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A Wonderful Evening At The TCRC Banquet

by Jim Cook

Saturday, November 16th found a lot of TCRC members, spouses and family at David Fong's Restaurant in Prior Lake for the TCRC Annual Banquet.



The cuisine at David Fong's Restaurant is fantastic and nobody goes home hungry from the great buffet. (Photo by Jim Cook)

The club has held the Annual Banquet at Fong's for several years now. Besides the wonderful and plentiful food, they give TCRC a huge private completing their paperwork for more room for the event.

Upon arrival at the banquet, members were met at the check-in table by Jayne Briesemeister. Once checked-in and given name tags, everybody was cut and everybody had cake and was given the first of many raffle tickets to be used to attempt to win

something from a huge array of prizes ranging from airplane kits to bottles of wine and everything in between.

Once an attendee had claimed a table and settled into a seat, he/she found an assortment of sheets for a coloring contest, airplane related questions, a word search and a crossword puzzle. Completing any and all of these netted the person many more raffle tickets.

There was a cash bar for beverages and shortly after getting a drink the hors d'oeuvres buffet was announced and a line quickly appeared at the buffet table. I think Fong's egg rolls are probably the best in the Twin Cities area.

At 6:00 pm or so, the buffet had been changed over to some favorite Chinese entrees and the line quickly reformed. Fong's had an assortment of sauces ranging from sweet and mild to very hot to be enjoyed only by the very brave. Absolutely nobody ever goes away from a David Fong's buffet still hungry!

During dinner everyone enjoyed some great camaraderie while raffle tickets.

The tables were cleared, the cake

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A Note from The Head Wing Nut





Hello Members,

I hope that you had a nice Thanksgiving with family and friends. As usual Jayne and I hosted Thanksgiving with 18 guests at our home and of course I ate my share of turkey and all the fixings. Thanksgiving is the start to the busy and hectic holiday season with Christmas only 3 weeks away. The TV stations are already playing Christmas and Holiday movies all day and Kool 108 is playing Christmas songs. "Bah Humbug!"

At the November membership meeting TCRC held the annual elections. All the incumbents were reelected with the exception of Chris O'Conner, who has decided not to run for vice president. I want to thank Chris for his many years on the board and also a big thanks to the board for their continuing service to TCRC. No one stepped up to fill the vice president seat at the meeting, so if you're interested, please contact me or another board member.

The TCRC Annual Banquet was held on the 16th of November at Fong's in Prior Lake with 41 people in attendance and many prizes to be won, both for the men and women in attendance. Everyone was given 2 the wo tickets when they arrived with the chance of winning more tickets by close. playing the table games or coloring an airplane. Then we played the rather thanksgiving Jeopardy where you could win more tickets to try and win the door prize of your choice. I want to thank Tim Wirtz for again running the Jeopardy Game.

The 2024 Walt Billet award was given to Tom Hall for all his work on updating the website for the last year. Thanks Tom, for all the work that you have done already and the work yet to come. I want to thank the board for the service award that I was given for my work at the field, auction and 10 years of being president. Thank You.

The next big event is the TCRC Auction on February 1st, 2025. This is the largest auction in the Upper Midwest so please put it on your calendar, as we need all the help we can get. Set up will be Friday, January 31st after 5pm and we will need help until the church is cleaned up Saturday late afternoon. This is TCRC's only fundraiser of the year and is a huge undertaking so please volunteer your time to help. It is a lot of work but also a lot of fun. You might just find that plane that you have been looking for.

The December membership meeting is on the 10th of December at 7pm. Please bring an airplane to talk about whether you built it or just purchased it, finished or not. It is always interesting and informative to see what other members are doing and how they are doing it.

Have a Merry Christmas and a blessed holiday season.

Happy New Year!

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Always Wear An Orange Vest To Retrieve A Plane

It's Hunting Season in Minnesota, and that means that anytime you even think about going out into the woods at the TCRC field, you put on an orange vest! This is a club requirement!

