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# 44<sup>th</sup> TCRC Auction Another Great One!

by Jim Cook

The biggest R/C airplane auction in the upper Midwest is in the books, and what an auction it was!



**Auctioneer John Berner auctions off one of the countless fantastic airplanes. (Photo by Jim Cook)**

The doors were open at 7:00 AM on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at CrossPoint Church in Bloomington, and the hopeful buyers and sellers streamed in the door for TCRC's 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction.

The club was well organized, and everyone had his area set up and functioning smoothly.

There were lots of planes to be checked in, but the pre-registration had been quite large and there were already lots of items to be sold in the impound area. It was pretty obvious that virtually all of the storage areas were going to be crammed full with great looking aircraft to be sold.

The admissions and bidder registration table was busy early on but the crew had things flowing well and no one had to wait very long to be checked in.

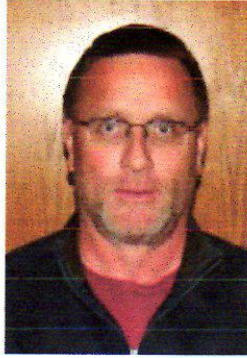
The concessions area was ready to go with a table full of donuts, cookies, bats and hot coffee, and they were busy from that point on, changing their fare to hotdogs and subway sandwiches for the lunch crowd.

The club's resident auctioneers – Scott Anderson, Jim Cook and Brian Johnson – were joined by two professional auctioneers from the Crow River R/C club – John Berner and Shareif Eisa – and what an addition they were! They volunteered their time and talents for the day and not only were they great auctioneers, but they were fantastic spotters when another auctioneer had the gavel.

At 8:15 AM the impound area was opened up so that prospective  
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## A Note from The Head Wing Nut

By Bob Briesemeister



TCRC Members,

The checks have been written and mailed out. The tables and equipment have been returned and stored till next year. This means the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual TCRC Auction has come and gone, and what an auction it was! We had over 550 items, airplanes, engines, kits, helis, multi-rotors, transmitters and everything needed to go flying. There were airplanes from giant-scale to small electrics. The highest price airplane was a P47 going for a \$1,000.00. We will have all the numbers at the membership meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

The auction prep began at 4pm on Friday with Jim Lundquist taking pictures of the rooms in the church so that we returned everything back to the way we found it. With Dave Erickson showing up at 5 he started moving chairs in the sanctuary into straight rows so that we could accommodate over 200 buyers. The floor covering was put down and tables were moved and set up in the concession area. We moved the furniture out of the lobby and set up tables for registration and checking in items. Tables were brought in from downstairs and other rooms in the church and the impound area was set up.

For those members who have not helped set up, as you can see there is a lot of work to be done before we can auction off the first item. Many volunteers are needed to ensure our club's auction is a success.

I want to thank all of the members and their families who helped with the set up and tear down and restoring the church back to what it was before we arrived on Friday. Crosspoint Church is very appreciative of our efforts and uses us as a model for other groups that use the church. This is what enables us to come back year after year.

I would like to thank Chris O'Conner, Larry Couture, Mark Hodruff and the crew for doing a great job on running the impound and checking in all of the items.

There were 5 auctioneers this year Scott Anderson, Jim Cook, Brian Johnson and 2 auctioneers from the Crow River R/C club, Shareif Eisa and John Berner. They are professional auctioneers and did make things move along at a nice pace.

A big thank you to Chad Sulhiem and The Monday Night Boys along with everyone who kept things moving on the flight line. It is a long day moving 550 items.

Tim Wirtz, Pat Dziuk and all the people doing the bookkeeping do a great job making sure that each item is recorded in both the seller and buyer books. There are some problems that arise but are quickly solved with checking the two books.

Before the bookkeepers can enter the items in the books Jim Lundquist and Jack Stewart have to scribe the correct information on the item card which can be a challenge with all the noise in the church. Thank you!

