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TCRC Goes MAD Again!

by Scott Anderson

The members of the Twin City Radio Controllers held their 6th Annual Model Aviation Day (MAD-2005) Saturday August 20th, 2005 at the TCRC Model Airpark located near Jordan Minnesota. MAD is an open house event where our Jordan neighbors are invited to visit and learn about radio controlled model aviation from eager and knowledgeable TCRC members.



The event was preceded Thursday August 18th by a very nice article in the Jordan Independent newspaper by staff writer, Brandon Otte. Brandon interviewed several TCRC members from the Jordan area and visited the flying site to get a real feel for the club and what we do. This article was instrumental in bringing many guests to the MAD-2005 event on the 20th.

The weather was perfect for a flying event. There were warm temperatures, light clouds for contrast and a slight breeze to keep the bugs away. Pat Dziuk and Rick Smith arrived early to set up the PA

system, bring down the grill and to set up the flight simulator stations. Members were assisting in the cooking and flight instruction.

President Jay Bickford and members Brandon Anderson and Dave Maurer spent most of the day taking up guests on their trainers. I believe Jay Bickford wins for bringing the greatest number of coworkers to the event. I could have sworn there were a dozen!

Jay was instrumental in getting the runways professionally seal coated and painted the Tuesday before the event. The new black runways with bright white striping and actual runway numbers looked terrific! What a great look for the site. Thank you Jay and the board for getting this job done!

David Andersen gave an excellent flight demonstration with his original 'Designer Scale' Grumman Lynx giant-scale private aviation aircraft. This is the aircraft he had competed at the Toledo Show last April. Dave's flight demonstration was as smooth as if it were set to music. From take off through landing each maneuver looked extremely realistic.

Our TCRC senior members, Stan Erickson and Bruce Anthony burned up the sky with their own flying demonstrations. Bruce flew his red

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From the Left Seat

by Jay Bickford

As I write this, I have been busy watching the news reports of Hurricane Katrina's approach to New Orleans. Katrina is expected to make landfall on Monday morning, August 29th, at about sunrise. Of course, as you read this newsletter, this will all be old news, but it is certainly in my thoughts this evening. Let us pray for all those that have been affected by this disastrous storm.

August was certainly a busy month for TCRC. We started off on the weekend of August 5, 6, and 7, with the annual TCRC Park Rapids Fun Fly. I will not go into a lot of detail here, as you can read the full coverage article elsewhere in this issue. However, I did want to say "Thanks" to all those club members that were able to make the trip this year, and to put in a plug for next year's event. Next year will be extra special as we will be holding the 25th Annual TCRC Park Rapids Fun Fly. The dates of August 4, 5, and 6, 2006 have been set, and you have been given plenty of warning! Mark these dates on you calendar now and plan on going up next year. This is a great TCRC event, and you are really missing out if you are not attending. 'Nuff said . . . for now.



Hostess of the Park Rapids Fun Fly Marilyn Krekelberg. (Photo by Jim Cook)

The week of August 15th started off with the closing of the main TCRC Flying Field in Jordan for the 4th time this season! But this time it was for much

needed field improvements, and not for flood water, thank goodness. Monday morning the crew from Premier Seal Coat arrived to start the project, and by the time the rain was just beginning to mist on Wednesday evening, we were just finishing up the striping of the runways. Talk about good timing! And this was just in time for our next big event.

The following weekend saw the arrival of our Annual TCRC Model Aviation Day on Saturday, August 20th. This was a great one, and other than the wind being a little gusty at times, it was nearly perfect. We had many visitors throughout the day, and I know I personally spoke to at least 2 that were very serious about getting started in the hobby. Now is the time when you may see some new faces at the field or a club meeting, and if you do, make sure you introduce yourself and let them know you are glad they are here. If they need help, offer it. And if you don't feel comfortable offering it yourself, point them in the direction of someone who does. Just remember, we were all beginners sometime. (I know that is going back a ways for some of you, but there was a time way back there somewhere.)



Attendees at MAD get a chance to take the sticks via the buddybox. (Photo by Scott Anderson)

As the season winds down for yet another year, we still have a couple of events to look forward to. Of course, the Fall Float Fly at Bush Lake in Bloomington is just around the corner on Saturday, September 10, 2005. Even if you don't have a plane on floats, come on out and just be a spectator. It is a lot of fun, and may just inspire you to build some floats this winter, or maybe that scale Piper Cub on floats that you have always wanted.

Until next month . . . See you at the field.



TCRC Runways Receive Face Lift

by Jay Bickford

The week of August 15th saw the closing of the main TCRC Model Airfield for much needed maintenance and a facelift. A new coat of seal coat and new striping was applied to the field over the 3-day period of the 15th, 16th, and 17th.

