



November

Minneapolis, Minnesota U.S.A.

2014

# Season Finale

by Bob Breisemeister

Flying, food and fun was had by all who were able to attend the Season Finale on Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup>. It was the opening of the pheasant season but we still had 27 pilots, one of which brought his planes but forgot his radios at home – yep, that was me!

putting the witch up at the Season Finale, and the old girl still does a pretty good job in the air.

It was good to see so many members come out to TCRC's Model Air Park in Jordan on a beautiful fall day to say goodbye to the 2014 flying season and start the planning for the winter's building season.

Hope to see you at the next membership meeting and the banquet on the 15<sup>th</sup> of November. J



The pits were full of great looking airplanes at the Season Finale. (Photo by Steve Meyer)

The sun was shining brightly and the winds were moderate allowing everyone to get some flights in from small electric foamies to giant scale gas planes. There was a great mix of planes and flying abilities.

I started grilling a little later than planned because the grill propane tank was empty. After getting a new tank in Jordan I made brats and hot dogs which were provided by TCRC along with soda, water and chips. Thanks to everyone who provided many good desserts. We had a visitor from the north side of the river who had seen our planes flying and he along with his 3 children, came to check it us out. Who knows maybe he will become a new member.

Jim Ronhovde brought the flying witch, originally built and flown by the late Bill Altenhofen of the club. Jim has carried on Bill's tradition of

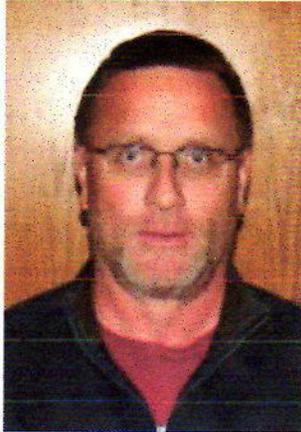
## Calendar

- Nov. 11 TCRC Membership Meeting, 7:00 PM  
CrossPoint Church  
Bloomington
- Nov. 11 TCRC Elections  
CrossPoint Church
- Nov. 11 Ugly Plane Contest  
Sherwood Heggen
- Nov. 15 TCRC Banquet  
David Fong's  
Prior Lake  
5:00 PM Cocktails  
6:00 PM Dinner
- Feb. 7 TCRC Auction  
CrossPoint Church  
Bloomington



# A Note from The Head Wing Nut

By Bob Briesemeister



Hello Members,

The flying season is slowly winding down but in the last week I was able to get out and fly 3 times, that's more flying than in the last month! When I went to the field on Monday night Dave Erickson was flying and had been there all day. Dave was playing follow the leader with Nick and Chad Sulhiem so I just stayed out of their way and let them have their fun! When I got home Chad sent me a picture of the light illuminating the flags.



Chad Sulheim's photo of the flags illuminated on the new memorial flagpole. (Photo by Chad Sulheim)

At the November meeting, we are having The Ugly Airplane Contest. Don't be ashamed of your plane or planes and enter to win a \$25.00 gift certificate to Hobby Warehouse. Oh yeah, it is also election night with all officer positions up for election and one at large position as well.

The banquet is coming up on Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup> at Fong's in Prior Lake (same location as last year). Appetizers will be out by 5:00 and the bar will be open. Dinner will start around 6:00 with games to follow with the opportunity to win some nice prizes for both pilots and their spouses. So join us at the banquet and enjoy an evening of delicious food, prizes, and TCRC fellowship.

At the membership meeting this month we will again hold a raffle to win a Multiplex Toucan Electric Airplane -- retail value \$170.00. Tickets are \$5.00 each so come buy a bunch to increase your chances of winning this cool plane. Past meetings we have raffled off 10 planes and have had 10 different winners.

Happy Flying!

J

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



# Pictures From TCRC's 2014 Season Finale



Lots of club members gathered around the new TCRC memorial flagpole and enjoyed the warm sunshine at the Season Finale.



The food was fantastic at the Season Finale as president Bob grilled brats and hotdogs and the pilots brought potluck desserts.



Jim Ronhovde continued the club tradition of putting the flying witch up in the skies over Jordan during TCRC's Season Finale.



