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2018

# TCRC's 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Auction Another Fantastic Event

by Jim Cook

The dust (and snow) has settled and the books are closed. TCRC's Annual Auction which was held on February 3<sup>rd</sup> was a grand affair with 532 R/C items going across the stage, with 351 of them being airplanes.



**Auctioneer Scott Anderson fields the bids on this great looking warbird at the TCRC Auction. (Photo by Jim Cook)**

The auction day started typically as most Minnesota February days start with a little bit of snow and a lotta cold. 6:45 AM found the doors open and many TCRC'ers and their families bustling around putting the final touches on the auction set up.

The concession stand crew was on-the-spot with coffee and doughnuts for the bidders and sellers who were also there early for registration and to view the many treasurers heading for the impound

areas. The usual 'air of anticipation' could be felt as hobbyists planned their purchase strategies.

The impound crew literally had their hands full of planes, planes, and more planes. The main impound area was quickly filled as were the two auxiliary rooms. The bargain table was also quickly filled with those items priced below \$20.

Tom Steinmueller and his crew were busy setting up the Hobby Warehouse booth, as was Jeremy Steinmueller, setting up the Big Sky Hobby booth.

At 8:30 AM the entrance to the impound area was opened and bidders were allowed to get good close looks at their prospective purchases.

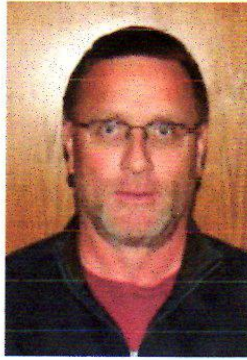
A little before 9:00 AM auctioneer Scott Anderson took the stage and reviewed the bidding rules and procedures, and precisely at 9:00 AM the first airplane went across the auction block. From that point on, the auction action was non-stop until a little before 5:00 PM.

The auctioneering crew consisted of Scott Anderson, Jim Cook and Brian Johnson, and it was their job to get the highest bid possible in a very short time. They did a great job

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## A Note from The Head Wing Nut

By Bob Briesemeister



### TCRC Members

This winter has been flying by. The 42<sup>nd</sup> annual auction has come and gone with much success:

We had 532 items of which 351 were airplanes. There were fewer buyer numbers given out but the club made just shy of matching last year's result which was a record setting year. The date for the 43<sup>rd</sup> TCRC auction has already been reserved with CrossPoint Church. It will be held on February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019. It will again be on the first weekend of February keeping it consistent with previous auctions that have shown better results than second weekend which usually conflicts with Valentine's celebrations.

I want to thank the 47 volunteers who helped out for one or both days. We were down on volunteers from last year due to work and family conflicts but it all came together. Volunteers included members, non-members, spouses, family and friends. It takes a lot of people to pull off an event of this size...THANK YOU! The setup on Friday night was done in record time due to so many people showing up. Saturday went very smoothly with only a few glitches that we were able to solve quickly. The one area we need help in is cleanup and putting the church back together after the auction. So please stay a little longer so everyone can go home sooner. I would also like to thank everyone that brought tables.

A big thank you to the auctioneers who were able to sell each item in less than a minute due to the fast work of the runners getting the items on and off the stage quickly. Thank you runners and impound staff. Thanks to all the recorders, bookkeepers and accounting staff which at the end can be a little hectic with everyone wanting their purchases now.

We had a good year in the TCRC café by making a nice profit and also keeping buyers in the auditorium and not leaving to purchase food. It is hard to know how much food to purchase when not knowing how many people will attend. All we have to work with is past history. Thanks to the people who staffed the concession stand and the people who made desserts to sell.

Again I would like to THANK everyone who helped make the auction a big success. I'm sure we can even make it better next year. I look forward to any ideas or changes you think could make it better. I was informed by someone that attended the auction and also goes to auctions around the country that we are growing and a lot of auctions are getting smaller.

