incumbent Vice President Chris O'Connor, incumbent Secretary Ken Weddell and incumbent Treasurer Tim Wirtz all decided to run for election again for the 2023 year. Incumbent board member Gerry Dunne also decided to run for election again.

No other members stepped forward or were nominated for any position and the nominations were closed. With no contested races, all of the incumbents were elected to their positions for 2023.



The 2023 TCRC officers and board were recognized at the annual banquet. Bob Breisemeister, Jim Ronhovde, Gerry Dunne, Chris O'Connor, Ken Weddell and Tim Wirtz were present. Brian Johnson was not able to be at the banquet. (Photo by Jim Cook)

Being on the TCRC board is a time consuming task and all of these members have done a great job over the years. A big thank you to all of our officers and board for serving the club and continuing to guide it into the future. 😊

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Lock The Gate!

It is very important that the gate to the field be kept locked at all times when there is no member present.

It is every member's job to lock the gate when he/she is the last one at the field. It doesn't matter the time of day or how nice the weather is. This simple rule is to keep the gate locked to prevent theft, vandalism and the unauthorized use of our land from occurring. 😊



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TCRC 46th ANNUAL AUCTION

Twin City Radio Controllers - Minneapolis, MN

Saturday, February 4th, 2023

CrossPoint Church

9801 France Ave S, Bloomington, MN

Main Auction

What's for Sale?

- R/C Airplanes, Kits, Engines & Radio Systems
- R/C Aircraft related stuff & support equipment
- NO Cars/Boats
- NO Unrelated Stuff

When:

Registration Begins @ 6:45 am
Viewing @ 8:15 am
Auction Begins @ 9:00 am

Details:

- \$5.00 Admission: includes Bidder's Card
- \$20.00 Minimum Opening Bid. Nothing will be sold for less than \$20
- Commission of \$5 or 10% , whichever is greater, **on ALL ITEMS**
- SELLER MUST attach a brief description to EACH ITEM being sold.
- Pre-Registration Available for Sellers
- BUYBACKS @10% up to a maximum fee of \$20
- Credit Cards will be accepted for auction and concession purchases. **A 3% convenience fee will be applied to all card purchases.**
- Masks / Face Coverings Recommended

Questions?

- Email Auction@TCRCOnline.com
- Call Bob 612-964-8877
- <http://www.tcrconline.com/pages.auction/htm>

Concessions

- Hot Coffee and Donuts
- Soda/Pop/Water
- Sub Sandwiches

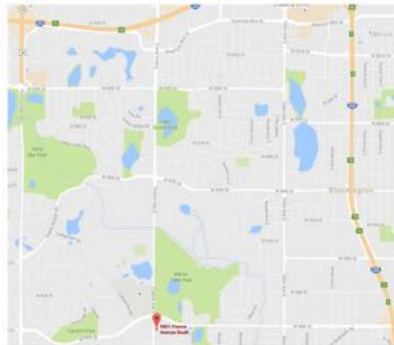
No food or drink in the bidding area

Silent Auction

- For Items \$125 and up
- One Hour Exposure for all items in Silent Auction
- 5 items sold each HOUR for 6 hours
- Set your minimum (\$125 or higher), Bidders bid for one hour. Item sold to highest bidder
- Limited to 1st 30 sellers who choose this option
- **Items are shown at random**

Bargain Table

- Items sold at fixed price \$15 - \$30, predetermined by Seller
- All Day Exposure
- All Items sold at the table
- \$5 flat fee commission



2022-2023 AMA Dues Statements

Most older TCRC members should have received their 2022-2023 dues statements in the mail this month from the Academy of Model Aeronautics. Newer members renew on the anniversary of the month they joined.

AMA 2022 dues are the same as the previous year. They are:

- Adult (19-65) \$85
- Senior (65 and up) \$75
- Under 19 Free or \$15 with **MA**

Your AMA membership gives you \$2.5 million in personal liability coverage, \$25,000 in medical coverage and also a subscription to either the print or digital **Model Aviation** for the year.