Gerry Dunne had a squadron of airplanes at the Season Finale -- all electric of course!



Steve Meyer, in between his duties as 'official photographer' at the Season Finale, managed to put in some good flights on his giant-scale.

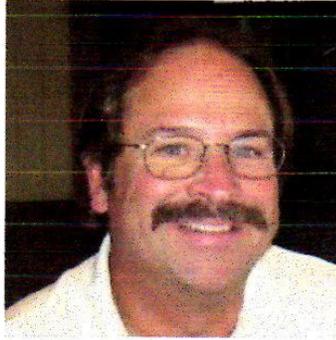


Every type of airplane was at the Season Finale, from giant-scale to small electric, from scale to pattern, from monoplane to bipes.

Photos by Steve Meyer

# Wingman

by VP Mike Robin



Hello Everyone,

Since this is my last column, I want to thank the members for the opportunity to be your VP this year. I also want to thank the other officers and the workers that helped keep our club running throughout the past year. TCRC is very lucky to have some members willing to contribute their time and energy to make this club operate. I want to remind all members that this is your club. The officers that you elect need input from everyone, and everyone is welcome to run for an officer position.

Our next meeting on November 11th is devoted to the selection of candidates and the election of officers for the coming year. If you do not attend the meeting, you will not be able to participate in this process. I encourage all members to attend the TCRC election meeting to meet and to vote for the candidates who will work for you next year. If you would like to be an officer, you can become a candidate for a position at this meeting.

I have been thinking that with all of the area R/C clubs that have closed in the past several years, TCRC would have gained a lot of new members. We have had an increase in membership, but the current total of 130 members is far less than I expected. I was looking back at the club's records from 50 years ago. Our membership was 62 at the time. This year the addition of new members may have been dampened (no pun) by the record flooding that shut down our main field for a lengthy period of time. Although we maintain an alternate flying site at the Scott County Fairgrounds that members can use if the main field is not available.

TCRC is open for flying during the winter months and many members take advantage of that option. November is always a strange flying month in Minnesota. Although the colder weather is arriving, we usually have some nice days to squeeze in a few more flights on our favorite aircraft. I take advantage of these flying days when I get the chance, but the reality of any more super great flying weather is probably zero for many members. That means for most of us it is time to store most of our aircraft until next spring.

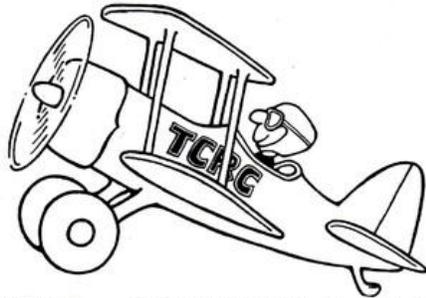
I've learned from experience that it is much easier to examine everything right now and make notes for things that need to be repaired for each model that you intend to put into storage. I am always trying to remember some things that I was going to do to a particular model when spring rolls around. So instead of flying on a perfect spring day, I have to spend the day scrambling to make repairs!

One good thing about the month of November is that almost all online hobby stores and some local stores offer huge discounts on many popular items that only go on sale in November. I have seen a lot of name-brand receivers, motors, batteries, airplanes, and helicopters go on sale and sell out within a matter of hours. So start looking now and get on your favorite hobby store's mailing list to score some nice stuff.

I know many of our members are already into their building season. If anyone is building a balsa kit this year, I encourage you to bring it to Show and Tell and share the construction stages with the other members. While many pilots choose the ready-to-fly or "almost" ready-to-fly models these days, it's interesting for newer pilots to see a set of plans and a pile of balsa wood turn into a beautiful new flying model.

