



Grassfield RC Club Hosts TCRC For A Fun Fly June 8th

by Chris O'Connor

With the Jordan Flying site out of commission for several weeks because of the waters of the Minnesota River, the president of Grassfield RC Club in Brooklyn Park, Charly Skalbeck, extended an invitation to all TCRC members to journey north on Saturday, June 8th, and enjoy a Fun Fly at their great flying site. The event was titled "TCRC Invasion. Their field is located just off of Highway 169 and Highway 610 in Brooklyn Park.

It turned out to be a very nice day and for anyone that hasn't been to their field it is very nice. They have about a 300-foot mat runway that runs north/south with grass along the east side and on both ends. Nate and I (Chris O) arrived about 8:30am. A couple of TCRC guys were already there. I believe we had eight members from our club and around 40-50 members from Grassfield. TCRC members included Tim Wirtz, Ken Weddell, Dave Mansfield, Steve Meyer, Larry Couture, Mark O'Connor, grandson Benny, Nate O'Connor and Chris O.

We had a canopy set up on one end of the field. Most of the TCRC guys used the canopy at one point or another. Most of us flew from mid-morning until noon or so and then took a break.

The Grassfield members had a lunch setup for all that were there. Really great fare with pulled pork sandwiches, beans, chips, cookies, pop and water. They charged their members \$5 each, but it was free to all of us TCRC'ers.

After lunch flying continued until around 2:00 pm when most of us packed up.

Thank you so much to the Grassfield RC Club for their generosity in sharing their field, their food and their camaraderie with TCRC! ☺

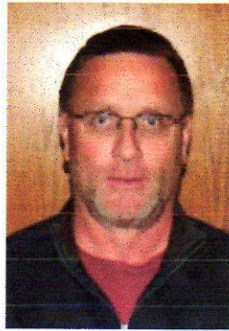
Calendar

- July 1- Aug. 9 AMA NATS 2024
AMA National Flying Site
Muncie, Indiana
- July 4 Happy 4th of July!
- July 9 TCRC Membership Meeting At The Field
Fairgrounds Field
5:30 PM Dinner
7:00 PM Meeting
- July 13 Wings Over Jordan
Fairgrounds Field
Bob Breisemeister
- July 22 – 28 EAA AirVenture 2024
Oshkosh, Wisconsin
- July ??? Jordan Field Clean Up & Fly-In
- Aug. 7 TCRC 3rd Quarter Board Meeting
Bob's Home 7:00 PM
- Aug. 8 – 10 Northern Alliance Military Fly-In
SMMAC Field
Owatonna, Minnesota
- Aug. 13 TCRC Membership Meeting At The Field
Jordan Flying Site
5:30 PM Dinner
7:00 PM Meeting
- Aug. 24 Model Aviation Day
Jordan Field
Tim Wirtz & Brian Johnson



A Note from The Head Wing Nut

By Bob Briesemeister



Hello Members,

Happy Independence Day! It's hard to believe but half of 2024 is gone and the bad part the main flying field has been under water for almost 8 weeks. If I heard correctly, we set a record high water mark for Jordan. Woohoo! With the Minnesota and Mississippi rivers cresting now the water should start to recede. The worst part is it does not seem to go down as fast as it rises. If you have not been down to the field to see how high the water is, it was almost to the top of the hill by the sheds. That's a lot of water considering how wide the river valley is. Just be glad it is not in your backyard like it is in Waterville Minnesota.

As soon as we are able to start cleaning things up, I will let you know, but as far as the next few weeks, continue to fly at the Scott County Fairgrounds. With that said the Scott County Fair is coming up at the end of the month so we will not be able to fly the week of the 22nd thru the 28th as they will be setting up starting Monday and then the fair starts Wednesday. In my years at TCRC we have only had this conflict one other time. Maybe with a little luck we will start to dry out by the fair. Cross your fingers. With the field being under water so long the amount of silt on the runways could be substantial and take some time and effort to remove it.

The July Membership meeting will again be held at the fairgrounds on the 9th with food at 5:30 and the meeting at 7pm. Come out early or stay late to do some flying or to chit chat with other club members.

