Minneapolis, Minnesota U.S.A

## First 2017 'Meeting At The Field' Held June 13th

by Jim Cook

The 'Meeting at the Field' season is upon us, and the first of those meetings was held at the Jordan Model Air Park on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.



President Bob started the business portion of the 'Meeting at the Field' promptly at 7:00 PM on June 13<sup>th</sup>. (Photo by Jim Cook)

It was a pretty big question mark as to whether or not the June won the Extra 330 ARF. This did meeting would be held at the Jordan field since the Minnesota River was on the runways just the previous week. But a great clean-up crew headed up by Jeff Tolzmann had done a great job the previous Saturday as soon as the River allowed them access. The runways, pits and shelter what little storage space it had was looked great.

Around 5:00 PM or so members started arriving to find president Bob lighting the grill and getting food ready for the planned 5:30 dinner. The September will also see 'Meetings at wind was gusting fairly strongly at this time, limiting the number of the Field", weather permitting. pilots taking to the skies.

When the dinner bell was rung at 5:30, the parking lot was full of cars and the shelter full of hungry pilots. Bob had enough brats and hotdogs to feed everyone quite well, with lots of potato salad, chips and soda to go around also.

The wind continued to be brisk. and the number of flights taken was pretty low, but it was still a great night to be at the field.

Everyone had noticed how nice the road from the tractor sheds to the parking lot looked, and during the meeting, Bob explained that the new rock had just been put down in the last few days, and more was planned at a slightly later time.

Following the meeting, the reinstated monthly plane raffle was held. The last few months there had not been a raffle and all of the members were happy that it was back. Scott Anderson was especially happy to have the raffle back as he present an immediate problem, however, as Scott had driven his little red Smart Car to the field, and already full off airplanes.

The months of July, August and

## A Note from The Head Wing Nut

By Bob Briesemeister



TCRC Members,

**NEWS FLASH** There will be no cutting of trees down to rescue or retrieve your airplanes. One of our members took it upon himself and did this recently. The tree that was cut down was not on club property and if it was, we still would not allow it! After I was informed of this incident, I tried to stop any backlash. Vice President Brian Johnson and I went over to the neighbor and apologized for the infraction. It went fine but the next day after seeing the size of the tree he informed me he would like it removed. (See picture to the right.) I spoke to the member who cut down the tree and told him that he was responsible for taking care of it. He is in the process of removing the tree.

Actions like this can give the club a negative reputation with our neighbors which is not what we want. We do not want to jeopardize our flying site in any way. All members need to be responsible for their actions and they can both positively or negatively affect the reputation of the club. If you observe someone doing something that does not seem right please question what they are doing or inform the board.

On the positive side, the main field has been open for flying for about a month now. I was not able to help in much of the cleanup but would like to thank everyone who did help. I reached out to Jeff Tolzmann to head up this task and he did a terrific job. Thank you!

The club is in need of your help in a couple of areas. One of course \$240.00 but now sells for \$170.00. is mowing. We need people to step up to keep the field in great flying condition. If we do not keep up on the mowing it is hard on our equipment, so please step up. The second is an effort to dismantle the beaver dam which is affecting the water table at the east end of the field. As soon as we are able to get this organized I will send out an email. There has been some talk about calling the dismantling event "Beavers, Brats and Beers" but you didn't hear that from me.

The June membership meeting was held at the field with around 30 people in attendance. It was a bit windy but a few people were able to fly. We will be holding the July, August and September meetings at the field, weather permitting. So come out and fly or just come out for the food and camaraderie.



"Wings Over Jordan" will be held on July 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> . Camping will be allowed if you would like to stay overnight. The TCRC Café will be open both days with breakfast on Sunday. The event will also include a swap meet. Bring something to sell, swap or cash to purchase.

The plane being raffled off this month is a Staufenbiel Edge 540 Bind & Fly. Original retail was Take a chance and join in the fun.

See you at the meeting

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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 the southeastern corner of intersection of 98th Street and France Avenue in Bloomington. Guests are welcome to attend these meetings.

## Pictures From TCRC's June Meeting At The Field



President Bob, as usual, had the grill lit and the brats and hotdogs ready to go for all of those hungry pilots in attendance at the June Meeting at the Field.



The wind kept most of the pilots in the pits all day on June 13<sup>th</sup> during the Meeting at the Field, but a few intrepid pilots were able to put a flight or two on their airplanes.



The parking lot was very full for the first 2017 Meeting at the Field, as lots of TCRC members came down to do a little flying, dinner and the monthly meeting.



The club windsock stayed pretty much straight out for almost all of the afternoon and evening on June 13<sup>th</sup> for the Meeting at the Field, but as the sun started to set, it did abate somewhat.



When Bob started serving the meal at the Meeting at the Field, everyone grabbed a plate and settled into a seat in the shelter.



