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Minneapolis, Minnesota U.S.A.

2010

Auction Action Awesome

by Jim Cook

TCRC's 34th Annual Auction was held at CrossPoint Church in Bloomington on Saturday, February 6th, and anyway you measure it, it was a very great and successful event.



A small part of the crowd at TCRC Auction on February 6th.
(Photo by Jim Cook)

When the doors opened at 7:00 AM, there were many sellers waiting to register their many planes and equipment. The Auction Committee really had the operation organized and every aspect of the event went like clockwork. It became evident very early there were more people and many more airplanes than the previous year. The hard working impound crew filled up two back rooms in addition to the main area with items for the auction block. The concession area had been enlarged from

last year and the early arrivals headed there for a cup of coffee and a doughnut after they had gone through admissions.

It was anticipated that parking would be at a premium and a shuttle was set up for TCRC'ers to leave their cars at Normandale College and then catch a ride back to CrossPoint.

At 9:00 AM the doors were open to the impound area and everyone was allowed to peruse the planes and equipment up close for the next 25 minutes.

9:30 sharp found auctioneer Scott Anderson on the stage with the first airplane on the auction block. From that time on the stage was a busy place as Scott, Jim Cook and Dave Kurschner auctioned off 442 items, with the last item being sold at 5:02 PM. As with past auctions, the auctioneers were able to keep the pace at less than one minute per item.

Interspersed amid the auction items, Gerry Dunne Sr. and Jr. raffled off many nice prizes. The club had purchased the top three prizes, but Hobby Warehouse and Sky Hobbies had also donated several gift certificates and other items for the raffle.

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Ramblin's From The Left Seat

by President Steve Meyer



Paul Hirsch Passes Away

Longtime TCRC member Paul Hirsch passed away in February after a short illness.

Paul was quite active in the club in the 80's and 90's, and served board positions including treasurer during that time. Paul attended many of TCRC's events at the current TCRC field and also the previous field located just east of our current site. Paul and his wife Jan were mainstays on the trips to Park Rapids in the 90's. He was always ready to lend a helping hand to a beginner at the field and always had a smile and a handshake for you when you ran into him.

For family and friends that have requested information on where memorials could be sent; Paul's family has decided to send memorials to the following in Paul's memory:

Church of the Risen Savior-
Burnsville, MN

Caring Bridge

Minnesota Medical Foundation @
www.mmf.umn.edu/give/?webfund=193 Listed under a specific MMF fund: (Pulmonary, allergy and critical care)

All of the members of TCRC extend their deepest sympathies to Jan and Paul's family in the time of their loss.

The 2009 TCRC Auction was a big success.

This year the auction was held at Cross Point Church again and we were able to set up for the auction on Friday night. I want to **thank** the Auction committee (Pat Dziuk, Scott Johnson, and Mike Timmerman) for the work they did to organize and plan the auction this year. We had an actual floor plan of where to put all the tables (**Thank you** Allen Boucher and Corey Kaderlik for getting the extra tables) and we were able to increase the floor space for the TCRC Cantina this year. **Thank you** ladies for all of the great snacks. Saturday's setup just involved getting all of the members into position and opening the doors for the sellers and bidders. I want to thank everyone (Don Knauff, Bill Sachs, Tom Thunstedt, Mark O'Connor, Scott Johnson, Pat Dziuk and others) who worked the registration table taking money and making bid cards (the copy machine had a real work out). Chris O'Connor, Larry Couture and the consignment group members were also busy checking in auction merchandise. **Thanks** to all the members who worked the back room and delivered the items to the stage. The main auction was "wired" for audio and video so the bidders could see the items coming up for bid on the BIG screen. A special **thanks** to the auctioneers (Scott Anderson, Jim Cook and Dave Kurschner) who kept the bidding going from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm. **Thanks** to all of the spotters and bid recorders. At the end of the day we were able to set up for Sunday church service in about an hour thanks to all the members helping to "take down" the auction. Four of us stayed a little longer to take care of "auction business" so on Sunday Tom and I could write and mail the checks to the bidders. **Thanks** again to all the club members that were involved with this year's auction. You all make my job as president an easy one.