At the February membership meeting we had pizza and soda in appreciation for working the auction. We gave away 16 gift certificates from Hobby Warehouse for \$25.00 each and also a few airplanes.

As always we will have Show & Tell at the March membership meeting, and remember the building contest is coming in May.

See you at the meeting and happy flying. J

## 2018 TCRC Handbook And Roster

by Tim Wirtz

The 2018 TCRC Handbook and Membership Roster were emailed to all club members who have an email address. It has been emailed in both MSWORD and Adobe PDF format on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

If any member is not able to open the documents and read them, please contact me. J

# TCRC Auction Hobbyists At The TCRC Auction Were Greeted With A Smile

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doing just that as they averaged just under one minute per item for all of the 532 items to be sold.

The highest bids were received on a giant-scale Super Decathlon at \$410 and a giant-scale Zero at \$400. Bidding was brisk but almost every bidder was able to get a great bargain on an R/C item he just had to have.

Although it seemed to be a buyers' market, there were only 8 buybacks for the whole day, so the sellers must have been satisfied with the bids they were getting.

Because the auction continues non-stop for 8 hours, it was important that TCRC keep almost all of the bidders there until the last item was sold. To do this, the club had 12 nice airplane kits donated by Hobby Warehouse, Big Sky Hobbies and Hobby Zone, and by TCRC which were to be raffled off to bidders near the end of the auction. TCRC members were not eligible to win any of the prizes. Pictures of the lucky winners can be seen on page 7 of this newsletter.

Jim Cook auctioned off the last item at about 4:45 PM. Then came the job of collecting the money, delivering the purchases, balancing the books and cleaning up CrossPoint Church.

A huge thank you to all of the TCRC members, friends and families that spent the day working this event. At the end of the day, everyone's tail was dragging, but it was a great feeling of accomplishment. J



People arriving at the TCRC Auction were ushered into CrossPoint Church with cheery smiles and a warm welcome.

(Photo by Jim Cook)

## Another Two Rooms Were Also Filled With Airplanes To Be Sold



There were great looking airplanes everywhere, filling every table, wall, nook and cranny. (Photo by Jim Cook)

# Pictures From TCRC's 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Auction



The bidder check in boys were ready to go at the start of registration.



Auctioneer Brian Johnson gets ready to auction off a great looking Cub on floats.



It wasn't just airplanes for sale at the auction. There were 64 nice engines ready to go also.



The concession crew had coffee and doughnuts ready for the early arrivals at the auction.



Tom Steinmueller had his Hobby Warehouse booth full of goodies.



Jim Lindquist recorded the item number and bidding action for everything in the auction.

# More Pictures From TCRC's 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Auction



The bargain table was for items that might not receive an opening bid.



The auction had the typical conditions for February. Light snow and heavy cold.



Auction seller registration was a pretty busy place both early and late.



Conrad Naegele and Morgan Larson kept track of those items that came across the auction block.



Jeremy Steinmueller had his Big Sky Hobby booth manned and ready for action.



The concession area was busy all day and the tables were always full of hungry patrons.

# Even More Pictures From TCRC's Annual Auction



The auction crowd had some pretty comfortable seats while taking in the auction action.



A view of one of the other impound areas stacked with airplanes for the auction block.



Prospective bidders had about one-half an hour warning of what items were heading for the stage.



Auctioneers Scott Anderson and Jim Cook take a break while Brian Johnson fields the bids.



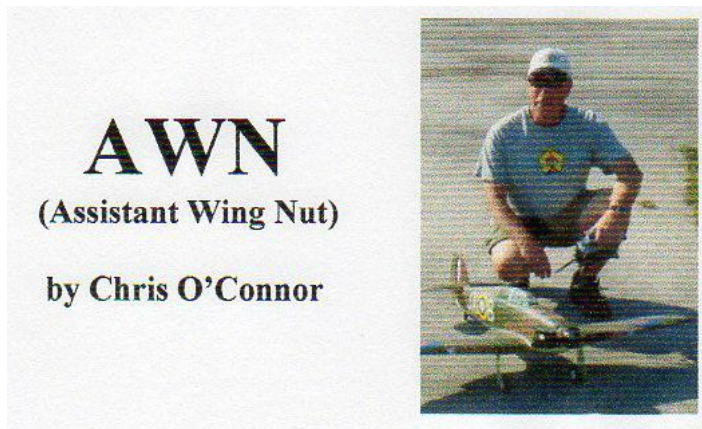
Larry Couture holds down the fort at the seller registration table.