It was hard to believe the week before the Minnesota River resided on the runways. Jeff Tolzmann's crew did a great clean-up job.



# TCRC 2017 Mowing Schedule

May	1-6	Corey Kaderlik	Runway edges and South section
	7-13	Ken Corrin	Runway edges and North section
	14-20		Runway edges and South section
	21-27	Ken Corrin	Runway edges and North section
	28-6/3	Thaddeus Goryck	Runway edges and South section
June	4-10	David Cutaia	Runway edges and North section
	11-17		Runway edges and South section
	18-24	Wayne Fisher	Runway edges and North section
	25-7/1		Runway edges and South section
July	2-8	Wayne Fisher	Runway edges and North section
	9-15	Chris Durand	Runway edges and South section
	16-22	David Cutaia	Runway edges and North section
	23-29	Chris Durand	Runway edges and South section
August	7/30-5	Ken Corrin	Runway edges and North section
	6-12		Runway edges and South section
	13-19	Wayne Fisher	Runway edges and North section
	20-26		Runway edges and South section
	27-9/2		Runway edges and North section
	8/1- 8/20	Jim Ronhovde and Daniel Olberg	Reinvest In Minnesota (RIM) Land North, West and East sections
September	3-9		Runway edges and South section
	10-16	Ken Corrin	Runway edges and North section
	17-23		Runway edges and South section
	24-30	Ken Corrin	Runway edges and North section
October	1-7	Corey Kaderlik	Runway edges and South section

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## Veep's Corner

By Brian Johnson



Wow! Has it been an entire month already? Where has the time I had taken out and I told him I had gone? Speaking of, time is the topic of this month's article (again)! Previously I had talked about three areas in which I seek to improve to (which is not unusual so I did not make the most of the time I spend enjoying model aircraft.

The first, and probably the most difficult for me, was making sure own a Skybolt. Then he asked if I that I was capturing the moment in some way so that I could reflect in had perhaps been flying the Waco the future and, hopefully, share my experiences with others. I tend to and I was confused. Then it dawned move from one thing to the next rather quickly. I like to work from lists on me that he was referring to a and check things off as I complete them. This ensures that I do not Waco that he had built from plans forget to do the things I need to but it also creates a "set it and forget it" from a magazine when I was a youth. sort of mentality. Once I check an item off the list my brain files that That plane never flew well so he was item in the "done" category and closes the door. This is all well and interested in what I had done to good when it comes to things like paying bills and grocery shopping but make it work. We ended up having a trips to the flying field should not be approached in such a manner. I conversation about that aircraft for need to find a way to keep that door accessible, if not open, for future the next several minutes which was use.

As some of you know, my father was recently diagnosed with dementia and now lives in a memory care facility. For anyone who has had a similar experience watching a loved one progress through this began digging through some old illness you know is can be quite shocking to watch someone regress from photographs that I had recently a state of independence to requiring help with every day activities such removed from his house. There were as brushing teeth, dressing, or making up a room. I have learned that his quite a few from the old flying field thinking is like my children's when they were about three or four years showing airplanes I have long since old. He is prone to fits and is easily frustrated when he is offered help forgotten about. with things he is struggling with. He also enjoys laughing, being silly, went to visit I brought the photos to and teasing the employees at his facility. One curious thing about show dad and I was surprised to hear dementia is that the affect it has on an individual is as unique and the how much of that period he could individuals themselves. Some people have difficulty recognizing their recall. closest relatives but retain the ability to recite every US president in hurried building days so we could order. Some people lose physical coordination while much of their have evening flying sessions. memory remains intact. Others may be aware of their condition and remembered how our field faced east become frustrated at their inability to escape it. It varies from day to day and that the breeze had a habit of in most cases. With my father, he has lost much of his memory from the subsiding just as the sun was moving last 25 or so years. He is relatively good with detail once you get back to our backs for the day. where his memory picks up. He thinks his kids are still children (though remembered designing and building he does recognize me when he sees me) and he thinks he is still married the flying stations, an experience that to my mother to whom he has been divorced since 1996.

He is living in a sort of frozen moment from when I was about 15 vears old. It is difficult to relate to meaningful someone and have connections or conversations with someone in such a state but for family we tend to hang on and keep looking for a way in. I found that with dad when I casually mentioned that I had been out flying the previous day. He asked which plane flown the Skybolt. He was confused immediately understand what was happening) and said that I did not longer than he has held a single topic for quite some time.

After the visit I went home and We recounted stories of

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## **New Members**

The club picked up two more members in June, bringing the total to 130.



Mark Hodroff lives at 5508 Morgan Avenue S in Minneapolis, 55419. His phone number is 704-956-9361 and his email is <a href="mark@hodroff.net">mark@hodroff.net</a>. Mark is new to the hobby this past year and is currently flying an E-Flite Timber.