We are getting a lot of good Show & Tell at the meetings and we all enjoy the new items being shown. Wayne is looking for ideas for programs that you would like to have at the meetings as well as anyone who would like to develop and lead a program.

On March 6th we will have an End of Winter Fun Fly out at the field. Our next shop tour is at Corey Kaderlik's house on March 27th at 1:00 pm. I hope to see all of you at these events as well as the monthly meetings. ☺

TCRC Auction

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The plane getting the highest price was a very beautiful giant-scale P-40 that was sold for \$575. There were many very nice planes that reached the \$300 area, but on the average, it was a buyers market with lots of great bargains for the bidders. The impound crew did a great job of mixing in radios, engines and accessories among the large number of airplanes all day such that the audience always had a nice assortment of items to bid on.

The auction was again hi-tech, with closed circuit television transmitting the upcoming items to a large screen on the stage and to a TV in the entryway. Also the auctioneers used cordless mikes this year.

Mike Buzzeo of RC Universe was at the auction early and in at the end, taking lots of pictures which will appear in his article on RC Universe.

The concession ladies sold out of almost everything they had, and their gross sales were an all-time record for the event.

When the last item was sold, the clean-up crew sprang into action, and in a little over an hour the entire building was ready for Sunday church.

Turnout for the auction was fantastic and this was a major contributor to the efficiency of the event. Thanks to everyone who took the time to come to TCRC's 34th annual auction and for making it a huge success. ☺

Who Wouldn't Buy A Cup Of Coffee From These Ladies?



Bobbi Jo Dziuk had a great crew working hard in the concession stand. (Photo by Jim Cook)

Fast And Furious Action All Day At The Auction



Jim Cook auctions a nice electric as Wayne Rademacher and Jay Bickford spot the prospective buyers. (Photo by Scott Anderson)

Pictures From TCRC's 2010 Annual Auction

Photos by Jim Cook at



The registration and impound crews pose just before the heavy action started.



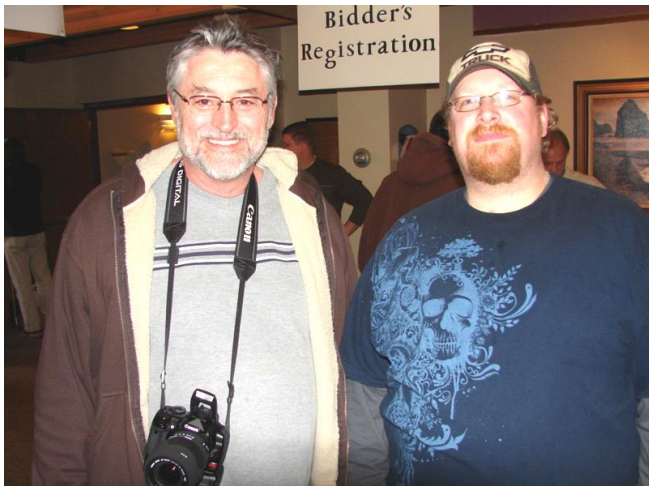
Jim Ronhovde, John Dietz and Orv Schneewind kept track of the bids and sales prices all day.



Scott Anderson moves a nice giant-scale as Alan Boucher displays the aircraft.



Gerry Dunne hands Dave Kurschner the name of another winner in TCRC's raffle.

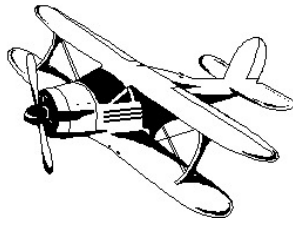


Mike Buzzeo and Geoff Barber of RC Universe.



There were lots of planes for the auction block.

Show & Tell



Paul Doyle had another neat electric at Show & Tell in February. This was a Freewing F-16 ARF Foamie ducted fan. It was done in red, white and blue USAF colors and had an 8-bladed fan for thrust. This fan was powered with a high torque Scorpion motor and it was coupled to the elevator for vectored thrust. The fan could turn at 50-60,000 rpm. As of the meeting the plane had not flown yet.