Clean up after the bidding is done takes a good organized crew to put everything back in order.



The lucky winners of the raffle at the TCRC Auction (L to R): Trace Chioda, Dan Gram, Shawn Hokos, Chad Russo, Scott Macke, Mark Bueppke, Dan Tinagoia, Dale Jones, Tim Fungle, Jim Gravelle, Joel Cohen and Jesse Goebel. (Photos by Jim Cook and collage by Scott Anderson)



A preview of upcoming programs at TCRC meetings:

The March meeting on **Tuesday** the 13th will feature a guest speaker, Roy Maynard. Roy is an excellent builder and flyer and an expert on R/C jets. Roy will bring one of his models to show and discuss the finer points of building, maintaining, and flying of turbine power models. Don't miss this informative program on R/C jets

The April meeting on **Tuesday** the 10th will feature our own Sherwood Heggen discussing everything we need to know about building and installing floats on our models. This discussion comes a month before our annual spring float fly in May. This should give you time to get a plane on floats ready to fly.

The May meeting on **Tuesday May 8th** will be our annual Building Contest. Bring your planes that you have been working on all winter. If you haven't won a category in a past Building Contest then you can also bring that plane to enter. Let's see how many planes we can have at the meeting.

Hopefully one or all of the programs/events at the TCRC meetings will spark an interest in you to come and listen or participate. Getting involved is fun!!!!

Now is the time to start going over your models from last year's flying season to make sure they are in safe flying condition for the upcoming season. An annual so to speak, like what is done on a full-size plane. I usually start at the spinner and check everything all the way back to the tail. Removing the cowl and checking the engine and its mount to be sure it's good and solid. Checking the prop, pushrods, firewall, bulkheads, batteries, receiver, servos, wing hold downs, landing gear, hinges, control horns, etc. If you have a number of models this could take a while, and then all of a sudden it's time to go flying. Many of you may have already been flying all winter. For me winter is a time to build. By keeping our models in good shape helps make our time at the field, a time to fly not a time to repair.

See you out at the field.

## 2018 TCRC Dues

With the arrival of the New Year comes the time to renew your TCRC club dues.

The TCRC board of directors met and set the 2018 TCRC dues as shown below:

- Regular \$85.00
- Junior \$47.50
- Social Affiliate \$35.00

Dues invoices were handed out at the December meeting if you were present, or mailed after the December meeting.

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 treasurer Tim Wirtz at a meeting or by mailing them to Tim at:

Tim Wirtz  
1511 Emerson Avenue N  
Minneapolis, MN 55411

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

Take the time to pay your 2018 TCRC dues today. J



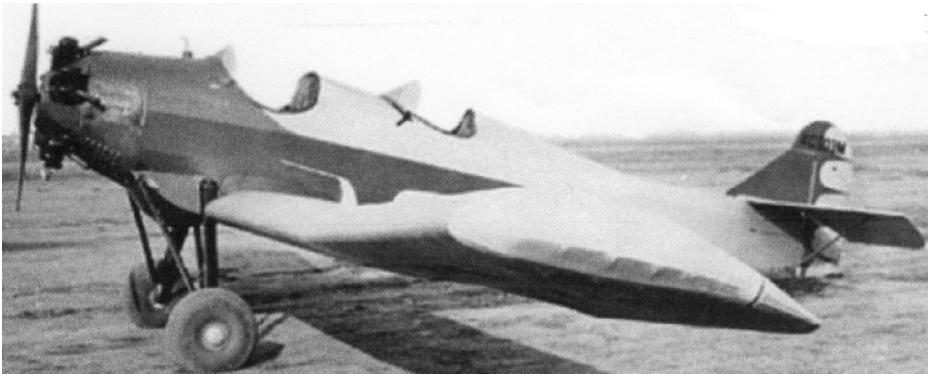
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## Nicholas Beasley NB3-4

by Conrad Naegele

The February Mystery Plane was the Nicholas Beasley NB3-4.