Although he did not join in the month of June, Jim Benson is a

fairly recent member of TCRC. His picture had not been posted in the newsletter previously so it has been included this month. Jim is the brother of the late John Benson who was a member of TCRC many years ago and actually was the newsletter editor at one time.

Jay Shelby lives at 1680 Philipp Way in Shakopee, 55379. His phone number is 952-999-1322 and his email address is jayshelby@hotmail.com. Jay is a 22-year seasoned flyer and currently flies a ¼-scale Yak 55, a 1/5-scale Yak 55 and a Trex 500.

When you see Mark, Jim and Jay at a meeting or at the field, be sure and introduce yourself and welcome them to TCRC.

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was much more meaningful to him than me since I saw it as a means to an end while clearly it was about the process for him. I am glad that I was able to get his perspective on that event.

Since that visit I have brought up that time in our lives with him many times. He usually tells the same four or five stories each time but occasionally he throws out something new. We both enjoy reliving those days prompted by old polaroid pictures and faded 35mm prints. It is like getting a refund on that time spent so many years ago.

Until next time . . .

## Don't



# Forget!

The TCRC Membership meeting on July 11th will be held at the TCRC Model Air Park in Jordan, weather and water permitting.

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 meetings for August 8<sup>th</sup> and September 12<sup>th</sup> are also scheduled for the Jordan field.

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

## Field Clean Up Crew Acts Fast When The River Recedes

This spring has been another of those with lots of rain and the rising and falling Minnesota River making it hard to keep the TCRC Jordan

The results of these members flying field open. May was no exception and it appeared that the first were very obvious on the next Meeting At the Field scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup> was going to have to be cancelled.

The results of these members the Field was held. The pits.



The pits and runways get a high pressure washing on June 10<sup>th</sup> (Photo by Jeff Tolzmann)



Some of the crew and equipment brought in to clean the Jordan Field. (Photo by Jeff Tolzmann)

But the Minnesota River got back into its banks in the nick of time. Jeff Tolzmann stepped up and brought in a crew of members which included Chad Sulheim, Dick Voeltz, Paul Theis, Tom Young, Ken Weddell,, Brian Johnson, Stan Erickson and Pedro Restrepo.

The group was able to bring in a high pressure washer which was extremely helpful in removing the built up silt that was on the runways and in the pits.

The results of these members were very obvious on the next Tuesday, when the June Meeting at the Field was held. The pits, runways, taxiways and shelter looked great! Thanks to all of those members who brought the Jordan field back to flyable condition.

# 18302 18304

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! And what is the fire number for the field, you ask?

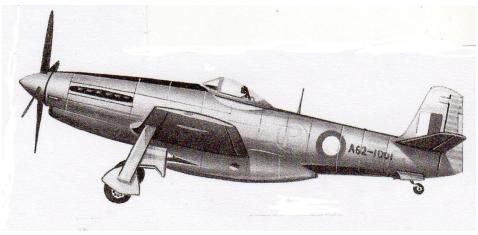
Actually it seems TCRC has two fire numbers. Giving either one to the 911 operator should get an emergency vehicle to the field. The fire numbers are 18302 and 18304.

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.

## **Commonwealth CA15**

#### by Conrad Naegele

The June Mystery Plane was the Australian Commonwealth CA15.



During the war, Australia was provided a number of P-40's, and P-51's. The P-51's were so impressive, that the RAAF decided to produce a similar fighter. Therefore, in 1943 plans were drawn for their own **July 22** indigenous fighter. The plane was never named, and referred only to the contract number.

The CA15 was an all-metal, flush-riveted monoplane, and designed around a Curtiss-Wright R-2800 Double Wasp turbocharged radial Aug. 2 engine. However, when that engine became not available, the plane was reworked to take a Rolls-Royce Griffin in-line, liquid-cooled engine. This was a major change from a big round radial to a slim in-line!!

However due to the war ending, and production cut backs, the prototype did not fly until March 4, 1946. It was designed for 6-machine guns, 50-caliber, and a conventional drop tank. A rather desultory flight test program was dragged on until early 1950. The final flight tests were largely academic, as by then the jet age had arrived. Exact number built is unknown, and the plane just simply disappeared. However, rumor has it that the plane was fitted with a Martin-Baker ejection seat!

The CA15 had a wingspan of 36 feet, a weight of 10,764 pounds and a max speed of 368 mph.