Gerry Dunne is continuing to re-stock his shop and had a very nice looking Spad electric ARF that was done in green and brown camouflage with roundels on the top wing. As of the meeting it had not yet flown.



Gerry Dunne also had a good looking ARF electric Chipmunk at the February meeting. It was done in traditional Chipmunk red, white and blue and was a plane he got at the TCRC auction 10 years ago. It was a Hirobo kit and he said the instructions were very poor. Final weight was 2-1/2 pounds and the plane had not flown yet.

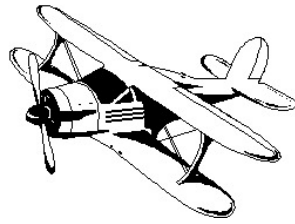


Tim Len had a nice looking F-20 Tiger Shark which was a High End Tech balsa electric ARF. It was done in USAF gray with a black cockpit. It had a 70 mm 5-blade ducted fan that turned at 40,000 rpm. The motor was an e-Flite BL. Control surfaces were aileron and rudder and as of the meeting the warbird had yet to fly.

Larry Couture (see picture on page 6) had a 1/4-scale Cap 21 that was from kit construction. It was done in yellow with red trip and was a very nice looking pattern ship.

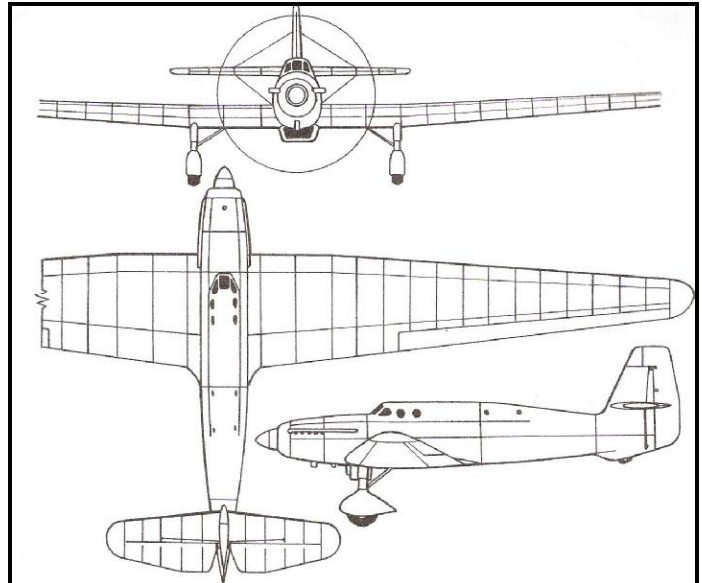
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Show & Tell



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March Mystery Plane



The underside of the wing was done in a black and yellow checkerboard. It was powered with a Super Tigre 3250 and weighed in at 25 pounds. As of the meeting, the plane had not had its maiden flight.

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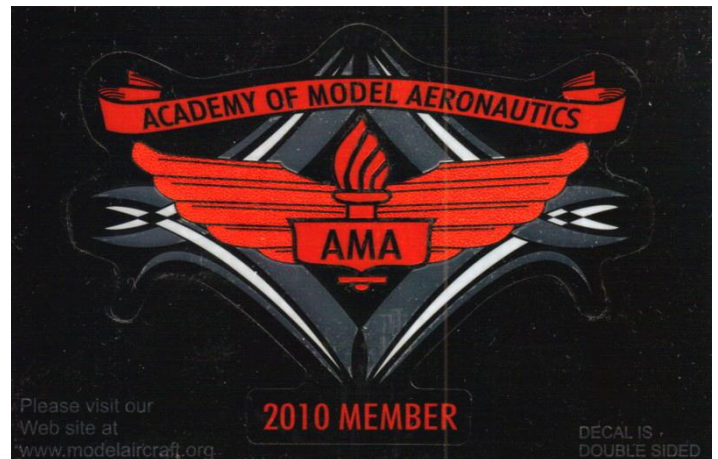
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Stop in to find out what the March Special Of The Month is!