Remember to support our local hobby stores as much as possible and give them a chance to earn your business. Price is an important consideration in any purchase, especially with all of the online competition. However when you compare prices, our local stores offer

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# TCRC 39th ANNUAL AUCTION

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ugly Airplane Contest

by Sherwood Heggen

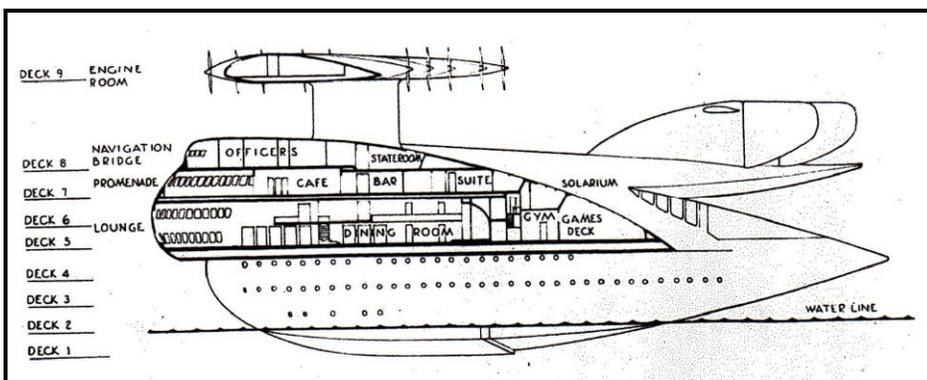
It is that time of year again to put the usual pride of owning that stellar aircraft in the background and give some positive recognition to the everyday, well used flyer.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ugly Airplane Contest will be held at the November TCRC meeting, which is also the TCRC election meeting.

To qualify, the airplane entered must be in flying condition. There are many levels of ugly, meaning the airplane might be well-scuffed by rough landings, to the other end where it is held together with packing tape and rubber bands. It is not known what is out there so bring what you have. Your airplane might be the winner.

Come on and join the fun. Everyone has something to bring, so bring it in for a chance to win.

## November Mystery Plane



Besides the title of owning the ugliest aircraft in the club, the winner will also receive a gift certificate for \$25 to Hobby Warehouse, and the right to take possession of the coveted traveling trophy which can be proudly displayed in his workshop.

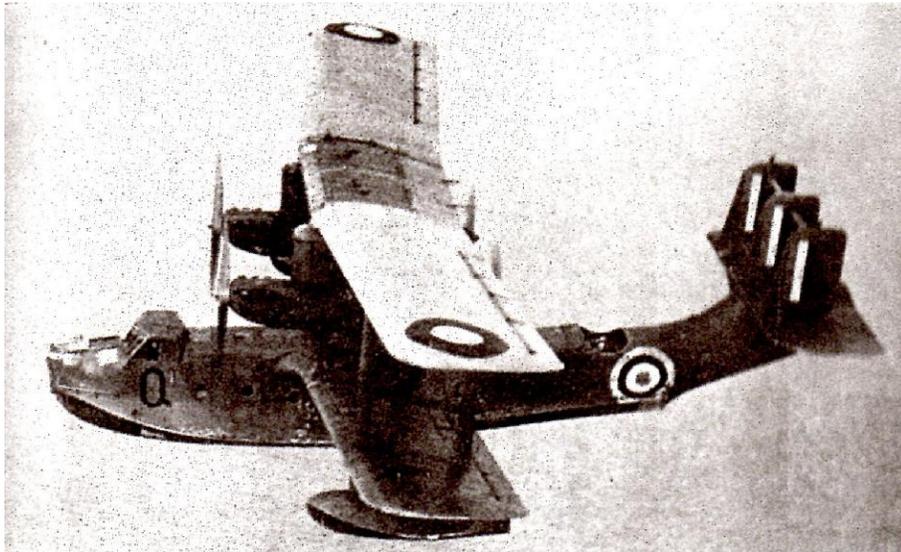
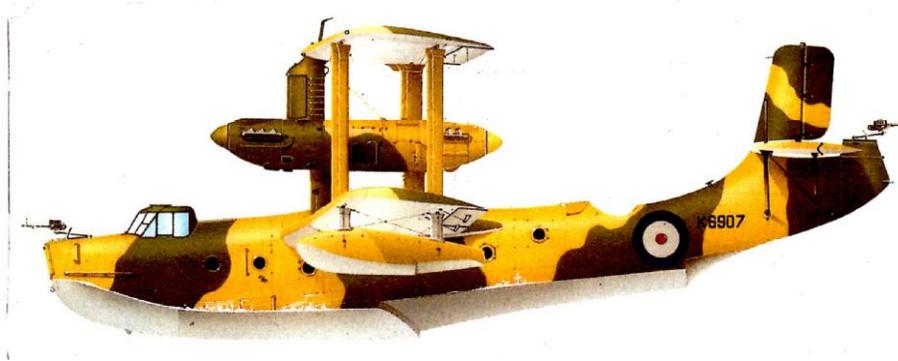
Come to the November 11<sup>th</sup> meeting and be prepared to see what 'ugly' means in 2014.

