

2024 TCRC Fall Float Fly Enjoyed By Many Pilots

by Steve Meyer

September 2024 is going down as the driest in recent history. *Except* for the Saturday that TCRC held its Fall Float Fly at Bush Lake. The sky was overcast with light wind from the south. Tim Wirtz and several other pilots had carried his boat to the lake just before I arrived at 9:00. Bush Lake is still experiencing low water level, and the boat ramp is still out of the water. Thanks to everyone who helped get the boat into and out of the lake. Without a retrieval boat it is pretty hard to hold a float fly.

Terry Splittstoesser's Tidewater was the first airplane off the water. Ken Weddell also flew his FlyZone Tidewater seaplane at the same time. After their flights I had a short pilots' meeting to go over the rules of the event. Fifteen pilots listened as I told them to keep everything over the water.



Ken Weddell makes a pass with his Tidewater as another plane takes off from Bush Lake. (Photo by Steve Meyer)

This year at the event we had 18 electric and 4 fuel aircraft (my FlyBaby and 3 Seamasters). Tom Young was the first to need the rescue boat when his Seamaster shed its tail and did a "high dive" into the lake. Thaddeus Gorycki burned up a bottle of glow fuel flying his yellow Seamaster. I had two flights on my FlyBaby and five flights on my Timber. Tim Kepner also flew a Seamaster and large Carbon Cub.



Steve Meyer's FlyBaby awaiting another flight at the Fall Float Fly.

Some of the other electricpowered planes that were flown were David O'Hara's silver/red Drake II and gray NorthStar. Thaddeus did not get to fly his Turbo Timber as much this time because of the Seamaster. Randy Pramann also flew a Timber and a Skipper and Jeff Diesch an Aeroscout on floats. The Coast Guard was represented by Dave Mansfield's UH-16 Albatross. He also had a Cub and Seawind. Ken Weddell also flew a Seawind. Tim Wirtz flew a new Husky that was a **Continued On Page 3, Col. 1**

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A Note from The Head Wing Nut

By Bob Briesemeister



Hello Members,

Happy Fall!! The best season of the four with warm days and cool nights. This September set a record for the warmest September on record and also the driest. With that it has made for great flying except for some windy days and one drizzly Saturday morning.

The field conditions have been improving week by week with dragging and rolling of the field by Thaddus, Tom and Dave. The RIM land has also been mowed thanks to Jim.

September was a very busy month for TCRC. We had four events starting with the Scale Fly on the 7th hosted by Brian Crosley. I was not **Oct. 8** able to attend but I saw some pictures with members of both TCRC and other clubs flying some nice models. Thank you, Brian, for stepping up to host the event.

We held our last meeting at the field for 2024. With the days getting Nov. 12 shorter, most of the flights were before dinner and the meeting. As usual I served brats, hotdogs and hamburgers. Starting in October the membership meetings will be held at Crosspoint Church in Bloomington, on Tuesday, October 8th. Sorry, dinner will not be provided. Please bring a plane or two for Show & Tell. Nov. 12

On the 14th of September Steve Meyer hosted the Fall Float Fly at Bush Lake. I think it was about the only day in September with a little rain and it was over Bloomington. The 20 or so pilots made the best of the day and got some good flights in. Thanks Steve. Nov. 16

The Fall Swap Meet was held on the 28th of September. It was a beautiful day for flying and swapping of R/C airplanes and other R/C related items. Since the start of doing the swap meets 5 years ago this was the largest and most well attended with 30 swappers and over 50 buyers. **Dec. 4** I saw many items being sold -- even an R/C boat that was donated to TCRC by a former member Don Olson and his wife Ruth. They also donated his airplanes and a drone. Thank you, Don and Ruth. David Schneider, a former member of Sodbusters, donated his collection of airplanes to TCRC also. Thank you, Dave. One change at the swap meet was we served lunch with a free-will donation which was well received

and a good addition. I had a suggestion of maybe making breakfast next year.

