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2014

TCRC Stages Another Great Auction

by Jim Cook

Saturday, February 8th was another cold and snowy day that has been the norm this winter, but the weather didn't stop TCRC and R/C hobby enthusiasts from converging on CrossPoint Church in Bloomington for TCRC's 38th Annual Auction.



Auctioneer Jim Cook sells one of the 300+ airplanes that crossed the auction block on Saturday. (Photo by Scott Anderson)

TCRC has been preparing for the auction for the last two months. Webmaster Pat Dziuk had seller pre-registration set up on the club website TCRConline.com and 45 of the 69 sellers had utilized that service. Corey Kaderlik acted as the chair for the event with the help of the board of directors and every aspect of the auction had been discussed and refined. There had been concern that the club couldn't muster

enough help for the auction but the club members did a great job of volunteering and showing up to make the event go like clockwork.

Friday, February 7th was pre-setup and a good number of members were present such that by 7:30 all was ready.

Saturday morning the doors were unlocked around 6:30 and members streamed in to complete the preparation. Buyers and sellers started arriving a little before 7:00 AM and the club welcomed them.



Club members open the doors to welcome a seller to the auction. (Photo by Jim Cook)

Every department -- bidder registration, seller registration, security, concessions, impound, record recording, etc. -- was functioning like a well-oiled machine and lines were kept to a minimum as the people arrived.

The concessions crew had hot coffee, doughnuts and cookies ready
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A Note from The Head Wing Nut

By Bob Briesemeister



Hello Members,

I would guess that the members who are not snowbirds and spending the winter in a warmer climate are getting very tired of the so-called Polar Vortex. I know that it has gone on too long for me. Hopefully, it will turn the corner soon.

The TCRC Auction for 2014 is now in the past. I would like to thank everyone who worked at the auction. This includes both members and non-members of the club and their spouses. Friday night setup went very well and was finished by 7:30 p.m., because of all the help that was available. We had plenty of help on Saturday also, but I was a little nervous because the Sellers and Buyers were not there as early as in the past. They finally started showing up around 8:00 a.m.

There are too many people to recognize, and I know I will forget someone, so forgive me if I do, but your hard work did not go unnoticed. I want to thank Corey Kaderlik for taking the lead on running the auction again this year. I would also like to thank Pat Dziuk for all the work on our website for the auction and pre-registration. Tim Wirtz did an outstanding job with managing the treasurer duties. Additionally, I'd like to thank Gerry Dunne and John Dietz and their wives for running the concessions again this year. I know that they would like to step back from this task next year, so we will be looking for some others to take their places in 2015.

TCRC will have a raffle at the March membership meeting for the people who worked the auction. We will be raffling off gift certificates to Hobby Warehouse for the members of the club. For those winners who are not members, we will purchase gift certificates accordingly.

Moving forward I need the members to start thinking about how they can volunteer this year at the field. As the field will most likely be flooding because of all this snow, there will be clean up that will need to be done and there is a need as well for people to mow each week. We will get the schedule updated so that you can choose a time to mow.

The plans for Father Hennepin Days are in process. Please let Tim Wirtz know how you can help out for this event. It is scheduled for 7th I believe.

I hope that you have been able to get some airplanes built during these long winter months. Remember to bring your projects to the membership meetings for Show & Tell. We would all love to see what you have built.

At the March meeting we will again have a new airplane to raffle off for \$5.00 a chance. This month the prize will be a ParkZone T-28 Trojan PNP that qualifies as an entry in the Pylon Racing League.

See you at the meeting! J

Calendar

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| Every Friday | Dome Flying
Golf Dome
Long Lake
9:00 PM to Midnight |
| Mar. 1 | End of Winter Fun Fly
TCRC Jordan Field
10-10-10 Rule |
| Mar. 11 | Membership Meeting, 7:00 PM
CrossPoint Church
Bloomington |
| Apr. 2 | 2 nd Qtr. Board of Directors Meeting
Briesemeister Home
7:00 PM |
| Apr. 5 | April Fool Fun Fly
TCRC Jordan Field
10-10-10 Rule |
| Apr. 8 | Membership Meeting, 7:00 PM
CrossPoint Church
Bloomington |



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for the workers and the early arrivals. The concession area was at its normal place on the main floor, roped off to keep the food and drink confined to the area with protection over the carpet. Once the doors were open, the concession area was continually busy until the last item had been sold at 5:00 PM.