Wings over Jordan will be held on July 13th, and this will also be at the Scott County Fairgrounds. This event is open to all current AMA members. Electric, nitro and gas-powered planes allowed. The Fun Fly is scheduled to start at 10am and go until 3pm. The TCRC Café will be open with donations accepted. Please call me or Tim Wirtz with questions.

With the Scott County Fair coming I would encourage you to go and support it as the use of their parking lot to fly helps us out, especially this year. ☺

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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. ☺

Minnesota River Report

by Jim Cook

Wow!!! We went into the spring full of optimism that with a winter that was almost devoid of snow and there existed no snowpack to melt and run into the Minnesota River, our Jordan Flying Field would be high and dry and ready for lots of airplanes all spring and summer.

But late April got heavy rain and on May 1st, the Minnesota River at Jordan reached 18-feet – the level where our flying site starts to be inundated with river water. But then May was rainy most of the month and the water remained on our field. And then June arrived!!!! June is usually a wet month with an expected 4-inches of rainfall. Well not June 2024! The State experienced over 17-inches of rainfall for the month, and not only did the water remain over our field, it crested on June 28th at an historic level of 35.12-feet, just breaking the almost 60-year-old record of 35.1-foot set way back on April 11, 1965! Since that time, the River has receded to 32.1-feet on July 1st.

As of July 1st, the National Water Prediction Service (NWPS) has projected the River level decline through July 8, 2024. If it were to continue to recede at that rate, our flying site would not emerge from the water until July 28th. Historically, July's average rainfall over the last 30-years has been 4-inches. Optimistically, if we do get an average July rainfall this year, the Minnesota River level

will drop faster and possibly we could see the field around July 21st.

However, the field does need time to dry out before the club can schedule a clean-up date. And with the record amount of water that has been on the field for three months, there will be a lot of silt and debris to be removed. The officers will keep the membership informed as to when we can reclaim the field and schedule a clean-up.

It does seem to be quite a hardship to lose our flying site for almost three months, and of course it is very much a hardship. But let us put this in perspective. We own the 40 acres that the field sits on free and clear. The land is actually zoned to allow full-size airplanes. We do not have or need a Conditional Use Permit to fly our R/C airplanes. (We do have a Conditional Use Permit to have a shelter on the land.) The land to the east, west and north is river bottom, and no building or development can ever occur, so no new housing developments can be built.

We have seen Tri-Valley RC in Rosemount, a long-time club of 200+ members lose their flying site, we have seen Minnesota Valley club in Shakopee, another 200+ member club lose their flying site, and just recently SodBusters, a large club that has been around a very long time, lose their flying site. This cannot happen to TCRC! We are truly blessed. So, if we lose the ability to use our beautiful flying site for a period of time now and then because of Mother Nature, that still seems a small price to pay to know that our existence cannot be taken away from us! Add to that we have a nice alternative flying site at the Scott County Fairgrounds to fly

at during those times that the Jordan Field is not available.

So, don't dwell on the temporary loss of the Jordan flying site. Do some flying at the Fairgrounds, and when the Minnesota River releases its grip on Jordan, join the rest of the club as we restore our field to the beautiful model aircraft park that we love. ☺

June Electric Fly Cancelled

by Gerry Dunne

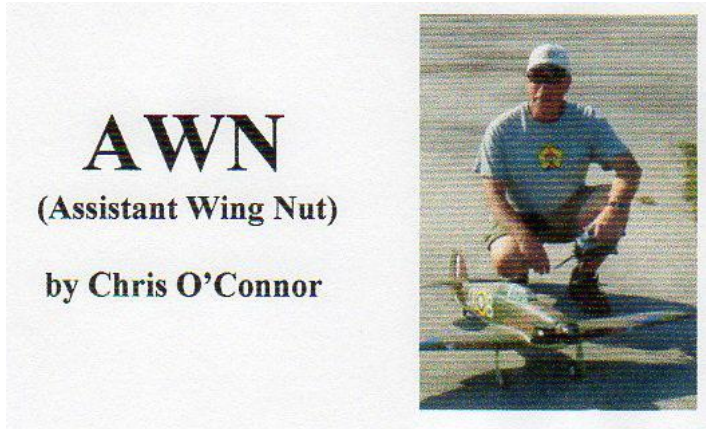
The Electric Fly and Competition schedule for the morning of June 15th had to be cancelled because of heavy rains.