To help build the Swap Meet we have to keep promoting it by word of mouth, social media and having flyers in the hobby stores. I hope to continue both a spring and fall swap meet in 2025.

See you at the meeting on October 8^{th} . $\textcircled{\odot}$

Calendar

Oct. 5

Oct. ???

Crocktoberfest Season Finale Jordan Field Brian Johnson

Repair Shelter Roof TBD

TCRC Membership Meeting, 7:00 PM CrossPoint Church Meeting & Zoom Session

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TCRC Elections CrossPoint Church

Ugly Airplane Contest Sherwood Heggen

TCRC Annual Banquet 5:00 PM David Fong's Restaurant Prior Lake

Joint TCRC Board Meeting 7:00 PM Bob Breisemeister's Home

TCRC's Fall Float Fly

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little tail heavy on its first flight, but he fixed that with an extra battery. Julian Bristow flew his FlyZone Beaver. Brian Johnson and Larry Couture handled ground support. The weather started to dampen our flying around noon with a light mist, so we called it a day.

I want to thank Tim Wirtz for the use of his boat and all the pilots who helped get it in and out of the lake. Also, thanks to all the pilots and spectators that came out to Bush Lake for an enjoyable morning of flying.

See you all next spring.

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October Mystery Plane

First Flight At The Fall Float Fly Was Fast And Fun



Terry Splittstoesser was quick to the flight line as he put his Tidewater float plane into the air for the first official flight. (Photo by Steve Meyer)

A Float Fly Always Needs A Balsa USA Northstar!



David O'Hara's Balsa USA Northstar rests on the beach at Bush Lake Park after a nice flight. (Photo by Steve Meyer)

Pictures From TCRC's 2024 Fall Float Fly



A very nifty smooth landing on the calm waters of Bush Lake at the Fall Float Fly.



The pit area at the Fall Float Fly on Bush Lake was on the sand beach. Bush Lake Park is the perfect place to hold a float fly.



'Captain' Tim Wirtz provided the power to the retrieval boat as it headed out for a rescue.



Ken Weddell's FlyZone Tidewater taxies out into Bush Lake in preparation for the second official flight at the Fall Float Fly.



Thad Gorycki wades out to retrieve his plane after one of his many flights.



Tim Wirtz takes a break from the retrieval boat to ready his plane for another flight.

Photos by Steve Meyer

TCRC Scale Fly At Jordan Field Well Attended on September 9th

by Brian Crossley

TCRC held its Scale Fly on Saturday, September 7th at the Jordan Field. It was a beautiful sunny day with light winds. Our flying field is still recovering from the spring/summer flooding, but it too was in good shape.





Originally it appeared that the event would be cancelled, but at the last minute TCRC member Brian Crossley stepped up to chair the event. This was good as about 25 pilots showed up from TCRC and other area clubs with some very beautiful scale aircraft.

There was a wide variety of planes present ranging from small foam aircraft to very large electric ones. The day was a perfect day to put an airplane into the air, and the pilots present did just that with lots of flights over the TCRC field. Flying continued into the afternoon before it was finally time to start packing up and heading for home.

There are more pictures from the event on page 6, but the editor has to apologize that there are no captions or information with the photos. They were pulled off of Facebook, and didn't the site didn't give any further info.

Thanks to all of the pilots who came out to enjoy a beautiful day of flying, and a special thank you to Brian Crossley for hosting the Scale Fly for the club.

Annual Ugly Airplane Contest

by Sherwood Heggen

This is the time of year when all active fliers should be thinking about one thing: which airplane to enter in the Ugly Airplane Contest at the TCRC membership meeting on November 12, 2024. Don't take this lightly. There is a valuable gift certificate and a traveling trophy that gets upgraded most every year by the previous winner.

Qualification is simple. The airplane has to be flyable and look used. Everything from well used to holding together for one more flight is welcome.

Bring what you have. Enjoy the honor of owning ugly. Let's see your stuff!

Pictures From TCRC's Scale Fly September 7th



A graceful bird lifts off of its portable gear and heads into the sky.