If your airplane does go down in the woods, the orange vests are quite close. The orange vests are stored in the rafters of the shelter and easy to reach

Be safe! Wear an orange vest anytime you have to retrieve an airplane.

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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ice cream for dessert. Anyone who could possibly still be hungry to much on Hershey's Kisses that were scattered on the table.

President Bob took the podium and officially welcomed all of the guests to the banquet. He then went into a 'year-in-review' highlighting the highs and the lows (flood waters) that occurred in 2024. Even with the Minnesota River occupying our field for a part of the year, the club managed a good number of events, all of which were well attended.

Next came the presentation of the prestigious Walt Billett Award. This award is given each year to the person who best personifies the purpose of TCRC: "To preserve, encourage, and further develop the hobby of building and flying radio controlled model airplanes." Jim Ronhovde was called forward to review how the award came into being, the Walt Billett Trophy, and some of the club history with the award. This year, Jim had put together a plaque that not only listed the previous winners of the award but included a photo of each of the winners. Jim then called Thad Gorycki and Brian Johnson who were members of the selection committee this year. They in turn discussed the criteria the committee used before announcing that the 2024 winner of the award was Tom Hall, webmaster for TCRC. She page 7 of this newsletter for a more complete article of the Walt Billett presentation.

Lots Of Happy Prize Winners At The TCRC Annual Banquet



The many, many prize winners at the TCRC banquet pose with their winnings. (Photo by Jim Cook)

The Coloring Contest Showed The Talents Of Budding Artists



Solvay Johnson shows off her winning entrant in the Coloring Contest at the banquet. (Photo by Jim Cook)

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Tim Wirtz and Brian Johnson then came forward to make a special award. President Bob has served as president of TCRC, and he has been a tireless leader. In addition to his normal presidential duties, he has put hours on end at the field cleaning, grading and repairing over the years. He has been present at all of the club events but has been so busy he hardly has time to fly. It is high time that the club recognized his dedication to TCRC. Bob was presented with a plaque thanking him for all of the time and effort he has invested in the club.

It was now time for the club's tradition and rendition of Jeopardy. Tim Wirtz came forward and outlined the rules of the game. Previous years the categories were heavy on aviation, but the 2024 edition was based on Thanksgiving and its traditions and history. Competition was fierce as the tables vied to win more raffle tickets.

The Coloring Contest winner was then chosen, this year being Solvay Johnson.

The final event of the evening was the selection of the winning raffle ticket for each prize. There were tons of prizes, and it took some time before all of the drawings were complete.

A huge thank you to Bob and Jayne Breisemeister and to Tim Wirtz for all of the time and effort they put in to make the 2024 Annual Banquet a great success.

Recognition Richly Deserved For Making TCRC A Great Club!



Tim Wirtz and Brian Johnson present President Bob Breisemeister a plaque thanking him for all that he does. (Photo by Jim Cook)

New And Old Faces Were Present At The TCRC Banquet



Each table at the banquet became a contestant in TCRC Jeopardy and getting a question correct resulted in many raffle tickets for each person. (Photo by Jim Cook)

Pictures From TCRC's Annual Banquet



Jayne Breisemeister greeted everyone arriving to attend TCRC's Banquet.



Everyone had a front row seat for all of the events occurring at the Banquet.



Dessert at the Banquet was the TCRC cake and it tasted even better than it looked.



Everyone at the banquet had a big smile and seemed to enjoy the activities.



The airplane kits used for raffle prizes were top notch. These were only a few of them.



The TCRC Banquet is not only for the older members, but also for the younger ones.

More Pictures From TCRC's Annual Banquet



Scott Anderson and Steve Meyer and spouses have been to many TCRC Banquets.



There were lots of entries into the Coloring Contest, making the selection of a winner hard.



Gerry and Lisa Dunne and Sherwood and Mary Heggen enjoying the banquet.



President Bob discusses the 'year-in-review' for all the many events of TCRC in 2024.



Tim Wirtz put together another great game of TCRC Jeopardy and acted as emcee.