Wayne Rademacher had another project he had designed and cut on his CNC. This was a case meant to be a power supply for electrics. He actually had four identical kits at the meeting. It was designed to be used by plug in at home or with a generator at the field and could power 24-volt and 12-volt chargers. J



Have You Paid Your 2010 Dues?

2010 TCRC Raffle Winners

The TCRC Annual Raffle is always held in conjunction with the TCRC Auction. This year those events were held on Saturday, February 6th. Gerry Dunne and Gerry Dunne Junior were the chairs for the raffle as they have been for the last several years.



**Gerry and Gerry getting ready for ticket sales at the TCRC Raffle.
(Photo by Jim Cook)**

Drawings for raffle prizes were held at one-half hour intervals during the auction. The winners were:

- Dick Patch Grand Prize of P-51 Plane
- Tom Tolliver Spektrum Radio
- Larry Couture OS 40 Engine
- Marvin Boote \$20 Gift Certificates
- J Bickford CA Glue and \$5 Gift Certificate
- Jim Brannon \$5 Certificate
- Tim Len \$5 Gift Certificate
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- Pat Dziuk CA Glue and Gift Certificates
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- Jim Ronhovde \$5 Gift Certificate
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- Mike Burk 2 \$5 Gift Certificates
- Ken Corrin Can Cooler
- Jim Essington \$5 Gift Certificates
- Bill Schafer \$5 Gift Certificate and Can Cooler
- Robin Standaevt won: \$5 Gift Certificate

Special thanks to Tom Steinmueller of Hobby Warehouse and to Jeremy Steinmueller of Sky Hobbies for their generous donations of gift certificates and hobby items for the prize drawings. Special thanks also to all of the TCRC club members who supported this event by buying raffle tickets that were sent to them in the mail. And lastly, a big thank you to Gerry and Gerry for another successful year for the TCRC Annual Raffle. ☺

New Member

Tara Rasmussen joined the club in February. Tara is the wife of TCRC member Todd Tibbs. She just received her AMA membership and is looking forward to enjoying some great flying at the Jordan Field.

Tara and Todd live at 12723 Ottawa Avenue S in Savage, 55378. Their phone number is 512-567-8190 and her e-mail address is fourspeedshovel@hotmail.com.

When you see Tara at a meeting or the field, introduce yourself and welcome her to TCRC. ☺

TCRC Social Membership Reviewed

The consideration of a social membership in TCRC was discussed at the February 9th meeting.

Scott Johnson was appointed to review the bylaws to determine if there is an easy way that the category of social member can be created without creating any complications in the operation of the club.

Scott will report back to the club at a later meeting on his findings. ☺

The Co-Pilot's Report

by VP Wayne Rademacher



Our 34th annual auction is in the history books. From all accounts the auction was a big success. Heard many positive comments from buyers and sellers, folks were really impressed how smoothly the auction is conducted. I think this says a lot about the TCRC membership and the extended family members that all help make our annual event a success. I want to thank all those that helped; the ladies running the café, the auctioneers, the recorders, accountants, security, runners, setup and teardown teams and special thanks the Pat Dziuk for the overall event coordination.

The “All Season Flyer” held on Feb 20th, (Gerry Dunne - CD), was well attended and a lot of fun. The weather was perfect, mild temperatures, clear skies and just a slight breeze. We had a good mix of I/C and electric planes, each type logged many flights. A few of us got to see just how much snow is on the ground when we went on a hike to locate a downed airplane lost by a member. A pair of snow shoes would have been real handy....makes me wonder just how flooded we will be this spring. Other than a lost airplane, there were no other major mishaps to report. All-in-all it was a good day; I think I have been to summer events with fewer pilots. At one point I counted (6) planes in the air.....not bad for February! Let’s hope the weather for the “End of Winter Fly” scheduled for March 6th, next weekend, is as nice.