A pilot and his assistant on the flight line of the Jordan field at the Scale Fly.



Roy Maynard's Seagull Models Morane-Saulnier soars over Jordan at the Scale Fly.



Scott Anderson gets an assist as he starts his sleek looking airplane.



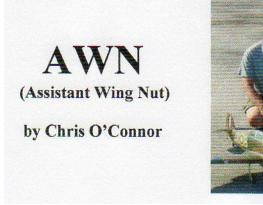
Great photography caught this beautiful bipe in flight at the Scale Fly.



One plane heading for the pits as another prepares to take off at the Scale Fly.

Photos from Facebook

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October, how did this happen?

With our late start to flying, hopefully all of you are taking advantage of the great flying field we have and are getting as much flying in as possible.

We have our next meeting at CrossPoint Church, not the field on Tuesday October 8th. Did you know that fall is one of the nicest times to fly?

I know that I've talked about servos in the past, but they are very important to your plane! Many to choose from, but I'm going to focus on one particular brand and that is Pro Modeler servos. In my opinion they are one of the best on the market. I know a number of guys use them in their giant-scale warbirds. They are made in Sanford, Florida. Their main customer is the U.S. government, ,so they are built to military specs. They offer regular size and minis, iron core , brushless, and coreless. All digital and very well made, and reasonably priced.

I will be doing a program at the October 8th membership meeting and will have some standard servos so you can see. It should be an interesting program. I hope you all can make it to the meeting.

See you at the field and also at the meetings.



Stan Erickson has been a member of TCRC for 63 years! Here he is watching his son David do some flights over the Jordan runways. Between the father/son duo they must have about 100 years of membership in TCRC!

TCRC Elections November 12th

It is already October and the year is racing past. That means that the TCRC elections are only one month away. As usual, the elections will be held at the November meeting, which this year will be Tuesday, November 12th at CrossPoint Church.

All four of the officer positions are up for election this year plus one of the three at-large board seats. The bord seat held by Gerry Dunne is up for election this year. The board seats held by Brian Johnson and Jim Ronhovde are not up for election this year.

Currently the officer positions are held by Bob Breisemeister, president; Chris O'Connor, vice president; Ken Weddell, secretary; and Tim Wirtz, treasurer.

As of this time, VP Chris O'Connor has stated that he will not be running for reelection this year. The editor does not know what the other incumbents are planning as of this time.

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The elections will be discussed at the October 8^{1h} membership meeting. Please consider being a candidate for TCRC office. The club needs you. Be both a voter and a candidate at the TCRC elections on November 12^{th} .

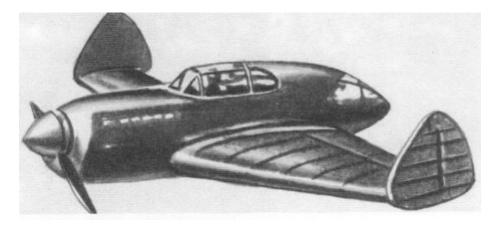
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Moskalyou Sam 7 'Sigma'

by Conrad Naegele

The September Mystery Plane was the Russian Moskalyou Sam 7'Sigma'.



The purpose, to build a superior 2-seat fighter. The idea was to use an engine and propeller from an existing 4-engine bomber. It turned out to be far more complex than the builder thought. It was all-metal, with retractable gear, and used wingtip fin to replace the usual tail feathers.

The first plane was completed in 1935, but all test pilots considered it timing was good because TCRC's too dangerous to fly. Therefore, all testing was limited to taxiing, but with no tailwheel, it was very hard even to turn. It also had a new type wing, with inboard elevators, when used, caused a sharp dive.

Strangely, several short test hops were made. Test pilots all said the plane was simply dangerous, and no further testing was done. One wonders where the designer got his money to complete two planes.

Question: Why????