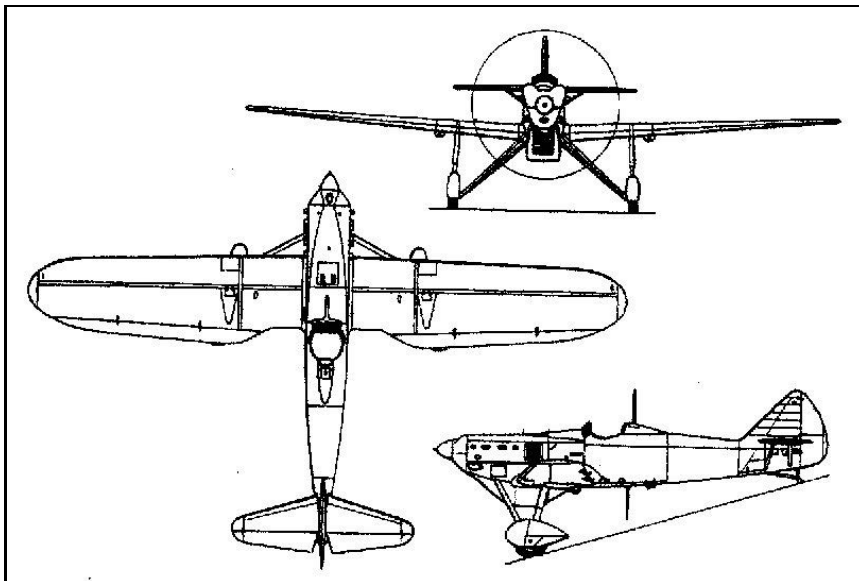
To belong to TCRC, you must have a valid membership for the year in AMA.

Please note that AMA also has a Park Pilot membership that has a cost of \$38 per year, but that membership is not valid for membership in TCRC.

To renew your membership in AMA, the Academy gives you four methods: at the AMA website, www.modelaircraft.org; by phone at (765) 287-1256; or by returning the renewal form you received in the mail in the supplied envelope.

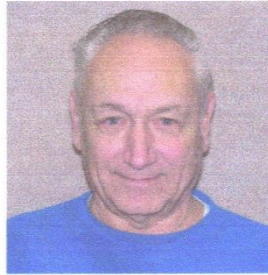
Deadline for paying your 2022 AMA dues is December 15 to avoid a lapse in membership services. 😊

December Mystery Plane



Safety At The Field

By Larry Couture



Well, here we are in the frozen north and the snow is here and the wind keeps blowing, and it isn't even winter yet. That being said, it must be time for building airplanes.

Now I do get a bit overboard on this, but this year I am trying to keep it down a bit. At the present I have two planes under construction: they are a Decathlon and a Senior Telemaster. The Telemaster is going to be an electric twin.

The problem all started when I purchased a bunch of things from an estate sale. In this purchase there were parts of a Senior Telemaster but no plans. This begins the problem, so on the internet I found some information and picture of a twin Senior Telemaster that was built in 2014. With this in mind and some of the parts I had obtained, the project begins.

The first thing I did not have was a wing which was to be 93 inches long witch is not going to fit in my truck for hauling so it has to be made in two parts. So. without a plan the drafting board comes into play next. Design a flat bottom wing with a 14.5 inch cord and 93 inch length in two parts. That being done and built and with the parts that came from the purchase I am now covering this monster along with the 1/4-scale Decathlon that I built from a kit and plans and are covering also. I still have all the gear to install in both planes and a lot of winter left.

I also hope to get out to the field a time or two this winter and fly a flight or so if we get some better weather than we are having at this time.

When flying have a great time and make sure to keep the rubber side down and all landings from which you can fly again are great but not always graceful. 😊

Safety Always Comes First!

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Are You Using It?

UAC Crowns Another Winner

by Sherwood Heggen

Another Ugly Airplane Contest took place at the November 8th TCRC membership meeting.

The winner of last year's contest for the coveted UAC Trophy was Darryl Volk with a well-used T28 foamie. Per the rules, Darryl was responsible to embellished the trophy with additional model related decorations, prior to its passing to the next recipient. Darryl did a great job on enhancing the trophy.