Gerry Dunne, the CD for the event got to the Fairgrounds Flying site around 9:00 AM. Ken Weddell was already there with some concessions, and Brian Johnson had pulled over the trailer from the Jordan Flying site.

Around 9:20 the rain had started and by 10:00 it was a downpour.

It was an easy decision to cancel the event at that time. ☺

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.




Happy Fourth of July! I hope a few of us are getting some flying or even building in. With the river at 31.5 feet, it's going to be awhile before we see our field flyable. Last time I flew was at the fun fly up at Grassfield Club. Thank you to them! I don't really have a plane that works for flying at the fairgrounds. Maybe I should.

Between rain and the wind there haven't been a lot of opportunities to fly. I'm finding things to do around the house and also finishing up on Nate's and my giant-scale planes. Then we will head down to Owatonna to do some flying. For anyone interested in watching or participating, on August 8-10. That's Thursday through Saturday. Times are 9-5 each day. There's jets, classics and warbirds all giant-scale, with around 100 pilots and about 400 planes. If you come remember to bring a chair. There will be a concession stand all three days. Thursday is usually the slowest and Saturday the busiest, but that can vary depending on the weather. The flight will be run by TCRC members. Remember your sunscreen and also a good pair of sunglasses.

Speaking of sunglasses, it's very important to wear good glasses to protect your eyes from the damaging rays of the sun. They should filter out UV-A and UV-B light. Your glasses also protect your eyes from foreign objects, dirt, sand, broken props from getting in your eyes.

Hope everyone is able to do something plane-related. See you at the fairgrounds on July 8 for our meeting. 😊



reminder

The TCRC Membership meeting on July 9th will be held at the *Scott County Fairgrounds*, because of the continued high water at the Jordan Field.

The grill will be on and dinner will be served at 5:30 PM. The meeting will start at 7:00 PM. Bring a plane and get some flying in before enjoying a dinner on the club and then attending the membership meeting.

The membership meetings for August 13th and September 10th are scheduled to be back at the TCRC Jordan field, weather and water permitting.

In case of bad weather the meeting will be at its normal time of 7:00 PM at CrossPoint Church in Bloomington. 😊



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DeBreyere C-1

by Conrad Naegele

The June Mystery Plane was the French DeBreyere C-1



One of the most unorthodox single-seat fighters built during WWI, was the extraordinary pusher biplane with canard configuration.

A single-bay biplane, with inverted N-type struts, rotary tip ailerons on the upper wings, with fixed canard surface, and dorsal and ventral surfaces at the rear. It was powered by a 150-horsepower engine in the center fuselage. The fuselage was a light metal shell, and a nose wheel undercarriage was added. It had stern-mounted propeller via a long extension shaft.

No records have survived to indicate the reason for these arrangements, but it could have been the desire to carry a 37mm cannon. First flight was made in August 1917. The aircraft became airborne but rolled over and crashed (not surprising). No attempt was made to repair it and continue the flight testing. No further details have been found.

This single-seat fighter had a wingspan of 36-feet. It was powered with a Hispano-Siza 9-cylinder water-cooled engine that developed 150 horsepower. ☺

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TCRC 8th Annual Wings Over Jordan Fly-in