Jim and Janice Ronhovde, Alan and Kathy Boucher and Jim and Mary Cook had a good time.

Tom Hall Presented TCRC's Walt Billett Award

by Jim Cook

The Walt Billet Award for 2024 was presented to the recipient at the new host in November of this This award is given to a member of TCRC who year. 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 named the winner of the Walt Billett airplanes."



Tom Hall receives the Walt Billed Award from Brian Johnson as Jim Ronhovde and Thad Gorycki look on at the Banquet on November 16th. (Photo by Jim Cook)

The recipient of the Walt Billett for the year is chosen by the past three winners of the award. In 2024 the award committee consisted of Brian Johnson, Thad Gorycki and David Erickson.

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. He said that the original Walt Billett trophy is now in the AMA Museum in Muncie, Indiana. This year Jim put together a plaque that not only lists all of the winners of the award, but also includes their picture. A photo of that plaque is on the right of this article.

Following Jim's presentation, Brian Johnson and Thad Gorycki came forward to make the presentation. Tom Hall was an obvious choice this year. A fairly recent new member to TCRC, Tom accepted the job of webmaster for TCRCOnline.com when the previous long-time webmaster

Pat Dziuk retired from that position. Not only did Tom jump in and become webmaster, but he started a project to change the site from the Legacy host and move it to a host that gave the club more options and speed. This project has taken many, many months and Tom made the switch to

Tom is very deserving of be Award for 2024. Congratulations, Tom!



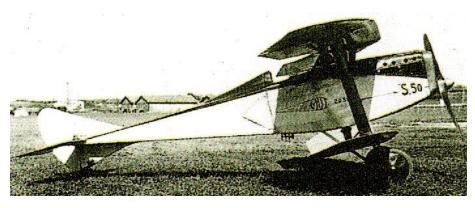
Pictured above is the new Walt Billett Award plaque that Jim Ronhovde put together. It has a photograph of the original trophy, a picture of Walt Billett, and photos of all of the previous winners of the WBA going back to the first award given in 1958.

A big thank you to Jim for taking the time and effort, being able to locate photos of all of the previous winners and assembling the new plaque.

Marchetti 550

by Conrad Naegele

The November Mystery Plane was the Italian Marchetti 550.



Built at the Aviation Company in Italy, the MVT single-seat fighter was flown in 1919. Of all-metal construction, it was powered by a 220- Jan. 1 horsepower 6-cylinder water-cooled engine. It carried two Vickers machine guns. The fuselage was suspended between the rather thin wings, and the fuse was flattened at the tail to form an airfoil, which added 20% of the lift.

Handling was performed by wing warping. On December 9, 1919, the Jan. 15 plane achieved a speed of 155 mph and could and did reach an altitude of 16,400 feet in 11 minutes.

Nevertheless, the plane was completely redesigned, with longer wings and tail. A new engine was fitted, developing 285-horsepower, and then reaching a speed of 171 mph. A contract for 12 planes was released, and one of the planes was fitted for twin floats. Then, the contract for 12 planes was cancelled. The number of planes actually built has been lost to time.

The Marchetti 550 had a wingspan of 28-feet 6-inches, a weight of 1,647-pounds, and reached 171 mph. The powerplant was a SP6A water-cooled inline engine that developed 220 horsepower.

Calendar

Dec. 4 Joint TCRC Board Meeting 7:00 PM Bob Breisemeister's

Home

Dec. 7 All Season Flyer
Season Finale
TCRC Jordan Field

10-10-10 Rule

Dec. 10 TCRC Membership
Meeting, 7:00 PM
CrossPoint Church
Meeting & Zoom

Session

Dec. 25 Merry Christmas!

Jan. 1 Happy New Year!