Tom Steinmueller of Hobby Warehouse and Jeremy Steinmueller of Big Sky Hobbies both arrived early to set up their vendor's booths on the sides of the main room.

The bidder and seller registration was busy right up to the start of the auction. The impound areas quickly filled up with 300+ planes of ever size and description. When it was time to start the auction 69 sellers had registered 440 items and 235 buyers were eager to start bidding.



Just a few of the many airplanes that filled the impound areas.

At 9:00 AM the impound area was opened so that prospective buyers could inspect the items up close.



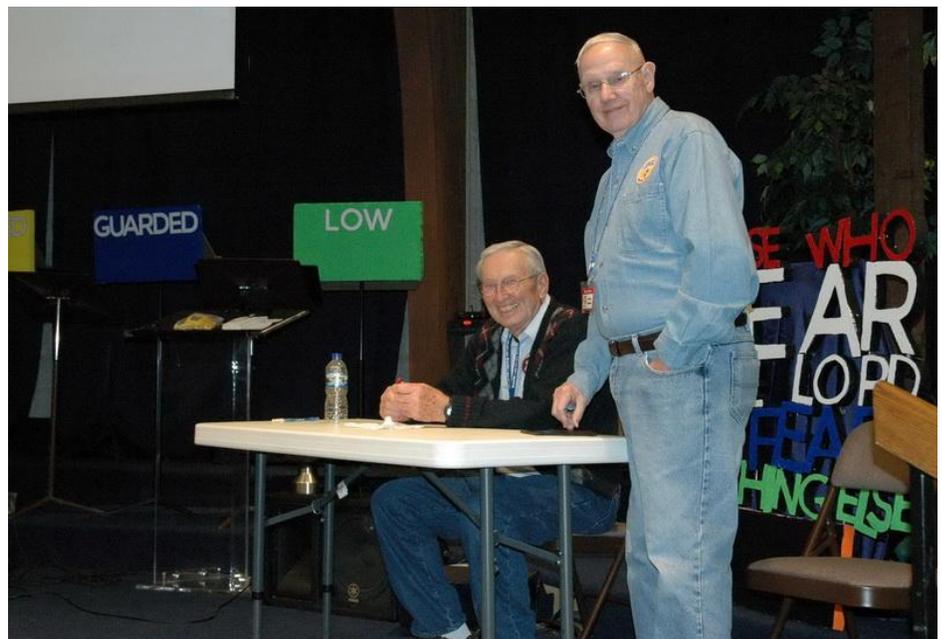
Buyers flood the impound area.

The Concession Crew Kept Everyone Well Fed All Day



The crew in the concessions area was kept busy from early morning to late afternoon with a great selection of food. (Photo by Jim Cook)

The Recorders At The Auction Were Unsung Heroes



With the auction action hot and heavy, the recording crew couldn't afford to make any mistakes, and that is just what they did. Here Morgan Larson and Conrad Naegele enjoy the calm before the start of the auction. (Photo by Scott Anderson)

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The buyers were allowed into the impound area for a half-hour and then precisely at 9:30 AM the first item went up on the auction block. Auctioneer Scott Anderson led off and from that time on, Scott, Jim Cook and Curtis Beaumont rotated as auctioneer and kept the action continuous until 5:00 PM when the last item was sold. When the dust settled, 440 R/C airplane items had been auctioned off at the rate of one item per minute!

Because of the length of the auction, the club had instituted a door prize drawing for the end of the auction, with the winners having to be present to win. Hobby Warehouse, Sky Hobby, Hub Hobby and Control Freaks had donated 9 planes with a retail value of almost \$2,000 to be awarded to non-TCRC members who were still there. This helped greatly as there were lots of bidders in the seats when the last item went up for auction. (See Door Prize article on page 8 of this newsletter.)

