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2004

TCRC Auction As Grand As Ever

by Jim Cook

TCRC held its 28th annual auction on Saturday, February 7th at St. Peter's Church in Richfield and it was another great success.



**Dave Shuuck with a beautiful Waco at the TCRC auction.
(Photo by Jim Cook)**

The TCRC set-up crew was at the door at 7:00 AM and by 8, all of the stations were set-up, manned, and ready to go. Sellers started arriving a little before 8 to get their items checked in, and it was a busy place from there on.

Kathy Dietz had her crew of spouses working the concessions, and the coffee and doughnuts were very popular as the morning progressed.

Brad Spencer, with son Derek, and Jerry Dunne manned the raffle booth, and business was brisk. The club had spent about \$100 more on prizes this year and they included a computer radio, a plane kit, and a complete electric plane kit. The electric plane seemed to attract a lot of

sales to the area. Tom and Jeremy Steinmueller of Hobby Warehouse had contributed lots of gift certificates also.

At 9:30, the impound area was opened for inspection for 20 minutes prior to the start of the bidding, and about 250 people perused the 300 or so items that filled the impound area.

At precisely 10:00 AM, auctioneer Jim Cook put the first plane up for auction, and the action was hot and heavy from then on. It became apparent that the day was going to belong to the buyers as most items went at great bargain prices.

With Scott Anderson out of town for the auction, Jim shared auctioneer duties with Dave Schuuck, a friend of TCRC's that always lends a helping hand, and Jay Bickford, a TCRC'er who had volunteered to give auctioneering a try. Between the three of them, the auction stayed fast paced, and the club was able to move the 300+ items at the rate of about 1/minute.

There were a total of 275 buyers that bid on the 300+ items from the sellers. There were 200 planes of every type. The \$20 minimum opening bid did not cause many 'no bids', and there were only a few buybacks during the course of the

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From The Cockpit Of The President

by Scott Anderson – e-mail: president@tcrconline.com

Congratulations to the 30+ members who made the 2004 Auction possible! It was your hard work and dedication that makes it possible for us to perform field expansion projects. The numbers I've been shown indicate that this years auction was one of the most efficiently run events we've ever had. Our thanks to Kathy Dietz for heading up the concessions, Brad Spenser and Gerry Dunne for the raffle, Charlie Dempewolf and his team for the registration, Conrad Naegele and his impound crew, Rick Smith for handling the money, and our auctioneers Jim Cook, Jay Bickford and Dave Shuuck. Please forgive me for not mentioning each and every one of your names.



**Kathy Dietz and just a few of her hard working 'concessions' team.
(Photo by Jim Cook)**

We had a great time on Saturday February 21st at the field. This was the scheduled All Season Flyer's Day for February. The snow was crisp and the sun was out and we flew until we were sunburned and exhausted. The most exhausted pilots were two of our newest members, Mike Timmerman & Pat Djiuk. They arrived at the field at 6:30 AM in order to set up the burn piles and start them at 7. Pat had scheduled a crew to be available on-site from Saturday morning through Sunday night. Unfortunately after several hours of work the pile would not take fire. By mid-afternoon the effort was abandoned and the embers were extinguished. We'll have to try again this fall after the wood had dried.

David Andersen gave us an excellent presentation on scratch building tools and skills as the February program. He demonstrated how easy it is to turn a pile of balsa into a set of ribs for building a scratch built wing. I'm amazed that there is always something to learn from these great presentations!

The TCRC Board met February 24th to discuss the auction and make plans for field improvements this spring. Items under consideration include, a new frequency board, new signs, a welcome sign for the entrance, new sitting benches, and flight line benches. We should be able discuss them in greater detail by the March meeting.

TCRC Membership Renewals were due February 15th. I've asked the board for an amnesty period of 30 days (until March 15th) for members who have not yet renewed their memberships to renew without penalty. Memberships renewed between March 15th and May 15th will pay a penalty of 50% of the Initiation Fee. After May 15th a full initiation fee will be required.

So if you have not renewed for 2004 yet remember these dates:

- March 15th, 2004 -- Last day to renew Membership without penalty
- March 15th - May 15th, 2004 -- 50% Initiation Fee Penalty on Membership Renewals
- After May 15th, 2004 -- Full Initiation Fee Penalty on Membership Renewals

Until then, keep building and we'll see you at the field! ☺

TCRC 2004 Auction

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The raffle prizes were given out every hour. TCRC member John Berk won the electric kit and immediately put it up for auction with the proceeds going to the club. This fetched \$80 for the club. A big thanks to John for his generosity.