What would my column be without a project picture (or two)? This is my latest creation; it is a portable flight stand built from .5” Baltic birch ply. I have wanted something like this for a while, finally got around to building it. The stand should work great at the field; it’ll be nice not to have to work on my knees. The design is based on a photograph I found on the internet, perfect size for hauling in the car.



The other project was some simple sanding blocks. Because the plywood used for the stand is a little spendy, I wanted to make something else to minimize waste. These little blocks are shaped to not only fit in your hand better than a traditional square block, but also sand features that are hard to access with a square or rectangle block. Yes, they are for both left and right handed people, just a matter of putting the sandpaper on the correct side.



Well that’s it for this month; we will see you at the meeting. ☺

All Season Flyers Check February Off The 'To Do' List

by Gerry Dunne

If you love to fly off of snow, you certainly haven't been disappointed this year. About 12 pilots gathered at the Jordan field on the morning of Saturday, February 20th to put in their required flight for the month for their AMA All Season Flyer patches. The day was beautiful with bright sunshine and no wind to speak of, and everyone put that required flight in and then proceeded to put in several more



Pilots and spectators take the time for a quick picture before putting their planes back into the beautiful sky. (Photo by Pat Dziuk)

To be an All Season Flyer, a pilot must put in at least one flight outside in every month of a calendar year. This can be somewhat of a challenge in Minnesota in January and February. ☺

TCRC Dues Renewal

The TCRC board of directors voted to keep the 2010 club dues at the same level as the 2009 dues. They are:

- Regular \$75.00
- Junior \$37.50


Dues payments were due on January 1, 2010.

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 Tom Thunstedt at a meeting or by mailing them to Tom at:

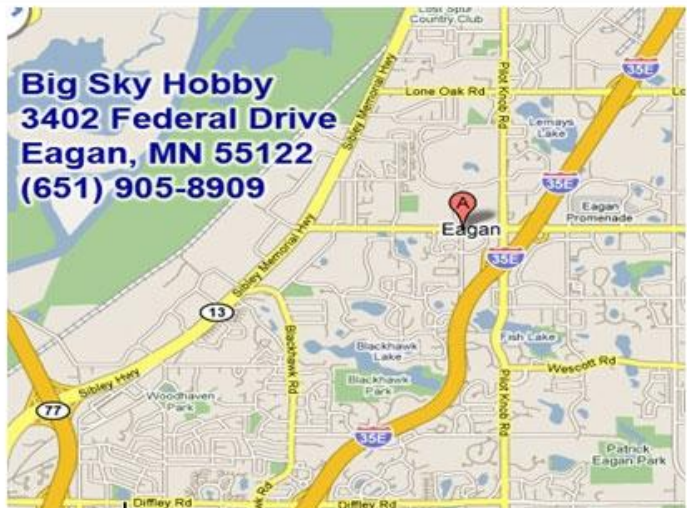
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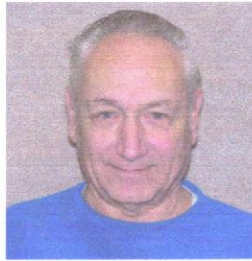
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Safety At The Field

By Larry Couture



Well here it is the end of February, 2010. I am still sitting here this morning with the heat on looking out the window at a lot of white, (snow that is) in my front yard. It seems like you could use skis on an airplane and go flying. So with that in mind the field is plowed to the parking lot and the white is every where. Now this is when the electric guys have a great advantage as their motors start instantly without getting fuel on the hands and cold air blast for effect. (Very Cold Hands). (rerun of January)!! But just remember, in about one month, all of this white stuff will be gone and we will then be worrying about a short-term spring flood.

I was asked to make a decision on using the field for float flying when or if it's flooded this spring. So here it comes: the field will be open for float flying but the only frequency will be 2.4 -- all other frequencies will be banned at the Jordan field during that time so there would be no interference with those flying at the Fairgrounds field. So all you float flyers get your waders out and have at it. By the way Tom over at Hobby Warehouse says he has a lot of 2.4 equipment for sale and a lot of floats so that's the place to go if you need some new toys. (He does have a few other things that may interest you or be something you cannot live without). So see you at the field float fly this spring.