The Sigma had a 31-foot wingspan, and a weight of 3,263 pounds. The engine used is unknown. It had an estimated speed of 270 mph. \odot

Don Olson Donates Planes To TCRC

Longtime TCRC member Don Olson and his wife Ruth have decided it's time for Don to retire from active R/C flying and thought that the club would be a good place to donate his R/C equipment.

Don and Ruth spend the summers in Coon Rapids, Minnesota and the winters in Claremont, Florida. They contacted TCRC about the donation and President Bob Breisemeister took a jaunt over to Coon Rapids to pick up the equipment before they headed down to Florida.

Don had four planes, an R/C boat and a drone that Bob picked up. The Fall Swap Meet was scheduled for Saturday, September 28th, and Bob was able to have them available for the swap.

We all thank Don and Ruth for thinking of TCRC and we wish them both well in the future. \odot



TCRC'er Brian Crossley In *Model Aviation*

TCRC member Brian Crossley wrote a fantastic article entitled "My 50 Year Adventure With A Jensen Ugly Stik" for AMA's *Medel Aviation* and it was published in the September Issue, Volume 50, Number 9. The article was a 4-page spread starting on page 30 of that issue.



The article is fantastic detailing the trek of his very first R/C airplane from 1974 up to the present.

Brian became interested in R/C in 1974 while in California and built the Ugly Stik from a Jensen kit. He then proceeded to make sure he flew that plane as his first flight for every year over a span of 51 years.

In 1974 he returned to Minnesota, bringing the Ugly Stik with him. He proceeded to build Minneapolis, Minnesota U.S.A. several other pattern and scale aircraft but always made his first flight of the year with the Stik. He said it became a ritual.



During the course of the plane's longevity, it had several different engines in it, ranging from a Rossi, a Webra, Kraft Pattern to less powerful K&B sport engines.

In the planes 51 years of flight, it has only had one mishap. The Stik threw its prop in flight and the vibration separated the tail section from the fuselage. The tail feathers and wing were fine, but the fuse needed to be rebuilt. He made a point of painting the rebuilt parts blue. To this day, the only part of the plane that is blue is the fuselage.

Brian and the plane moved to North Carolina where the plane underwent some modifications, becoming a taildragger and being powered with an OS 91 four-stroke.

Back in Minnesota now, and Brian decided to retire the Ugly Stik after its long career. As a retirement gift to himself he built a brand new Jensen Ugly Stik!



It is a great article. Be sure and pick up your September *Model Aviation* magazine and open it to page 30 and read the entire article.

If, for some reason you don't have or can't find that issue of the magazine, TCRC webmaster Tom Hall will be putting the entire article on the new TCRC website, which should come online in this month of October.

Congratulations to Brian for being able to fly the same plane over a 50 year span, and for the prestigious publication of his article.

Happy 96th Birthday, Conrad!!!



Longtime TCRC member Conrad Naegele celebrated his 96th birthday in September. His fellow pilots and friends honored him at the Wednesday Bald Eagles meeting held at Perkins Restaurant in Bloomington.



Pictured above the Bald Eagles are shown celebrating Conrad's birthday at Perkins. If they seem very happy, the tradition is that the person having the birthday picks up the breakfast tab for all of the other Bald Eagles! Both photos above taken by Scott Anderson.

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Conrad has always been very active in TCRC attending the monthly meetings, participating in almost every club event, and has been authoring the Mystery Plane Of The Month in the *Flare Out* for many, many years.

Planes have been in Conrad's blood for a really long time. Besides his 50+ years in TCRC flying R/C, he has also been the pilot of full-size aircraft.



Pictured above shows Conrad relaxing on the wing of his Mooney M-18 Mite. I believe the last plane he owned and flew was an Aeronca Chief.

Congratulations to Conrad on his 96th Birthday!



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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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For Sale

This is TCRC member Brian Crossley. I have a 50-year friend of mine who cannot fly anymore. He has asked me to sell his R/C sailplane, transmitters, receivers and engines. If you are interested in any or all of these items, contact me at:

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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.

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

TCRCOnline.com Change Is Coming This Month! Watch For It!

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