Matt Griep and his team from Premier Seal Coat arrived early Monday morning to clean and prep the old asphalt surfaces for their new coat of sealer. The old asphalt was pretty tired, and had not had any major attention since it was originally laid down in 1988 when the club moved to its present location. By the end of the day on Monday, all of the cracks had been sealed, and one of our 300-foot runways had its first coat of filler/sealer hand brushed in, but more was to come. By the end of the day Tuesday, the remaining runway, taxiways, and pits were complete, having received both their first hand brushed coat of sealer/filler, as well as their second coat of spray applied sealer. Now all that was left was the paint striping.



The TCRC runways look great from the air after being seal coated and striped. (Photo by Jay Bickford)

Late Tuesday afternoon at about 4:00 PM I met the crew from Statewide Striping at the field. I had scanned and e-mailed the layout I wanted for the striping to Bob Perry the night before, so he was already getting started on the runway layout when I arrived. After about 3-1/2 hours, we were done, and the striping looked great. Bob was certainly patient with me as we worked through getting everything where we wanted it. Bob said the stripes are a little hard to peel up once they are

down, so we needed to get it right the first time. I also learned another thing. Did you know the ends of runways 29 and 11 are not square? Well, they're not! That caused us a bit of a problem until we figured that one out.

Of course, this project was completed just two days prior to our Annual Model Aviation Day event, and I want to say a special thanks to all that came out on Thursday and Friday and pitched in to really get the field looking its best. This is personally the best condition I have seen the field in since I joined to club four years ago. Thanks for all your help and for a job well done. ☺

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and yellow PICA 'Waco' biplane to the appreciation of all.

David Erickson flew his Thunder Tiger Raptor-60 helicopter to the amazement of all. Brandon Anderson flew his P-82 Twin Mustang, his Dago Red P-51 and a trainer over and over again. Rick Smith flew several aircraft in his fleet. Gerry Dunne seemed to have every electric aircraft ever built.

The event officially ended at 3 PM, but there were a dozen pilots still flying an hour later. I counted 68 members and guests at the peak. We received several new membership applications because of this event. We look forward to next year's event!

Thanks to all the members who came out to lend a helping hand at the 2005 MAD. ☺

TCRC'ers Have A Great Time In Park Rapids

by Jim Cook



A view of the pits at the Headwaters RC Club taken on Sunday by Jay Bickford's Slow Stick.

Lots of TCRC pilots and their wives headed for Park Rapids on Friday afternoon, August 5th for the 24th annual PR Fun Fly. Hostess for the event, Marilyn Krekelberg, greeted the arrivals in the meeting room of the C'Mon Inn for cocktails and friendship.

Mark DeShane and his wife Vickie were also on hand to greet the TCRC'ers. Mark had been a part of most of the early Park Rapids Fun Fly events and was now getting back into the hobby. The weather prediction for the next day was bright sunshine and a little wind and the group was looking forward to getting in some great flying.

Early the next morning found the group at the West Forty for a big breakfast and then everyone headed for the Headwaters R/C Flying Field. The weatherman was fairly accurate with the forecast – bright sunshine, but the adjective for the wind was changed from 'a little' to 'a whole lot' of wind. The windsock was standing straight out, indicative of winds in the neighborhood of 30 mph. But even 'a whole lot' of wind wasn't going to daunt the eighteen pilots who starting putting their planes together. The new arrivals at the Headwaters field were amazed at what a great field the club had. No trees anywhere near the nicely mowed runways, nice shelters behind the pits, and building platforms at

several points for pilots to work on their planes. The only negative this year was that corn was planted to the north of the runways.

First up was first timer Gary Marschall. He was quickly up and showed all that although it was a little bumpy aloft, the wind was not going to keep the pilots out of the air. Gary was quickly followed by Butch Neutgens. Butch was making his return to Park Rapids after several years away from the hobby. He showed that his flying skills were as good as ever as he soared over the field.

The woman stayed for the first few flights before heading for the shops of the area.

The wind showed no signs of abating, and although all the pilots got lots of flights, no one was brave enough to venture into the sky with an electric.

The day had a few minor mishaps causing planes to get dinged up, but almost all would be in the air again after just a little bit of time and glue. Morgan Larson had a dead stick in the cornfield, allowing TCRC to have a first-hand demonstration of the Headwaters R/C plane finding methodology. The combination of two cell phones and a very tall pole with a flag on it allowed the plane to be found quickly, and it didn't have as much as a tear in the covering!

The pilots took flight after flight, barely stopping for lunch, well into the afternoon. Some of the flyers started packing it up around 2 PM, but most were still flying after 4:00.

Marilynn had scheduled a great catered meal for the evening, follow-

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Park Rapids Fun Fly

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ing cocktails and a flight-by-flight recap of the afternoon.