There were only 17 'buybacks' and 9 'no bids' during the course of the auction.

The many departments jumped into clean-up mode right after the last item was sold, and CrossPoint Church was pretty well back to its normal appearance by 7:30 PM.

Thanks to every member, spouse and friend that dug in to make the 2014 edition of the TCRC Auction a very successful one. Total results will be reviewed at the March 11th membership meeting. **J**

Auctioneer Scott Anderson Gets Ready to Auction Off Another Great Looking Plane



There were planes to fit the needs of every possible R/C flyer at the TCRC Auction. (Photo by Jim Cook)

Curtis Beaumont Kept The Action Fast Paced At The Auction



Sherwood Heggen displays a nice sport flyer as Mike Burk spots the next bid for Curtis. (Photo by Scott Anderson)

Pictures From TCRC's 38th Annual Auction



As soon as the doors opened the bidder registration area was kept busy as 235 hobbyists got ready to bid on some great R/C items.



Tom Steinmueller set up his vendor's booth for Hobby Warehouse at his normal spot at the back of the auction floor.



Bidders had a good chance to inspect items due up for auction in the next 15 to 20 minutes.



Seller registration was a well organized area and the lines were kept to a minimum.



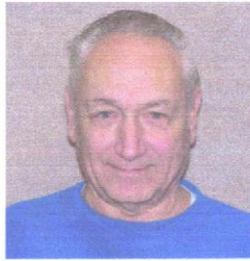
The concession area had tables and a good view of the auction action while customers ate and drank without fear of damaging the carpet.



Jeremy Steinmueller had his Big Sky Hobby vendor's booth at its normal area by the concession area at the auction.

Safety At The Field

By Larry Couture



Well here it is the last day of February and it is for sure winter. It seems it has been cold and been snowing forever!

I wish to take this time to refresh our memories and inform the new members about a few of the rules for field use. The club card or AMA card must be placed on the frequency board when you're at the field flying. In the pit area or in front of the starting stands your plane must be under physical control. After you reach the north bound taxiway you can taxi out without physical control (we do want you to announce your intension to take off and wait for, and answer, from others that may be flying). We try to use the runway so that you take off into the wind. (This may change as you fly, and upon approaching your landing you announce another runway direction if the wind has changed, but you must make sure that anyone else that may be flying understands the change). If the takeoff direction is to the east the circle direction would be counter clockwise. If takeoff direction is west the circle direction would be (you may have surmised) clockwise. Now after you land you may taxi to a taxiway and down it to about halfway where there is a line at which you cut your engine or take physical control to the starting stand or pit area.

If everyone complies with these rules accidents should not happen.

Now for you electric guys and myself included, when setting up or checking an electric plane on the bench you should REMOVE THE PROP before you turn on the transmitter as this can cause all papers and small objects to change places in the area and it sometimes cuts fingers as you stop the planes movement. How this happens is the unknown but believe me at can happen and hurt.

Now I was very happy to see the great manpower turnout at the auction. It was still a long day but with all the help I wasn't as tired as I have been at some previous auctions. Thanks to all for the help.

When flying always think safety, and keep the rubber or ski side down and any landing that you can fly again from is great but not always graceful. J

Izumi Wirtz

Izumi Wirtz, wife of TCRC member and treasurer Tim Wirtz passed away unexpectedly on Monday, February 24th.

Izumi was 45 years of age and she and Tim had been married for 13 years. They met in Japan where Tim had been teaching English.

A memorial service was held for her at the Japanese Cultural Center on Saturday, March 1st.

All members of TCRC send their deepest sympathies to Tim and to Izumi's family.

Weather Cancels School Display

TCRC had been contacted to have an R/C display at the Science Fair at the Creekside Elementary School in Edina.