The kitchen stayed very busy through the day and chili dogs being very popular. When the last item was sold, the concessions had gross sales of \$1,066 and a net profit of \$517.

Jim put the last item for bid on the block at 4:00 PM, and then the crew started the clean-up process. By 5:00 PM, everything had been put back in place, the floors mopped, and all of the merchandise distributed to the buyers.

The auction had gross sales of \$20,390, with a net of \$1,801. The raffle had gross sales of \$1,066 with a net of \$605. The concessions had gross sales of \$1,066 with a net of \$517, and admissions netted \$753. As of press time, the total profit for the event was \$3,676. Donations, etc. added an additional \$110.

The club had a great turn out from the membership to make this event run very smoothly. A total of 30 to 40 members and family put in many hours, and left St. Peter's tired, but happy.

A big thank you to all who worked the auction, and especially to those members who chaired the various areas.

The 2005 auction is scheduled to be held at St. Peter's on Saturday, February 12, 2005. ☺

Ton of Beautiful Airplanes Were Up For Sale At The 2004 Auction



The impound area was full from one end to the other with every kind of R/C airplane imaginable. (Photo by Jim Cook)

The Hard-Working Raffle Crew



Brad and Derek Spencer and Jerry Dunne made the 2004 Raffle a record-breaker at the auction. (Photo by Jim Cook)

Pictures From TCRC's 28th Annual Auction



Novice auctioneer Jay Bickford did a great job at the TCRC auction.



Bill Sachs and Charlie Dempewolf registered the buyers at the TCRC auction.



Boyd Bowdish, Don Olson, Orv Schneewind and Stan Erickson checked the sellers in.



Stan Erickson managed the engines and electronics impound area at the auction.



Some of the crowd at the auction.



Tom & Jeremy represented Hobby Warehouse.

February All Season Flyers

Saturday, February 21st was the day scheduled for those intrepid pilots in the club to put a flight on a plane to keep their 2004 All Season Pilot patch qualifying intact.

The person that chose that day for the event couldn't possibly have chosen a better February day. The sky was clear, there was a nice breeze from the northwest, and the temperature was pretty nice for a winter day.

Rick Smith was the CD for the event and he arrived at the field around 9:30. Several other members also came at that time so that the club could start to burn the large piles of wood from the clearing activities to the north.

By 11:00 AM there were about 10 pilots with planes ready to hit the sky. Pat Dziuk had his trainer on skis; Mike Timmerman, his Hanger 9 Ultra Sport; Jerry Dunne, 2 or 3 of his electrics; Rick Smith, his electrics; Jim Cook, Simitar; Stan Erickson, a Stick; Bernie Gaub, a trainer; and Scott Anderson, one of Rick's planes. Morgan Larson and Conrad Naegele were present to help but hadn't flown by the time the editor left the field.

Mike Factor and his mother Chris showed up to watch the flying. Mike is eleven and anxious to get into the hobby. Rick Smith and Bernie Gaub got together so that Mike could try the sticks by buddybox.

Thanks to Rick Smith for CD'ing the event, and thanks to all of the members and family that came down to enjoy a great winter day! ☺

Who Wouldn't Want To Fly On a Great Day Like This!



Most of the group at the February ASF event took the time for a quick picture before getting back into the air. (Photo by Jim Cook)

Sure Wish I Had An Airplane



Mike Factor watches Bernie Gaub get his trainer ready for a flight. (Photo by Jim Cook)

Members In Profile:

Gerry Dunne of Bloomington, Minnesota



What is your profession: Mechanic

TCRC Member Since: 1990 (14 years)

Why did you join TCRC? Love of aviation and airplanes, location, location, location and good people.

Are you a member of any other club? No

What TCRC volunteered services & offices have you held? Vice president three times and volunteered at auction and other shows at field.

What are your model aviation interests? Right now park flyers and small electric planes and all the new mods that come with them.

What is your favorite airplane? G.W.S. Beaver and an ESKA by Electroflying

What is your favorite flying memory? Flying a Lazy Bee when it was snowing.

What is your favorite TCRC event? I really enjoy the spring and fall float flies at Bush Lake.

What improvements would you like to see at the field? None. Our field is very nice and a great place to fly.

What would you like to learn at a meeting? More about the newer battery packs that have been offered for electric park flyers. ☺

Members In Profile:

Thaddeus Gorycki of Prior Lake, Minnesota



What is your profession: Avionics technician for Northwest Airlines.