Last year we started writing the buyer number on all the items with a post it. This enabled us to find the items at checkout a lot quicker and enabling everyone to get home sooner. This task was taken on by Morgan Larson and Conrad Naegele and they did a great job.

Shawn Dwyer and the concession group did a great job keeping everyone feed.

I have only scratched the surface on thanking the club members and their families who worked the auction. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

There will be pizza served and a gift certificates drawing for those who worked the auction at the upcoming membership meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup>. We will also do an overview of the auction.

Please bring your projects, purchases and airplanes to share at the meeting. Chris also has another great program scheduled. **J**



## TCRC Auction

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buyers could get an ‘up close and personal’ look the planes they were interested in bidding on. The people in attendance really appreciate this opportunity to see all of the items to be sold, even though every item spends about an hour moving up the tables in the main area as they head for the auction block. In addition, there is a closed-circuit television camera constantly aimed at those tables and images of items progressing to the auctioneer are projected onto a large screen behind the action.

At precisely 9:00 AM veteran auctioneer Scott Anderson took the microphone, went over the rules and procedures for the auction action, and then the first item went up for bid. From that point on the bidding and buying never ceased until seven hours later!

With five auctioneers present, each took a half-hour shift at the microphone. Even though the first two auctioneers were Scott and Jim, John Berner and Shareif Eisa made their presence known. They were phenomenal at spotting bids and they were instrumental in keeping the auction fast-paced.

The impound crew did a great job of getting a good selection of planes, radios, engines and accessories on the tables heading to the auction block and the runners had the next item for bids on the stage as the previous item sold headed back to the impound area marked ‘sold’.

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## The Concession Crew Kept Everyone Well Fed



Dick Voeltz and his hard-working crew were tireless as they manned the concession area all during the auction. (Photo by Jim Cook)

## Bidder Check-In Went Smoothly!



The veterans manning the Admission and Bidder Check-In were a well-oiled machine. (Photo by Jim Cook)

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The record keeping that is done from the time an item is checked into impound, through registration as it reaches the auction block, recording of the selling price and buyer, and then being marked as sold and back to another part of the impound area, is a very precise procedure and the many guys each doing their part during that process make it seem a lot easier than it is.

Hobby Zone had a presence on the floor this year for the first time. Dan from Hobby Zone had a great display in the back of the main floor and he drew a lot of interest from the hobbyists.

There were about 200 registered buyers in the audience, and they seemed eager to bid on items they were interested in. With approximately 500 planes and associated equipment to be sold, the auctioneers needed to move each item averaging somewhat less than one minute per item. This was achieved all-the-while the crew was able to extract every bid and get decent selling prices on the items.

In addition to the bidding block, there was also a Bargain Table, loaded with items that the sellers were moving at a lower price than the \$20 required opening bid on the auction floor. Early on, this was a popular area, and lots of items were sold throughout the day.

There was also a Silent Auction for those bigger-ticket items. During

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## Who Bought That Plane And For How Much?



Jack Stewart and Jim Lundquist are the guys who keep track of selling price and buyer for every item sold. (Photo by Jim Cook)

## Marking An Item After It's Sold



Conrad Naegele and Morgan Larson are the team that makes sure a sold item is marked with the buyer's number. (Photo by Jim Cook)



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the course of the day two or three items are on display for an hour and each is open for silent bidding. The seller has a minimum starting bid, and once a buyer exceeds that price the item will be sold. A fantastic P-47 Thunderbolt went for \$1,000 during the silent auction.

Because of the length of time to complete the auction, it is important for the club to keep buyers in their seats until the last item is sold. TCRC works with Hobby Zone and Big Sky Hobbies in purchasing 8 kits to be used as door prizes. These are given away at the end of the auction. To be eligible, you must be present, and it is not open to any TCRC member. At the end of the day there were eight persons with pretty big smiles on their faces.

The last item crossed the auction block at 4:00 PM with Shareif the auctioneer. This was about an hour earlier than estimated. The earlier finish was not because fewer items were sold, but rather because of the help of John and Shareif as auctioneers and spotters!