The NB-3 was designed by Walter Barling in 1927. The plane, a 2-seater, was advertised as being able to right itself hands-off, and also being spin proof. It was also touted as being a plane that any person could learn to fly in one day!

The NB-3 was a low-wing tandem-seat, open cockpit aircraft with conventional landing gear. The fuselage was constructed of welded steel tubing with aircraft fabric covering. The wings used a unique double layered corrugated aluminum skin with a smooth exterior that required custom presses to handle the various thicknesses of material along the span. The center section was straight with dihedral in the outer bays. The spar was also aluminum with a U-shaped profile. The aircraft was powered by an Anzani 3-cylinder radial engine. Superior radial or LeBlond 60-5-D. The main gear used long struts attached to the upper fuselage for the largest landing gear geometry. The NB-3 fuselage was widened, giving one cockpit a side-by-side seating arrangement to accommodate three people. The new aircraft was named the NB-4.

The Nicholas Beasley name was used as that company, a large aircraft supply house (the largest in the nation), supplied the funds. About 20 planes were built, price in 1930 was \$3,600.

The NB-4 had a wingspan of 32 feet 9 inches, a weight around 1,200 pounds and a maximum speed of 100 mph. J

## 2018 AMA Dues Statements

Most older TCRC members should have received their 2018 dues statements in the mail in September from the Academy of Model Aeronautics. Newer members renew on the anniversary of the month they joined.

AMA 2018 dues are the same as the previous year. They are:

- Adult (19-65) \$75
- Senior (65 and up) \$65
- Under 19 Free  
or \$15 with *MA*

Your AMA membership gives you \$2.5 million in personal liability coverage, \$25,000 in medical coverage and also a subscription to *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 methods: at the AMA website, [www.modelaircraft.org](http://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 2018 AMA dues today to avoid a lapse in membership services. J

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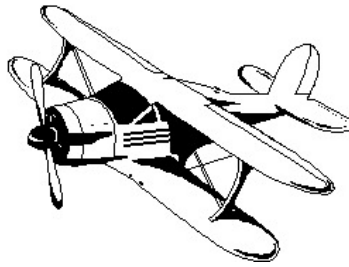
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# Show & Tell



# 18304

Only one plane at Show & Tell in February but it was a very nice one.



**Jim and his Hanger 9 Beaver on floats at the February meeting.**  
(Photo by Tim Wirtz)

Jim Lundquist had a Hanger 9 ARF giant-scale Beaver on floats. This plane was very impressive done in white with red trim and silver floats and weighed in at 18 pounds. It had a 110-inch wingspan and was powered with an E Flite 160 electric motor and got its power from two 5-cell 18.5 volt lipos. He was not very complimentary of the covering finish and the plane has yet to have its maiden flight.

If someone was 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.

## Toledo Air Expo April 6, 7 and 8

The Weak Signals' Toledo AirExpo is only one month away.