TCRC member since: 2002 (2 years).

Why did you join TCRC? I thought it would make a great float field when it was flooded.

Are you a member of any other club? MVRC since September 2001.

What TCRC volunteered services & offices have you held? Worked at the auction.

What are your model aviation interests? Fly only, no time to build much.

What is your favorite airplane? SIG Rascal 40.

What is your favorite flying memory? My son Tommy's first solo flight with no buddybox.

What is your favorite TCRC event? The TCRC Auction in February.

What improvements would you like to see at the field? To be used as a float field when flooded. ☺

Tupelov ANT 14 'Pravda'

by Conrad Naegele

During the early 30s, the Soviet Union loved large aircraft. Andrel Tupelov also loved large aircraft, started his aeronautical career in 1920. His first really successful plane was a small, low wing monoplane that gradually resulted in the ANT 14 (Pravda = 'truth').

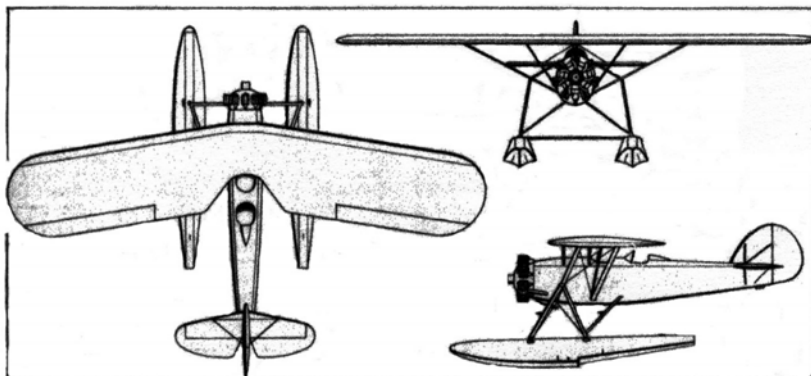


The ANT 14 had double the wingspan of the '9', four times the capacity (passenger) and five engines! Only one is known to have been built but that was not that uncommon in the late 20's and early 30's, when funds were low and each plane 'experimental'. It was known to have been flown by the 'Maxim Gork V' squadron -- propaganda flights. It was flown extensively in the Arctic and Siberia, fitted with skis, and ultimately was put on display in a Moscow park -- reportedly used as a cinema theater.

This aircraft was all-metal, had the typical Russian thick wing airfoil and used, for the period, up-to-date engines, passengers had reasonable accommodations and great viewing -- unlike today's little round or square portholes.

The Tupelov ANT 14 had a 132' 7" wingspan and weighed 38,700 pounds. It was powered with 5 Gnome-Rhone 9-cylinder radial air-cooled engines that developed 480 horsepower. It had a speed of 121 mph, a range of 745 miles and could carry 36 passengers and a 6-man crew. ☺

March Mystery Plane

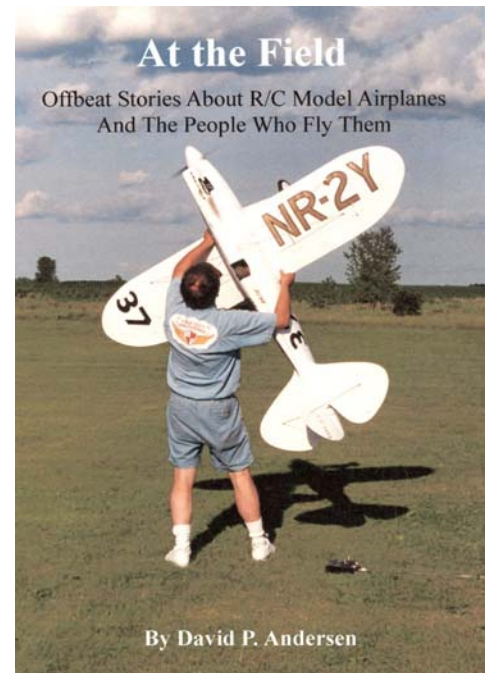


by Klotz the Kat

I have written a book!

Along with my friends, Dewey Goddit and Dave Andersen, we have collected our best articles into a 188-page book. Almost all of the articles and stories initially appeared in *Flare-Out*

The e-book version is available on-line at TCRC's web site, www.tcrconline.com. It's free. Download it and check it out.



TCRC meets every month on the 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 PM in room H195 at the South Hennepin Technical College located at 9200 Flying Cloud Drive (Highway 212) in Eden Prairie. Guests are welcome to attend these meetings.