Jan. 4 All Season Flyer

Kick-Off Jordan Field 10-10-10 Rule

an. 15 Deadline for TCRC Dues

Discount

Feb. 1 TCRC Auction
CrossPoint Church
France Ave. and 98th

Bloomington, MN

MNBigBirds.com Free Scale Plan Downloads Hawker Hurricane MkII Kawasaki Ki-45 "Nick" Focke Wulf TA-152H Lavochkin La-7 **Grumman Lynx** ARADO 96B Hawker Hurricane Mk **Howard Pete** 1/4 Scale British Fighter **Construction Articles** Mitsubishi Ki-15 "Babs" Composite Parts Scale Documentation Available Thru MICKO **Thomas Morse Scout S4C** Paint Masks & More! KLAS DRAGON SLAVER

TCRC Election Results

Tuesday, November 12th was election night for TCRC.

All four officer positions were up for election, plus one of the three board seats.



The 2025 TCRC Officers and Board at the Annual Banquet. (Photo by Jim Cook)

Incumbent Bob Breisemeister was reelected as President. Incumbent Ken Weddell was reelected as Secretary. Incumbent Tim Wirtz was reelected as Treasurer. Incumbent Gerry Dunne was reelected to his board seat. Incumbent Vice President Chris O'Connor was not running for election this year, and no one else was nominated for that position at the meeting.

Jim Ronhovde and Brian Johnson hold the other two board seats, but they were not up for election this year.

It is hoped that a member does step up and run for Vice President sometime in the near future. Duties of the VP include standing in for the President when he is not present, attending quarterly board meetings, and lining up programs of interest for the monthly meeting. If you would like to consider becoming Vice President for this year, please let an officer or board member know of your interest.

Vice President Needed!
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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.

Show & Tell



One neat airplane at the November membership meeting.



Sherwood had another rescued airplane at the meeting. This one was Rascal 110 that he purchased at the Swap Meet this year. The plane had been damaged and was showing a lot of wear and tear. He was able to completely restore the plane to pristine condition. It had a wingspan of 110-inches and weighed in at 12.5 pounds. He put a Saito 180 4-stroke in it for a powerplant and covered it with white Ultrakote with blue trim. He said the Rascal was going to have to wait until next spring to get its new maiden flight.

A member can have his new or rebuilt airplane appear in the Show & Tell column just by sending a picture of the plane and a data sheet about the plane. (Data sheets can be obtained on the club website, TCRCOnline.com).

Send your pictures and info by texting to Jim Cook at 952-200-2030 or emailing them to him at jimcook888@q.com. Data arriving before the last day of the month should make the newsletter.

Now, you don't have to attend a meeting to show the membership what you have been building.

Free!!!



New, not in box, Andrews Aeromaster kit. This was a classic great flying biplane from about 60 years ago. The kit is complete and in perfect condition. The box got damaged, so it is not in the original box.

If interested, there are many links on the internet about it.

Please, only take this if you plan to build it. Don't take it for the wood (which there is plenty of).

Call/text/email: Brian Crossley bcplanes@msn.com 612-868-3993

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.





TCRC 48th ANNUAL AUCTION

Twin City Radio Controllers - Minneapolis, MN Saturday, February 1st, 2025

Cross Point 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

Registration Begins Auction Begins

@ 9:00 am

Details:

- \$5.00 Admission: includes Bidder's Card
- \$20.00 Minimum Opening Bid. Nothing will be sold for
- Commission of \$5 or 10%, whichever is greater, on ALL
- 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.

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

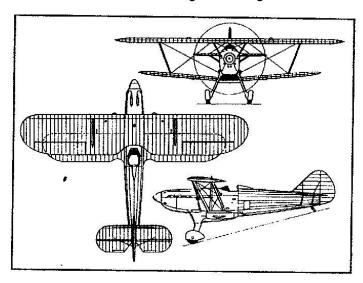
- For Items \$125 and up
- One Hour Exposure for all items in Silent Auc-
- 5 items sold each HOUR for 6 hours
- Set your minimum (\$125 or higher), Bidders bid for one hour. Item sold to highest bidder
- Limited to 1st 30 sellers who choose this option
- Items are shown at random

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



December Mystery Plane



2024-2025 AMA **Dues Statements**

Most older TCRC members should have received their 2024-2025 dues statements in the mail in the month of November from the Academy of Model Aeronautics. Newer members renew on the anniversary of the month they joined.