Then came the process of clean-up. The church had to be put back into perfect order, and the crew was well organized.

The buyers had to pay for and pick up their items and the sellers pages marked with the sales. Finally, treasurer Tim and president Bob have to total the sales, cash and ready the checks to pay the sellers.

It is because of the fantastic effort of all of the TCRC'ers that the auction was a huge success! J

## A Beautiful P-47 Thunderbolt!



This great-looking P-47 was one of the items that sold during the silent auction. Bidding was brisk. (Photo by Jim Cook)

## The Bargain Table Was A Busy Place At The Auction



The Bargain Table moved a lot of items, helping to keep the auction to end a little early than estimated. (Photo by Jim Cook)



# Pictures From TCRC's 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction



Shareif Eisa moves a plane while John Berner spots for him. Both are from Crow River R/C.



There were planes to be sold everywhere in three different impound rooms at the auction.



Seller check-in went smoothly and was helped by the good amount of pre-registration.



Dan from Hobby Zone had a nice booth at the TCRC auction for the first time.



Some of the crowd at the auction.



Jim Cook came back from Arizona to auctioneer.



# More Pictures From TCRC's 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction



**John Berner from Crow River R/C kept the action fast paced at the auction.**



**The staging area for upcoming items made it easy for prospective buyers to inspect the planes.**



**Brian Johnson has become a seasoned veteran of the auctioneer crew.**



**There were lots of engines for sale at the auction and they got decent prices from the bidders.**



**Scott Anderson sells another neat airplane.**



**The concession area was a busy place.**



# Even More Pictures From TCRC's 44<sup>th</sup> Auction



The impound runners who brought planes to and from the auction block kept things flowing.



Buyers loved it when they could enter the impound area for some close inspection.



Treasurer Tim Wirtz probably has the busiest job at the auction balancing the books.



CrossPoint Church is a wonderful place for TCRC to hold the auction.

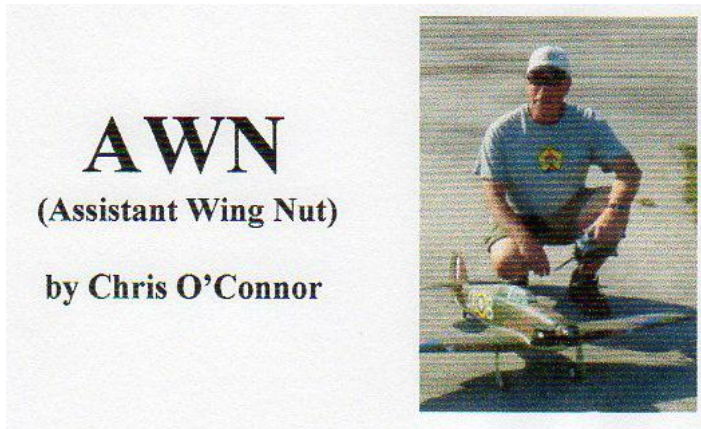


Clean-Up is a big project after the auction ends.



Getting the carpet nice and clean.





I wanted to thank all of the TCRC members and family that did so much to make our auction a huge success. Also, to our two professional auctioneers – John Berner and Shareif Eisa from the Crow River R/C Club -- who made a big contribution to our success. Nothing taken away from the members that shared in the auctioning duties, but the professionals created an exciting and electric atmosphere. Thanks again to everyone.

One of the observations I thought was interesting about some of the items, the kits in particular are very popular and usually get a good price. Funny in this day of ARF, ready to fly/bind and fly, and manufacturers not making as many kits, that the older kits are still very popular. I wonder why? Glad to see that, but still kind of strange. We all get caught up in the ‘instant gratification’ syndrome, but yet all these kits are still selling. Maybe it's the type of kit, trainer, sport plane, pattern plane etc. Twenty or thirty years ago, scale was not as popular as now, but pattern and sport planes were very popular. I wonder if things are going full circle and returning to the simpler times. It's amazing to see the level of craftsmanship across the spectrum of quality. So, with older kits so popular, maybe we will see some of our own members this summer with new balsa wood-built models.