After the meal, Marilyn thanked all for being part of the annual Park Rapids Fun Fly, and set the date for the 2006 edition for August 4th, 5th and 6th. She said this would be the 25th annual, and she was really looking forward to an even bigger and better time.

Normally on Sunday, the group gets together at the West Forty for breakfast and then says their goodbyes, but this year, about 10 or so pilots wanted to go flying again after the meal and get more stick time. Several planned to get their electrics up in a much less windy sky.

Morgan Larson put the maiden flight on his beautiful Cessna, and Sherwood Heggen got his new Chipmunk up for a few flights. Jay Bickford hooked his digital camera to his Slow Stick and took some aerial photos of the field. Upon landing he downloaded the pictures on to his computer and showed everyone how nice the Headwaters RC Club's field looks from the air.

Finally, the group started packing up and putting their planes back into the cars for the drive home.

Thanks again to a great hostess in Marilyn Krekelberg, to the members of the Headwaters RC Club for sharing their field, and for the many pilots for being part of the Park Rapids Fun Fly. ☺

Lots Of Pilots Undaunted By The Wind At The Park Rapids Funfly



It was hard to get the pilots to stop flying long enough to get a picture of the group. (Photo by Jim Cook)

A Few Years Of Park Rapids Experience!



Jim Ronhovde and Mark DeShane getting in some stick time at the Park Rapids Fun Fly. (Photo by Jim Cook)

Pictures From The Park Rapids Fun Fly



Kathy Dietz and Marilynn Krekelberg dish up some great food for Larry Edelmann.



The windsock at the field gave testimony to the speed of the wind on Saturday.



Breakfast at the West Forty is a good way to start the day in Park Rapids.



Butch Neutgens and John Dietz get ready to put Butch's Chipmunk into the air.



Conrad Naegele brought a fleet of planes.



The ladies enjoying the shelter at Park Rapids.

From The Co-Pilot's Seat

by Gerry Dunne

Hi TCRC'ers! How is the flying going this month?

August was really a busy month. A bunch of the guys and their wives headed north to Park Rapids early in the month for a Fun Fly at the Headwaters RC Club.

Then came our Model Aviation Day which really went over quite well. We had lots of members turn out and they brought lots of beautiful airplanes for our guests to see both on the ground and in the air. Any guest that wanted to get the feel of the sticks got the chance to fly via the buddy box. They also got to watch Dave Erickson put his helicopter through its paces. Many of the people attending seemed very interested in the electrics and wanted all of the info about them. I think they all went away with the idea that we have a great and very diverse hobby.

Those attending the M.A.D. got to see the new seal coating and the striping on the runways. They really looked great. Thanks to President Jay for overseeing the job. Our Jordan field is really looking great!

We have the Fall Float Fly coming up in September. I think it is on Saturday, September 10th. We always hold it at Bush Lake Park and the start time is 11:00 AM. The float flies are always

well attended and always attract a lot of spectators. Think about putting a set of floats on one of your planes – hopefully an electric – and bring it down to Bush Lake in September.

We have had some great programs at the meetings this year, and the September meeting will be no exception. Jay Bickford will be giving us a presentation on aerial photography. You only have to go to our website, TCRConline.com, and view the fantastic pictures Jay has taken with his Canon camera and his Slow Stick, to know that this will be a very interesting program. Don't miss it on Tuesday, September 13th.

Well, that's it for now, so fly fast, fly safe and try and land on the wheels. ☺

Calendar

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| Sept. 3 | IMAA Sweet Corn Feed & Fly-In
Claremont Aerodrome
Gene Hallaway
507-273-0731 |
| Sept. 10 | Fall Float Fly
Bush Lake Park
11:00 AM
Jim Cook
952-445-5257 |
| Sept. 13 | TCRC Membership Meeting, 7:00 PM
Fellowship Hall
CrossPoint Church
Bloomington |
| Oct. 15 | Season Finale
Jordan Field |

Fall Float Fly September 10th

The summer is drawing to a close, and the Fall Float Fly is just around the corner.

The event will be held on Saturday, September 10th at Bush Lake Park. Start time is 11:00 AM.

CD's for the event are Jim Cook and Dave Erickson. Dave will be showing up with the retrieval boat just before the 11:00 AM start.

The Fall Float Fly always attracts a lot of pilots from TCRC and from several of the other area clubs, and the planes they bring are fantastic. The planes also attract lots of spectators.

The Spring Float Fly earlier in the year had to be cancelled, so the club pilots are long overdue in getting their float planes into the air.

If you have never flown one of your planes off of the water, now is the time. Flying off of the lake is fun, and the landing strip is huge.