## Calendar

July 11 TCRC Meeting At
The Field
Dinner at 5:30
Meeting at 7:00

July 15, 16 Wings Over Jordan TCRC Jordan Field 9:00 AM Open To AMA Pilots Flying, Camping, Swap Meet Bob Breisemeister 612-964-8877

July 15,16 Wings Of The North AirExpo 2017 Flying Cloud Airport Eden Prairie, MN

July 20-22 Watts Over Owatonna SMMAC Field Owatonna, MN

July 22 Warbirds Over Iowa Cedar Rapids, IA

July 24-30 EAA Air Venture Oshkosh, WI

Aug. 2 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr. TCRC Board Meeting, 7:00 PM Bob Breisemeister

Aug. 4-6 Wisconsin Fun Fly Siren & Rice Lake WI Bills Sachs and Jim Cook

Aug. 8 TCRC Meeting At
The Field
Dinner at 5:30
Meeting at 7:00



## 'The Beast' Soars Over Jordan

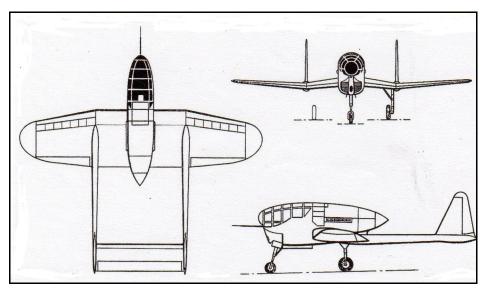
by Jon Perry



Glen Hagfors preps The Beast for its 'maiden flight 2' at Jordan. (Photo by Jon Perry)

Newer TCRC member Glen Hagfors showed up near the end of the Electric Fly held at the Jordan field on June 17<sup>th</sup>. I was still there and watched as Glen unpacked and set up "The Beast'. He said this would be 'maiden flight 2' for the plane. I am not real sure about why it was the 2<sup>nd</sup> maiden flight. As soon as the plane was prepped, he was ready to take to the air. (Continued to the right.)

## **July Mystery Plane**



From what I saw the plane handled very well on the ground. The engine, a DA 120 gas engine, ran quite well. The aircraft had smoke onboard also. The plane flew quite well as pilot Glen did a snap roll on takeoff. I watched him put the plane threw all the maneuvers with what I would call a perfect flight. And he capped it off with a beautiful landing. Congratulations to Glen Hagfors for an excellent flight.

Glen had this flight videotaped and you may view it on YouTube at the link:

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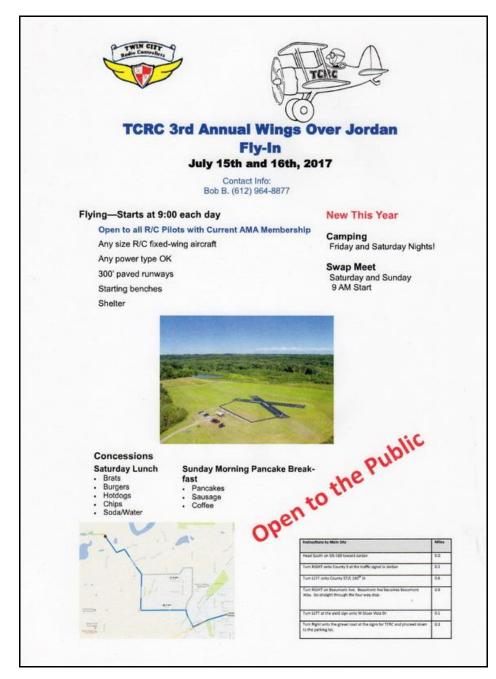
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## Membership Chair Needed

TCRC needs a volunteer to become the club membership chairman.

The chair would be responsible for collecting the new member form when a new pilot joins the club, verify AMA membership, issue membership badges, update the club roster, among other duties. The process to do this is very well organized and easily done.

If you are interested in becoming more involved in the operation of TCRC, and becoming the membership chairman, let a board member know,



"I CAN'T CUT THE GRASS UNTIL I FIND THE LAWNMOWER AND I CAN'T FIND THE LAWNMOWER UNTIL I CUT THE GRASS!"

Don't let this happen at the TCRC flying field! Volunteer now to help keep the field mowed.

## Jordan Flying Field Road Rocked



Several yards of crushed rock were dumped on the Jordan flying field road between the tractor sheds and the parking lot. President Bob was on hand with a Bobcat to spread the rock. This was done just before the June 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting at the Field, and it looked great for the event.

President Bob indicated that more rock was going to be brought in for the parking lot in the very near future.

## June Raffle Winner



The TCRC monthly raffle is back after taking a short hiatus. At the first 'Meeting at the Field' held on June 13<sup>th</sup> Scott Anderson took possession of a nice Phoenix Extra 330S ARF. However, after Scott won the plane he was presented with the problem of getting it home in his Smart car.

At the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, the raffle prize will be a Staufenbiel Edge 540 ARF with a retail value of \$240. Chances are only \$5/each and you may enter as many times as you wish. Come to the July 11<sup>th</sup> 'meeting at the field' and be the next winner of the TCRC raffle.

# 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.