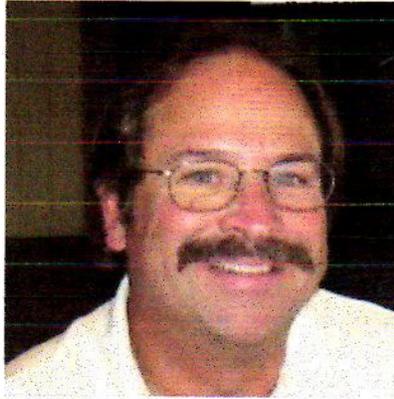
Tim Wirtz, Bob Breisemeister and Gerry Dunne had put together plans to have a TCRC display but very snowy weather caused the cancellation of the event. J

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.

Safety Always Comes First!

Wingman

by VP Mike Robin



Hello to all Members,

First I want to express my deepest sympathy to our fellow club member and treasurer Tim Wirtz for the sudden loss of his wife Izumi. I also want to thank Tim for the time and effort that he put into the TCRC auction. Additional thanks to our president Bob, and to all of the club members and friends that worked to raise the funds that all members benefit from. It was really nice to see so many new club members at our largest fundraiser.

Speaking of the auction, there were a lot of nice airplanes, kits and engines that were sold at fairly reasonable prices making buyers very happy. Some sellers did buy their items back, and so I think it worked out well for everyone. I think Tim Wirtz scored the best deal when he bought Sherwood Heggen's Skylark for \$60.00. I wanted to bid on it but really wanted Tim to get it. I know Dave Erickson was smiling with his winning bid on a nice Yak!

The month of February was not friendly to those of us that like to fly in the winter, because it was just too cold. The few nice days occurred on work days for me, so January 20th was the last day I flew at our field. With all of the below zero days we have been having I plan to fly when the temperature hits at least 30 degrees, so it might be March 8th before I will fly again.

Looking forward to spring is usually a good thing, but with all of the snow we have in Minnesota I am sure TCRC will be flooded again. We will have to hope for a slower thaw and no rain this spring.

I just bought a RealFlight 7 simulator to compare to my Phoenix 4 and I really like both of them. Phoenix has a new Version 5 upgrade available, but I've heard it has some issues. If you choose to upgrade, you would be wise to search some of the R/C forums for the latest news prior to upgrading. I am sticking with Version 4 until more of the bugs are worked out.

I've learned recently that there are many in the club that need help with different parts of the hobby, especially if they are flying electric and

want to fly either gas or nitro, or they only fly gas and nitro and want to try electric. If you fly nitro or gas and would like to share your knowledge with the club let me know. I will be having a nitro and gas engine clinic at our field sometime in April or May depending on the field conditions.

My program topic for the March meeting will be the pros and cons of both electric and fueled power systems and what you need to know to be successful. I will cover the unique requirements of both airplanes and helicopters. Don't miss, "Electric and Gas/Nitro 101".

I know we hold an annual auction and there are online websites such as eBay, Craigslist, and R/C Universe along with many forums where you can sell and buy R/C airplanes, helicopters and everything else you can think of. However, if you are like me, you have a lot of stuff that you will never use. Well, for people like us, there is another great way to sell your items. TCRC has a forum that is up and running. All you have to do is register at the TCRC website by sending an email to our webmaster, Pat Dziuk (webmaster@tcrconline.com). Pat will get you set up, and then you can post your items for sale.

The forum is underused at the present time, so I encourage everyone to check it out and post something. There is a "How Do I...?" question and answer section along with other TCRC topics. Don't wait - just contact the webmaster and get started! I encourage everyone to make this a regular stop to check things out, especially if you have a question or you are looking for something to buy.

See you at the next meeting!

J

Great Door Prizes Won At TCRC Auction



Some of the great door prizes that were donated by local hobby shops for the TCRC Auction. (Photo by Jim Cook)

Hobby Warehouse, Big Sky Hobby, Hub Hobby and Control Freaks donated several very nice airplane kits to be awarded as door prizes to those in attendance at the TCRC Auction on February 8, 2014. The prizes were only to be awarded to non-TCRC members. The retail value of these 9 kits was between \$1,500 and \$2,000!