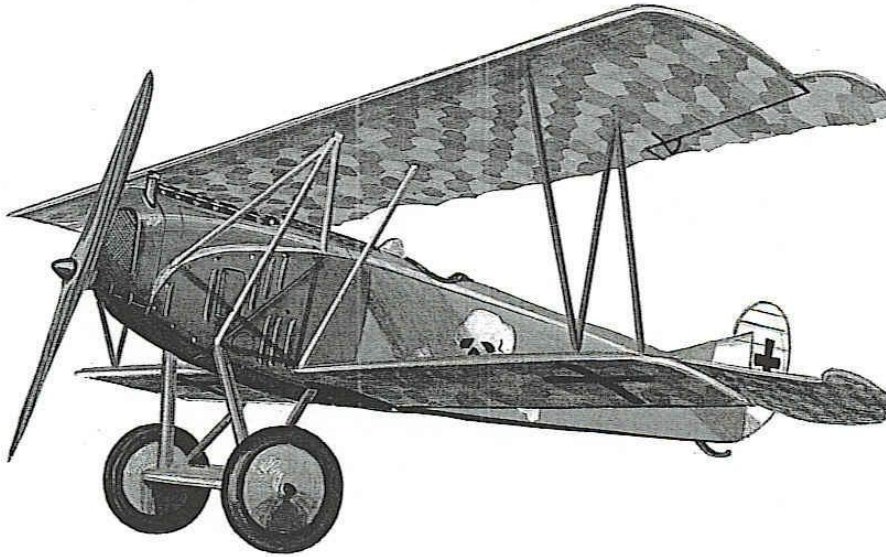
Plan on being a pilot, a spectator and a helper at the TCRC Fall Float Fly at Bush Lake Park on Saturday, September 10th. ☺

**See You At The Fall
Float Fly Saturday
September 10th**

Fokker DVII

by Conrad Naegele

The August Mystery Plane was the German Fokker DVII.



Perhaps not as well known as the Red Baron's DRI (triplane), the DVII was arguably the finest German fighter of WWI, only matched by the Spad XIII and the Sopwith Snipe.

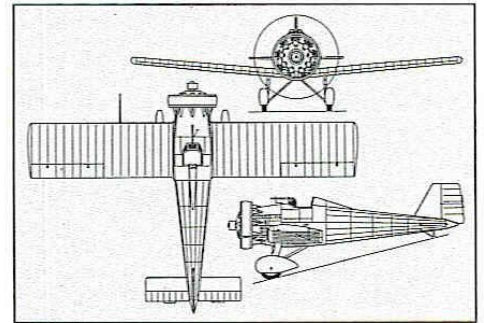
Actually designed by Reinhold Platz (I know, I know, but Reinhold was the designer!) the plane first flew in April of 1918, so was only active during the last six or seven months of the war. It was faster and had a higher ceiling than the allied fighters. The DVII was flown by German aces Rudolph Berthold and Herman Goring. Yet the French ace Rene Fonck on September 18th, shot down four DVII's, an albatross DV and a 2-seater Recon plane.

This was of usual construction, based largely on the DRI design but featured heavier wings and ultimately a more powerful BMW engine. It was the scourge of the western skies for six months. Such was its potential, the Versailles Peace Treaty, specified that all of these machines, by name, be handed over to the Allies, along with the Zeppelins. The DVII and the Zeppelins were the only ones singled out for confiscation.

Fokker managed to smuggle out a number of DVII's and components to his native Holland and after the war, started producing and selling this great airplane. It was in service in different modes in different countries until the early 30's.

The DVII was powered with a Mercedes liquid-cooled inline 6-cylinder engine that developed 160 horsepower. It had a speed of 124 mph and a ceiling of 19,000 feet. It carried two machine guns for armament. ☺

September Mystery Plane



New Member

Troy Austad joined TCRC at the August meeting. Troy lives with his wife Dawn at P.O. Box 563 in Prior Lake, 55372. Their phone number is 612-701-6805 and his e-mail address is troyaustad@yahoo.com. Troy has been flying R/C for 20 years and currently has a 1/5-scale Cub, a Twist, a CAP 580, a Kadet Senior, a Slow Stick and a Striker.

When you see Troy at a meeting or at the field be sure and introduce yourself to him and welcome him to TCRC. ☺

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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If you haven't acquainted yourself with TCRCOnline.com, now is the time! Webmaster Pat Dziuk has done a great job is giving the club a very powerful tool. Give it a try today. ☺

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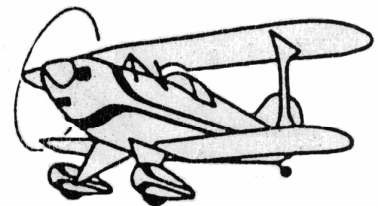
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Is This A Great Picture Or What?



Scott Anderson catches Bruce Anthony's Waco Bipe being chased at the 2005 edition of Model Aviation Day. Scott has always done well with his cameras and he demonstrates here that he has really learned how to use his new Nikon Digital SLR! ☺

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