July 13th, 2024

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Bob B. (612) 964-8877

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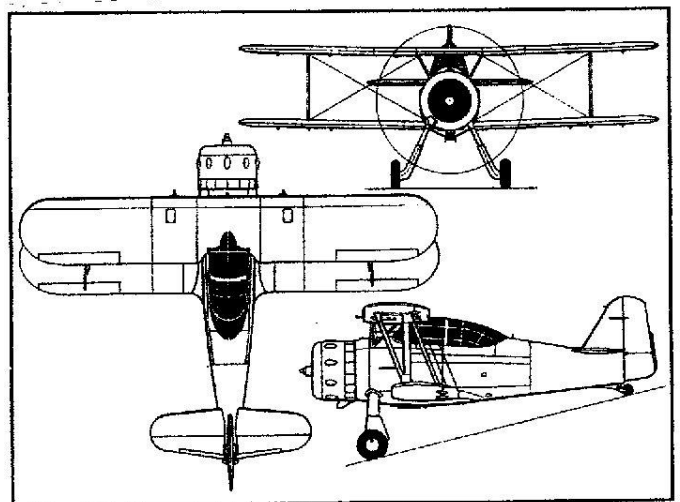
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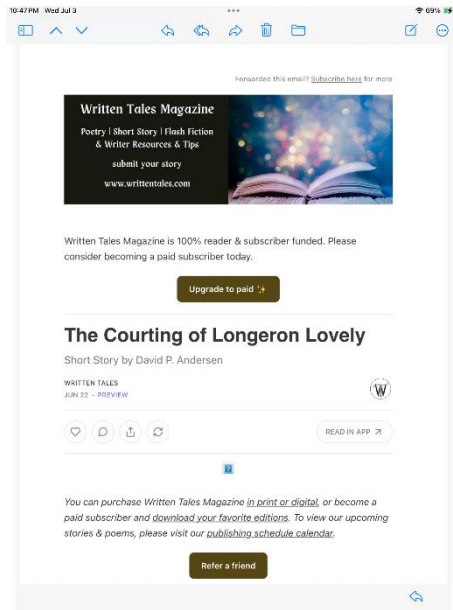
July Mystery Plane



Dave Andersen Published In Two Magazines

Longtime TCRC member Dave Andersen has had two articles published in two different magazines this month.

Besides being a master R/C builder and designer, David has a natural flair for writing. This month a short story he wrote many years ago which was published in TCRC's *Flare Out* was now published in *Written Tales Magazine*. The short story was titled "The Courting of Longeron Lovely.



At the same time another article he wrote, "Flying to Music" was published in *Model Aviation* (July 2024 Volume 50 Number 07). The article appeared on page 127 of that issue. That article was also first published in TCRC's *Flare Out*, again, many, many years ago.



Congratulations to David for the acknowledgement by these two national publications of his literary prowess. 😊

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. 😊

New Member

In June, Bram Sheerer became the newest member of TCRC. Bram lives at 5104 Danens Drive in Edina 55439. His phone number is 612-508-2122 and his email address is bramsheerer@gmail.com. He is the brother to TCRC member Bodhe Sheerer. Bram has been flying R/C for about three years and currently owns a Flex Yak 55.

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

With Bram's joining, it puts TCRC's membership total at 107 members. 😊

Always Wear An Orange Vest To Retrieve A Plane

Hunting Season is over for Minnesota now, but that is no reason not to wear an orange vest if you have to go into the woods at the field. It is a club requirement to wear an orange vest if you go into the woods.

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. 😊

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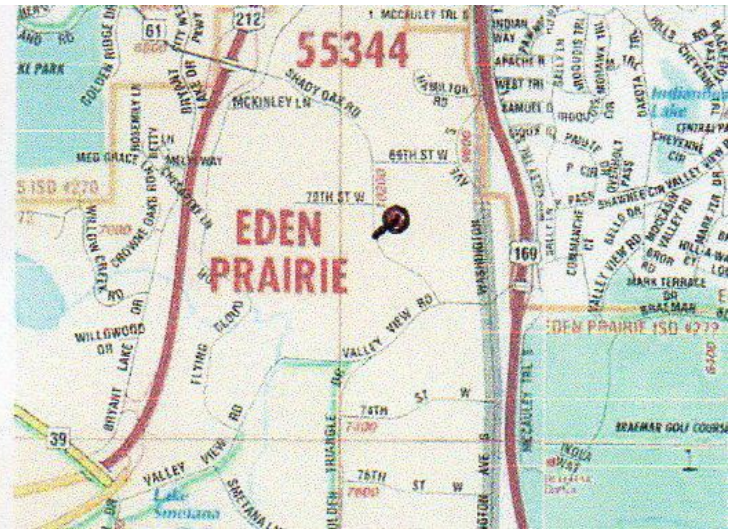
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