Four of the kits were auctioned off every hour after noon, but 5 of the kits were held until the last item had crossed the auction block. The winners had to be present to win.



Shelley Tibbets and GWS 190 donated by Hub Hobby



Richard Schroeder with a nice Beaver kit donated by Control Freaks.



Neil Theis and an Edge 540 kit donated by Control Freaks.



Daniel Graham and an Albatross kit donated by Big Sky Hobby.



Richard Walin and a Tucano kit donated by Hobby Warehouse.



Terry Spoetzleser and an Archer kit donated by Big Sky Hobby.



Jeff Sorenson and a Spitfire kit donated by Hub Hobby.

Steve Mills won a Flick 360 donated by Control Freaks and James Buzzeo won a Funstar donated by Hobby Warehouse.

A very big thank you to Control Freaks, Hub Hobby, Hobby Warehouse and Big Sky Hobby for donating these very nice door prizes. Special thanks to Larry Couture for chairing the project, and thanks to Scott Anderson for the photos. J

Great Raffle Prizes At TCRC Membership Meetings



John Dietz was the lucky winner of the raffle held at the February TCRC membership meeting.

The TCRC board decided to institute raffles at the regular meetings and the first was held in January. John won this very nice Escapade airplane in February.

Tickets are \$5 each and judging from the first two raffles, the event is very popular with the members. There will be another raffle at the March meeting. (Photo by Jim Lundquist) J

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2014 AMA Dues Statements

All TCRC members should have received their 2014 dues statements in the mail from the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

AMA 2014 dues have not changed from the previous year. They are:

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- Senior (65 and up) \$48
- Under 19 \$1
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- Additional family \$30

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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 \$29.95 per year, but that membership is not valid for membership in TCRC.

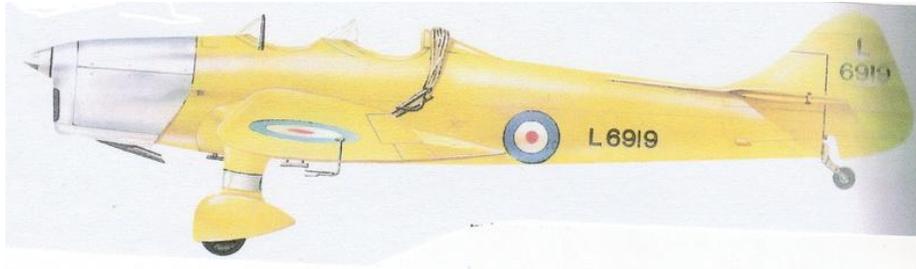
To renew your membership in AMA, the Academy gives you four methods: at the AMA website, www.modelaircraft.org; by fax at (765) 741-0057; by phone at (800) 435-9262; or by returning the renewal form you received in the mail in the supplied envelope.

Pay your 2014 AMA dues as soon as possible to avoid a lapse in membership services. J

Miles Magister

by Conrad Naegele

The February Mystery Plane was the British Miles Magister.



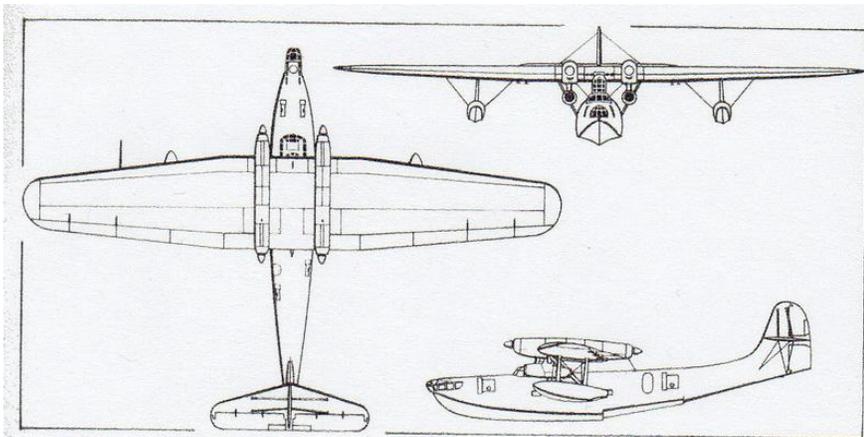
The ‘Magister’ was the Royal Air Force’s most important basic trainer at the outbreak of World War II. It was also important as the first monoplane trainer. Developed in 1936, it was based on the Hawk trainer which was none too good. Models now included larger cockpits and blind flying equipment and included a hood over the rear cockpit.