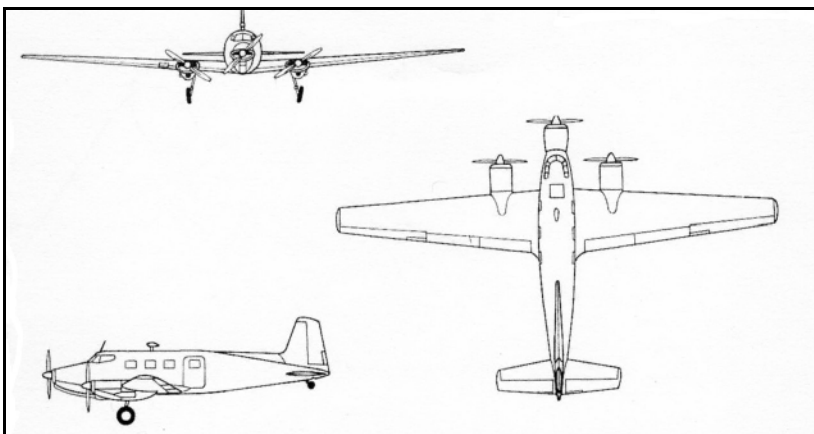
Toledo AirExpo is the granddaddy of all expos for the R/C hobby. This event has been held in Toledo, Ohio for more than 50 years and it is the place to go to find out what is new in our hobby, to see demonstrations of various aircraft and equipment, and to see just about every manufacturer and supplier to the R/C hobby.

This is all done in the Seagate Center in downtown Toledo, and goes from Friday morning, April 6<sup>th</sup>, to Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

The contests for building in various categories produce the most beautifully done planes to be seen.

Plan on attending the Toledo AirExpo in April.

## March Mystery Plane



# Calendar

- Mar. 3            End of Winter  
Funfly  
TCRC Jordan Field  
10-10-10 Rule
  
- Mar. 13          TCRC Membership  
Meeting, 7:00 PM  
CrossPoint Church  
Bloomington
  
- Apr. 4            2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr.  
Board Meeting  
President's Home  
7:00 PM
  
- Apr. 6-8        Toledo Air Expo  
Seagate Center  
Toledo, Ohio
  
- Apr. 7            April Fool Fun Fly  
TCRC Jordan Field  
10-10-10 Rule
  
- May 8            TCRC Building  
Contest  
CrossPoint Church

## TCRC Jordan Field Plowed

The road down to the TCRC Jordan Model Air Park and the parking lot were plowed in late February after the heavy snowfalls that the area experienced.

So, access to the field is easy and the flying conditions are very good, though there is still snow present. Plan on putting some skis on your airplanes and head down to the Jordan field. The weather is supposed to be very nice so get out there and start enjoying it. **J**

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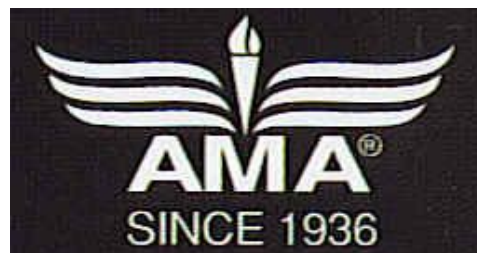
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**TCRC meets every month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall of CrossPoint Church located on the southeastern corner of the intersection of 98<sup>th</sup> Street and France Avenue in Bloomington. Guests are welcome to attend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



# For Sale

President Bob Breisemeister has some very nice airplanes for sale.

Bob's planes range from small electric ARF's up to 1/3-scale sport planes. Some planes are still in kit form, and some are entirely completed.

The prices of the various planes are very moderate and any one of the aircraft would be a great value for the money.

If you are interested, give Bob a call at 612-964-8877, or see him at a meeting. **J**

## TCRC Apparel For Sale

TCRC's new club apparel is available for sale at most membership meetings.

The new apparel is pretty nifty looking.

Club treasurer Tim Wirtz has been organizing the order of the club apparel and now has for sale:

- TCRC Hats \$12.00
- TCRC Hatbands \$5.00
- TCRC Gray Sweatshirts \$18.00
- TCRC Gray T-Shirts \$12.00

The dark blue hatbands are to be worn on broad brim straw hats and should look pretty neat.

Tim has plenty of the hats and shirts in an array of sizes. See him at a meeting to get your new TCRC shirt or hat. **J**

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