That trophy was passed on to the new and very proud winner of the 2022 UAC. Steve Meyer with his less than perfect Park Zone T28 graciously accepted his trophy.

Wait.! Another T28 foamie is the winner? What does that say about the T28 foamie other than it can be flown hard and often and still come to show.

Congratulations to Steve for his fine example of another ugly airplane! 😊

Lost and Found

by Sherwood Heggen

There are a lot of opinions out there about the best color for a model airplane. The issue regards visibility. On a clear, blue sky day, most any color is easily seen. White, red, yellow, even blue can be seen in bright sunlight. Black can be a difficult color for a model, not because it can't be seen, but because it causes the model to be an oblique object in the sky defying orientation. Perhaps the most difficult color to see in most any light is silver. Without a lot of contrasting bright trim color, a silver model reflects the color of the sky and blends into the background.

Not every day at the field yields a bright sunny sky. Even if the weather is cloudy or hazy, one brings his airplane out to enjoy the activity of R/C flying.

This brings us to the interesting story of the guys in a small R/C club. It will be talked about among its members for years to come and the proof of the story is still with them. So, here it is:

It was August, warm and humid, and the sky was muted by a summer haze. Yet, it was a nice day to fly and hang out with the guys. There was some talk among the guys about having trouble seeing their light-colored models in the haze, especially on the turn arounds when all that shows is the nose or tail. Eventually, the model reappears as it comes around the corner and all is well, though a bit unnerving at the time.

An older club member, Bill Simpson, was a fun fellow who had only one model which he flew a lot. It was his white Sig Kadet powered by a small four-stroke and decorated with a single thin, blue sunbeam on the wing. More and more he was asking for someone to spot for him to help him keep track of the model when he was flying. His eyesight was not as clear as it used to be, but still good enough to fly.

Bill decided to do one more flight before heading home that day, so he asked his friend Ivan to spot for him. It was late in the afternoon, the haze was getting heavier, and visibility was getting to be a problem. Regardless, Bill fired up the Kadet and he and Ivan headed for the flight line. Like hundreds of take-offs before, the Kadet took to the sky under Bill's command. Gentle turns and loops were performed, and all went well until, on a turn-around a little far out, that phenomenon of the model temporarily disappearing in the haze happened. Ivan hadn't been watching and Bill in a light panic said that he couldn't see the Kadet. That brought Ivan's attention back, who then scanned the area being peered at by Bill. Both astonishingly stated that they couldn't see or even hear the model. It was certain to show up momentarily even if it were seen spiraling to earth out of control. A few seconds passed, and then even longer, and there was no sight or sound of the Kadet. Both stood there dumbfounded. It had to be out there! Models don't just disappear!

Though disbelieving what they had just experienced, Bill and Ivan walked back to the pits. They asked

their buddies if they had been watching, hoping that they might have seen it go down or fly off. They said they had been loading up to go home and weren't paying attention to the flight.

With the sun setting, it was time to go home. Bill told the guys he had his name and phone number on the model so if anyone found it, there was hope they would call him.

Fall came and went, and no one called with news of the lost model. He hoped by springtime, it would somehow show up. However, Bill never saw springtime being overcome with a stroke and shortly after passed away. Respectfully, his flying buddies attended his funeral. They talked actively about Bill and the lost model after the funeral over cake and coffee in the church's social hall. They all remarked that it still had to be out there, and someone would eventually find it.

Spring finally came and flying weather returned. Though overcast, a good group of club members was enjoying flying some new and old models. Ivan was there with his latest auction purchase. It was some kind of home-brew high wing that was kind of beat up but looked flyable. White Monokote covered it. He knew it needed some color trim to make it more visible against a cloudy sky, but he wanted to fly it once to see if it was worth the work. It flew quite well, despite the fact that he had paid only \$20 for it including the engine. As the flight went on, he was convinced some color trim for visibility would have to be added. That fact was brought home on a turn-around when his model vanished for a few seconds

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Lost And Found

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in the overcast/haze, but it soon showed up again. It was time to land and take it home for some bright color trim!