From The Co-Pilot's Seat

by Jay Bickford

Flying on my mind . . .

As I write this article, I am sitting in a hotel room in Sheridan, Wyoming, hundreds of miles away from my friends and family back in Minnesota. It is a cold, wet, snowy day, with not much to do but to think about flying.

It seems that lately I have been doing both too much flying, and not enough. Too much in commercial aircraft going from place to place as my job requires, and not enough at the TCRC field in Jordan. Now don't get me wrong, I love to fly, even if I have to be packed like a sardine into a 125-foot long aluminum tube to do it. But, like all of you, I would much rather be controlling an airborne creation of my own design, performing long lazy turns and fast touch and goes with the sun warming my back on a beautiful Minnesota day. For me, a day spent flying can be both excruciatingly painful as well as beautifully liberating. Depending, of course, on who is at the controls. As the weather improves this spring, I am sure we will all be doing much more of the latter. I can hardly wait!

By all counts, the annual TCRC Auction was a great success! Overall revenues were on a par with last year, but with a few surprising changes in the revenue allocations. Thanks again to all the volunteers that came out and made this annual event such a success this year. We couldn't do it without you.



Just a few of the workers in the impound area at the 2004 auction.
(Photo by Jim Cook)

Coming up on March 9th at our next TCRC monthly club meeting, Dave Anderson will be making a presentation on Scale Scratch Building. Dave will be making this same presentation at the upcoming Weak Signals R/C Show in Toledo, so come and hear this informative preview from one of the most skilled scale scratch builders in the country. Even if you never see yourself building a large-scale warbird like Dave, we can all learn from his techniques. I am sure you will not be disappointed.

Until next month . . . ☺

Calendar

- Feb 15** **Deadline for
TCRC Dues Payment**

- Mar. 6** **Winter Fun Fly
10:00 AM
Jordan Field
Conrad Naegele, CD**

- Mar 9** **TCRC Membership
Meeting, 7:00 PM
Room H195
Hennepin Technical
College
Eden Prairie**

- Apr. 2-4** **Toledo R/C Expo
Toledo, Ohio**

- Apr. 20** **2nd Qtr. TCRC
Board Meeting
HTC, 7:00 PM**

- Apr. 24** **Fairgrounds Clean-Up
& Fly-In**

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Members Missing

The deadline for membership renewal of February 15th has come and gone, and several members have not renewed their TCRC membership as yet.

According to treasurer Rick Smith, the following have not renewed their membership in TCRC:

- Brandon Anderson
- Jeremy Barsness
- Mike Danielson
- Charlie Eide
- Joe Engle
- David Erickson
- Will Hornseth
- Tom Hoy
- Christopher Jirak
- Scott Johnson
- Bruce Kelly
- Mark Lowry
- Walid Maalouli
- Don Martin
- Chris O'Connor
- Nathan O'Connor
- David Pecoraro

- Todd Reed
- Tom Rendos
- Jay Rudberg
- Dennis Spletstoser
- Dan Stensby
- Kevin Strathy
- Jeff Tolzmann
- Howard Wilensky
- Branden Woodgate
- Meri Woodgate
- Greg Woodgate
- Jerome Yahnke

This year, the TCRC board of directors has instituted a new membership policy. This year, current members have until March 15th to renew their membership without penalty. From March 15th until May 15th, members must pay 50% of the initiation fee to renew. After May 15th, renewing members must pay the full initiation fee in addition to the annual dues.

If you are going to be renewing your membership in TCRC, please pay treasurer Rick Smith at the next meeting, or send them to him at:

6507 Manchester Lane
Eden Prairie, MN 55346

Winter Fun Fly March 6

TCRC's annual Winter Fun Fly is scheduled for Saturday, March 6th.

Conrad Naegele is the CD for the event and start time is set for 10:00 AM. It is also planned that the grill will be lit and hamburgers or hotdogs will be available around noon to all who show up.

At press time there was still plenty of snow at the field but rain was scheduled for the weekend. It is a good bet that skis will be the order of the day for the flights, but a few more days of warm weather could change that dramatically.

Get a set of skis on one of your planes, or grab something you can hand-launch, and head for the Jordan field on Saturday, March 6th for some great flying, friendship and a free lunch. ☺

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Getting The Fires Started



Mike Timmerman lights the fire on one of the three piles of trees at the Jordan Field. The wood has proven to be quite resistant to burning however. (Photo by Scott Anderson)



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