J

# Short 'Singapore' III

by Conrad Naegele

The October Mystery Plane was the British Short 'Singapore' III.



C'mon guys, fess up! When was the last time you saw a 4-engine biplane -- a 4-engine biplane flying boat?

The Short brothers design team did much to set the fashion in the flying boat field from the mid-20's to the mid-30's, and was largely responsible for Britain's pre-eminence in this type of aircraft. The Singapore was the last in a long line of Short Brothers flying boats. It was the production model of the Mark 2 which featured twin tandem power plants, triple fins and rudders (you can't have too much rudder!). The prototype flew in 1934. The first production model featured 4-530 horsepower Rolls-Royce Kestral engines.

Once assigned to squadron level this plane was of mixed construction, right on the cusp of primarily wood, metal and fabric to primarily all-metal (retaining fabric-covered ailerons, elevators, and rudders, which carried thru to past WWII). This was a warplane, so armament, including bombs, changed often. This easy flying, rather slow, plane

continued in service until the onset of WWII. A total of 37 boats were built, the last in July, 1937.

This 'general recon' coastal patrol flying boat had a wingspan of 90 feet, a speed of 145 mph, and a range of 1,000 miles. It carried a crew of 6 and for armament had 3 swiveling 303 cal. machine guns plus a 2,000 pound bomb load. J

## TCRC Annual Banquet November 15<sup>th</sup>

The TCRC Annual Banquet is almost here. It is scheduled to be held starting at 5:00 PM on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at Fong's Restaurant in Prior Lake at the intersection of Highway 13 and County Road 21.

The banquet is always a very enjoyable time with TCRC members and their families coming together to partake of a great meal, indulge in camaraderie with both old and new friends, to see a recap of the club's 2014 events, and to be a part of some fun games with nice prizes for the winners.

Cost is \$25/person and includes a buffet dinner of Fong's exquisite cuisine. Last year virtually every one attending the banquet at Fong's had nothing but raves about the event.

President Bob is chairing the event and is getting a nose count. If you are interested in attending, either give him a call or an email, or see him at the November 11<sup>th</sup> membership meeting.

Be a part of the fun at the TCRC Banquet on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. J

## October Raffle Winner



Dick Voeltz holds the lucky ping pong ball that his number on it at the September meeting and he was able to walk away with a very nice Lanier R/C Stinger II ARF airplane, for an investment of a mere \$5!

The November Raffle prize is a Multiplex Toucan Electric airplane. This plane retails for \$170, but you can have it for only \$5, if your number is selected at the membership meeting. Chances are \$5/apiece and you may buy as many chances as you wish. **J**

## Wingman

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products at or below many of the online store prices. Also if you buy locally, many of the products can be returned and replaced if something is defective from the manufacturer. Also, most of the local stores will order anything you want and you do not have to pay for the shipping costs. All you have to do is call them, tell them what you want, and ask for their best price.

Happy Flying. **J**

## TCRC Shirts & Hats For Sale

Treasurer Tim Wirtz has a number of TCRC logo shirts and hats for sale.

The T-shirts come in gray or tradition blue with the logo on the left chest. Sizes are L, XL and XXL. Cost is \$10.

The baseball caps are tradition blue with the TCRC logo and are also \$10. See Tim at a meeting to obtain club apparel. **J**

## Cleary Park Flying Site Update

by Joe Neidermayr

On October 8<sup>th</sup> Three Rivers / Cleary Lake Park / Scott County held an open house in the pavilion at Cleary Lake Park for the purpose of obtaining feedback about the proposed R/C flying site and to inform the general public, park patrons and neighbors about the considerations.