AMA 2025 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 \$25,000 coverage, 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 at the AMA website, methods: 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 2025 AMA dues is December 15 to avoid a lapse in membership services.

TCRC Auction Coming February 1st

The biggest R/C auction in the upper Midwest is coming on February 1st, 2025.

This will be the 48th Annual TCRC Auction, and it promises to be bigger and better than ever.

Buyers and sellers from Minnesota and all of the states surrounding Minnesota mark their calendars and make a point to be at CrossPoint Church in Bloomington, Minnesota on Saturday, February 1st.

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 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

Be An All Season Flyer In 2025



The end of the year is in sight, just a couple of months away. And that means you should start thinking about becoming an All Season Flyer in 2025.

To become an All Season Flyer a pilot must put at least one flight on an airplane outside in each month of a calendar year. That means you must start in January.

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 and seeing all of the neat R/C stuff for sale.

Mark your calendars now. Be a worker, a buyer and a seller at TCRC's 48^{th} Annual Auction on Saturday, February 1^{st} at CrossPoint Church in Bloomington, Minnesota.

In Minnesota, those December, January and February flights can occur in some pretty cool weather.

In TCRC several pilots have a proud tradition of earning their ASF patches. Some have been doing it for more than 10 consecutive years.

Earning an All Season Flyer patch in Minnesota has to be a very daunting experience. However, with the advent of the electric airplanes, it is a lot easier than trying to start a cold glow engine.

Saturday, January 4 has been scheduled as the 2025 ASF Kickoff date. If you are interested in becoming an All Season Flyer in 2025, plan on joining the other pilots on January 4th. The 10-10-10 Rule will be in effect. That means that if at 10 AM the temperature is 10 degrees or higher and the wind is 10 mph or lower, the event will be held as planned.

New Member

The editor must apologize. TCRC had a new member join in October and he missed putting the information in the newsletter.

Andy Terpstra lives at 8571 Tern Court in Chanhassen, 55317. His phone number is 651-226-3730 and his email address is andy terpstra@hotmail.com.

Andy has been flying for 20 years and currently is piloting a T-28, A Mambo 10, a Pitts and an Edge 540.

When you see Andy at a meeting or the field, be sure and introduce yourself and welcome to TCRC . ©

Ugly Airplane Contest Crowns Another Winner

by Sherwood Heggen

The prestigious Ugly Airplane Contest was held this year at the TCRC membership meeting on November 12th.

After the dust had settled, longtime member Mike Robin emerged the winner from a number of other entries with his "no name airplane – just foam with lights and camera".



Mike Robin and granddaughter Callie and the Ugly Airplane Contest 2024 champion. (Photo by Mike Robin)

Possibly the turning point which gave Mike the victory was the fact that this was "a scratch-built foam scale model of nothing". That impressive statement had to impress the judging group.

With the victory Mike received a gift certificate for \$25 to Sky

Hobby, but more importantly he was presented with the coveted Ugly Airplane Travelling Trophy. Since the trophy's inception, it has been enhanced and augmented by each of the previous winners. It is expected that Mike will add further adorn the trophy, which will no doubt add to its intrinsic value.

Thanks to all of the entrants who vied for this victory in this contest, and a special thank you to Sherwood for chairing the contest every year.

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.



He Won A Pretty Big Prize!



The TCRC Annual Banquet is known for its great raffle prizes that are awarded to lots of attendees at that event each year. Each person at the banquet starts with two tickets, but then more are amassed by completing table games, entering the coloring contest and having the right answers for the TCRC Jeopardy game.

When TCRC member Ali Reda's number was called, his grandson raced forward to collect the prize. It is hard to see the huge smile on his face, but I assure you that it is there! Scott Anderson caught this moment on his camera. Thanks, Scott.

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