Ivan flew his auction item to a down-wind in the landing pattern. The engine sounded odd as if it were running rich. He idled back and did base and then to final. The approach was smooth and steady and soon the wheels touched in the grass. In the attempt to taxi back, the tall grass caught the prop and killed the engine. Something seemed odd as Ivan walked to retrieve his model. It looked like his model, but not really. He didn't recall there being a sunbeam trim on the wing just like on Bill's Kadet, in fact his had no trim at all! This looked just like Bill's Kadet. It can't be! Models don't just show up in the air six months later. In awe, Ivan picked up the model and carried it back to the pits. He asked his buddies what they thought this model looked like and they all exclaimed it looked like Bill's. Ivan and his buddies were baffled.

Then it dawned on him that he had been flying a two stroke engine and this had a four stroke engine just like Bill had. His buddies knew what model Ivan had brought to the field and this wasn't it! Then Ivan gasped and said, "Look at this!" It was a sticker on the top of the fuselage behind the wing trailing edge. On the tag was written "If found, return to Bill Simpson" - along with his phone number.

TCRC Auction Coming February 4th

The biggest R/C auction in the upper Midwest is coming on February 4th, 2023.

This will be the 46th Annual TCRC Auction, and it promises to be bigger and better than ever.

Buyers and sellers from Minnesota and the all of the states surrounding Minnesota mark their calendars and make a point to be at CrossPoint Church in Bloomington, Minnesota on Saturday, February 4th.

There will be about 500 items for sale directly related to flying radio controlled airplanes. The doors open at 6:30 am and the first item for bid goes on the auction

Bill would not return to reclaim his model, so was the model looking for Bill? And where did Ivan's model go? Would this be an omen of things to come? More lost models; more lost club members?

A decision that day was made to hopefully keep this from happening again. A new rule was drafted, voted on, and included in the club rules.

That rule stated:

No white or silver airplanes may be flown at this site without vividly contrasting trim color - NO EXCEPTIONS. ☺

block at 9:00 am. From that point on the action will be non-stop until the last item is sold at 5:00 pm.

In addition to the auction, there will be a bargain table where you can purchase items for \$30 or less. There will also be a silent auction throughout the day where big-ticket items are sold.

If you are a seller, in January you can pre-register your items for sale at TCRCOnline.com. This is very helpful on the morning of the auction, allowing the club to avoid a traffic jam at the seller registration table.

If you are a buyer, you will definitely find what you are looking for in all of the fantastic items that will come up for sale that day.

If you are a member of TCRC, your presence is desperately needed at the auction to keep everything moving smoothly. But it is not all work, most of the members look forward to the TCRC auction because it is a day of enjoyment being a part of the fantastic auction.

Mark your calendars now. Be a worker, a buyer and a seller at TCRC's 46th Annual Auction on Saturday, February 4th at CrossPoint Church in Bloomington, Minnesota. ☺

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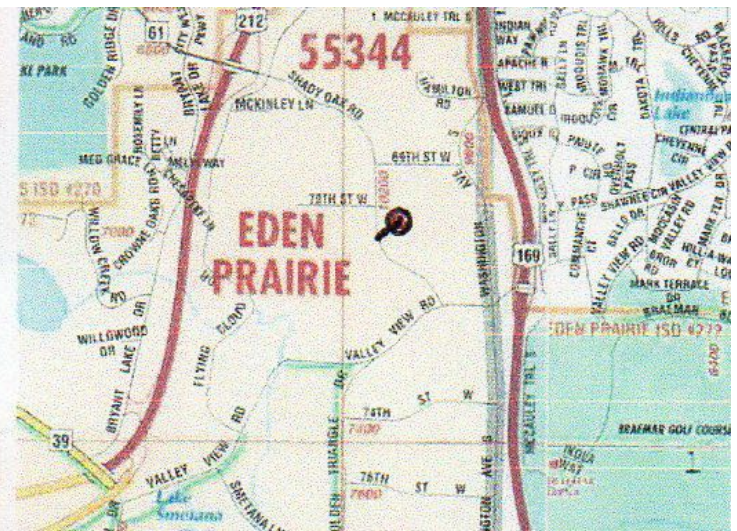
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