FOR ALL MEMBERS NEW AND OLD: (same old harp but it's working)

The field rules are printed in the front of the roster and on a large board in the shelter at the field, along with no smoking signs. I suggest that all members should read them from time to time just to refresh the memory. There is always one thing I like to harp about and that is let your fellow flyers know what you are doing or going to do by **LOUDLY ANNOUNCING** take offs, landings, dead stick and on the field travel and make sure the others **HEAR** you and **ACKNOWLEDGE** you. This is in my opinion the most important rule to follow always as it makes accidents less likely to happen. **AND IT SEEMS TO BE WORKING SO KEEP IT UP!!!**

Thought for the day: Fly often, have fun and crash less and as usual all landings from which you can fly again are great but not always graceful. So keep the float side down. ☺

A Ride In An RV 10

by Jim Cook

A few months ago I did a short article on my neighbor at the lake Sheldon Olesen who had finished building his RV 10. This is the second plane Sheldon has done, his first being a Long EZ. He flew the RV 10 to Oshkosh this past July and has since put about 150 hours on the plane.



Sheldon and Jim with his RV 10

Saturday morning February 27th Sheldon took my wife Mary and I out for a spin over Siren in his plane. Sheldon put 5 years into the building of the RV 10, and it really had all the bells and whistles. The flight in the still winter air was smooth as glass. Sheldon even let me take the stick for a half-hour. Fantastic!!!! ☺



Jim at the controls of the RV 10 over Siren, Wisconsin.

Martin P6M Seamaster

by Conrad Naegele

The February Mystery Plane was the US Navy's Martin P6M Seamaster.



The P6M built by the Glenn I. Martin Company was a strategic flying boat, ordered by the U.S. Navy, and almost entered the service. Production aircraft had been built, and Navy crews were undergoing operational training, with service induction about 6 months away when the contract was abruptly cancelled!

Designed to give the Navy a strategic nuclear strike force, it was suddenly eclipsed by the Polaris submarine-launched intercontinental missiles. The P6M was summarily redesigned as a 'high-speed minelayer'. The plane was fitted with Allison turbojets, in over-wing pairs, a 40-degree sweptback wing, with considerable anhedral, and wingtip tanks that doubled as tip floats. It featured an all-flying tail, and a rotating bomb bay. The original straight tailpipes, when the afterburners were lit, scorched the fuselage sides, and were then canted out. The first prototype was destroyed when the horizontal elevator went full up, causing the plane to loop and crash into the Potomac River. The second plane suddenly nosed up, at 21,000 feet and then crashed. All crew members ejected safely. Despite all of this, five more were built (the P6M-2 designation) and they flew a little better, although the plane porpoised, and the low slung tip floats tended to dig into the water. The program cost about \$400 million (about \$2.5 billion today). All

remaining aircraft were scrapped, except the one which went to the Martin museum. Some wingtip floats were taken home to be used in building a catamaran.

The subsonic nuclear seaplane had a wingspan of 103 feet, a gross weight of 120,000 pounds, a maximum speed of 630 mph and a service ceiling of 40,000 feet. ☺

Calendar

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| Mar. 6 | End of Winter
Fun Fly
Jordan Field
11:00 AM |
| Mar. 9 | TCRC Membership
Meeting, 7:00 PM
Fellowship Hall
CrossPoint Church
Bloomington |
| Mar. 27 | Shop Tour
Corey Kaderlik
1:00 PM |
| Apr. 3 | April Fool's Flyer
John Dietz/Paul Doyle
11:00 AM
Jordan Field |
| Apr. 27 | 2nd Quarter
Board Meeting,
7:00 PM
Steve Meyer's House |

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.

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This Is The Life!



While Jim Cook was visiting friends at Marco Island, Florida, he ran into John Sanner, of Indiana. John would fly his 3D airplane over the beach then plop down in a chair and watch the sunset. He said he also would fly the plane on the golf course outside his backdoor. ☺

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