Many thanks to all of you. The October 8th open house went well. Very little came up about noise or the impact on nature. I would like to think Randy's Dr. Redig poster and the flying at the field quenched these concerns.

For me the best experience was that several kids and their parents came back to the pavilion from the flying field all bubbly and enthused about model airplanes. Great PR, - thanks to the flying team.

However on a new front we hit a big bump in the road -- namely the Scott County Highway Department does not allow access to the proposed field from CR 68 (190<sup>th</sup> Street).

This makes the proposed site landlocked and unless we are able to resolve this, the project will die.

If anyone has any ideas on how to solve this problem, we would love to hear what they are. **J**

# TCRC Elections November 11<sup>th</sup>

TCRC's annual elections are scheduled for Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, following the business meeting at CrossPoint Church in Bloomington. That's this month!

All four officer positions are up this year plus one of the three board of director seats. The board positions of Larry Couture and Jim Lundquist are not up until next year.

For president, incumbent Bob Breisemeister has announced that he is running for a second term.

For vice president, incumbent Mike Robin has announced that he will not be running for a second term, and as of press time no member had announced his candidacy for this position.

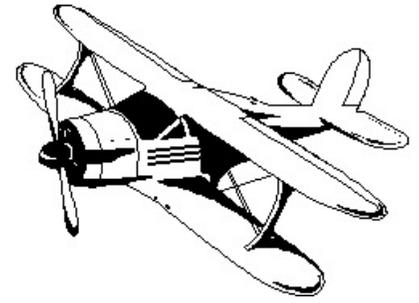
For secretary incumbent Jim Ronhovde has announced a 'maybe' about running for a second term.

For treasurer, incumbent Tim Wirtz has announced he will run for a second term.

For the one board seat up, incumbent Gerry Dunne has announced he will run for another term.

The club encourages every member to consider running for an officer or board position for the next year. TCRC is a great club and it is the work of the members that make it that great club. Let an officer or board member know you would like to run for a position on the board this year. J

## Show & Tell



Only one plane showed up at Show & Tell at the October meeting.



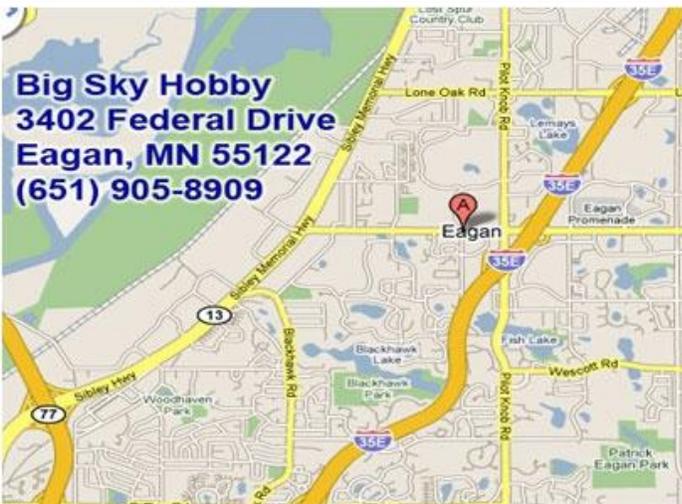
Joe Neidermayr had a gorgeous Lear Jet that he had scratch-built. This plane had a 48-inch wingspan and was done in white with a blue centerline for trim. It weighed in at 6 pounds. The power plants were electric ducted fans that were housed in a pair of great looking nacelles. Joe had installed electric retracts in the plane also. J

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## TCRC 2014 Banquet!

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### Where?

**Fong's Restaurant & Event Center**  
 Highway 13 & County Road 21  
 4770 Pleasant Street SE, Prior Lake, MN  
[www.fongspriorlake.net](http://www.fongspriorlake.net)

### When?

Saturday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>; Social Hour @ 5pm; Dinner & 6pm

### How Much?

\$25/person, payable on-site  
 We need a minimum of 40 people

### Contact:

To get a rough count, please let Bob Breisemeister know at  
 A meeting or at [mrbriese@aol.com](mailto:mrbriese@aol.com)

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**TCRC Elections**  
**November 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Be A Candidate**



The Witch ready to take off at the Season Finale.