This was a low-wing monoplane with a fixed but nicely faired tail wheel. All-wood construction held over from the twenties. It featured ‘high’ performance but no significant increase in landing speed. Deliveries to flying schools started in February 1937. To improve spin recovery the Mark II had a larger rudder – approximately 20% over the Mark I.

In production until 1941, a total of 1,293 were produced in England plus 100 more in Turkey. As World War II ended, large numbers of the Magister were released to civilian flying schools – now called the Hawk III. The Royal Air Force retired the last Magister in 1948.

The Magister used a deHaviland Gypsy Major inline, air-cooled engine that developed 130 horsepower. It had a wingspan of 33.3 feet, a weight of 1,900 pounds and a speed of 140 mph. J

March Mystery Plane



2014 TCRC Dues

Unbelievably it is now March! So if you haven’t paid your 2014 TCRC dues yet, now is the time!

The TCRC board of directors elected to leave the dues the same as 2013:

- Regular \$85.00
- Junior \$42.50
- Social Affiliate \$30.00

Dues invoices were handed out at the December 10th meeting if you were present, or mailed on December 11th.

Remember, to be a member of TCRC you must be a member of AMA and supply proof of that membership at the time of your TCRC renewal.

Your TCRC dues can be paid to membership chairman Bernie Gaub at a meeting or by mailing them to Bernie at:

Bernie Gaub
11037 Stanley Curve
Bloomington, MN 55437

The TCRC board also held the initiation fee for new members or members who had not paid their dues for the previous year. The initiation fee is \$75.

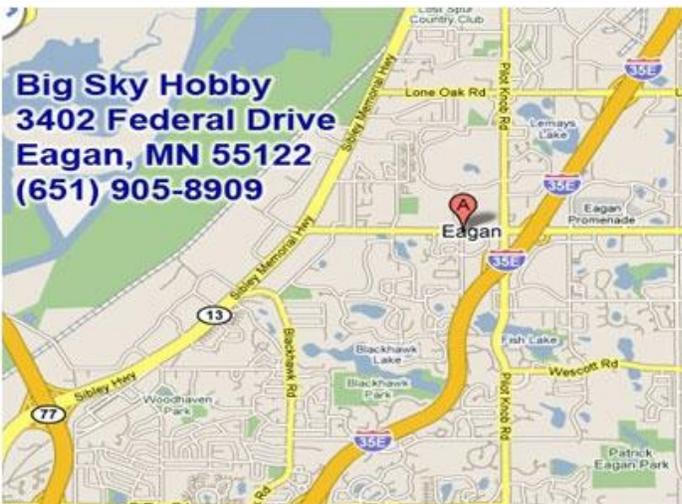
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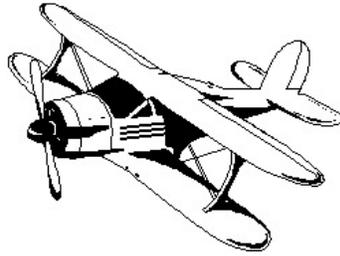
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Show & Tell



Only one plane at the February meeting for Show & Tell as the club prepared for the auction the next Saturday.



Wayne Fisher had a Full House 500 kitted by Stevens Aeromodel. This plane was done in pearl white Ultrakote with pearl blue trim. The plane had a 50-inch wingspan and weighed in at 28 ounces. It was powered with an electric 200 watt motor with a 2S 7.4 2,100 mah lipo battery. Wayne said the plane has not had its maiden flight yet. J

More Auction Action Pix



Some of the bidding crowd.



More recording heroes!

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