The program for this month will be put on by Brian Johnson. He will be showing how to make wheels, specifically wire wheels. I think he's also going to touch on 3D printing, that has assisted him in the construction of these wheels. This should be a program not to miss, so plan on attending. Thanks Brian!

We'll see you at the meeting on Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget the club is treating everyone there with pizza and pop, as a small thank you to all of the hard work we all did at the auction. J

## Laurie Tolzmann

1962 -- 2020



Laurie Tolzmann, wife of longtime TCRC member Jeff Tolzmann, passed away peacefully on February 1, 2020 after a 5-year battle with cancer.

Jeff and Laurie had been married since 1995, celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on January 14<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a celebration of Laurie's life on Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in New Prague, Minnesota. There will be visitation at the church from 9:30 to 11:00. Lunch will follow in the fellowship hall.

TCRC members offer their deepest sympathies to Jeff and his family at this time of their loss.

**The Programs Are Great At The  
TCRC Meetings!**



Pictured above are the eight lucky winners of the airplane kit door prizes at the TCRC Auction. They are: Eric Sorensen, Tom Guthmiller, Duane Noggel, Matt Wiechmann, Neil Olson, Jacob Winters, Jamie Bird and David Allen. (Photos by Jim Cook and Jim Ronhovde. Photo collage by Scott Anderson.)



# Curtiss XP-23

by Conrad Naegele

The January Mystery Plane was The Curtiss XP-23.



In the 30's all of the leading aircraft companies were competing for the military dollars.

The Curtiss was the last of the biplane fighters, and was the most attractive, with many features harking back to the so-well known P-6E. However, now the plane was almost all metal, especially the spars, with a new all-metal monocoque fuselage, faired around a geared, supercharged 600 horsepower Conqueror engine. New were the spatted wheels with a spreader bar.

On testing the plane turned 223 mph, the fastest yet offered to the Army. However, this plane was futile to prolong biplanes, already threatened by the new Boeing P-26. The XP-23 was delivered in 1932 but testing revealed low level performance due to a poorly and heavy supercharger installation, but when removed and the 3-blade prop was replaced by a 2-blade prop only 174 mph was attained. This resulted in no contracts. The famous P-6E is easily seen in this plane.

The XP-23 had a 31-foot wingspan, a weight of 3,274 pounds and a speed of 178 mph. Armament was not installed, but was to be one 50-caliber and two 30-caliber machine guns and was to carry 480 pounds of bombs.

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## Morgan Larson Receives Walt Billett Award



**President Bob presents Morgan Larson with his Walt Billett Award (Photo by Scott Anderson)**

At the January TCRC membership meeting, Morgan Larson was presented with the actual Walt Billett Award plaque.

Morgan had been announced as the winner of the award at the TCRC banquet in November, but he had to wait until the January meeting to be presented with the plaque.

The Walt Billett Award is given to that person who has best personified the purpose of TCRC: To preserve, encourage, and further develop the hobby of building and flying radio controlled model airplanes.

Congratulations again to Morgan! J

## Pizza & Pop At February TCRC Meeting



The February 11<sup>th</sup> TCRC membership meeting will feature pizza and pop for all in attendance.

The club is doing this to show its appreciation to all of you members who worked the auction on Friday and Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup>.

The 44<sup>th</sup> TCRC Auction was another big success and it was a success because of all the hard work the membership did in making it happen.

Come to the meeting on Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> and enjoy some great pizza and learn all of the facts and figures that were generated from the auction. J

**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.**

## 2019-2020 AMA Dues Statements

Most older TCRC members should have received their 2019-2020 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 2020 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 2020 AMA dues today to avoid a lapse in membership services. J



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# Show & Tell Form

Bringing a plane to the TCRC meeting for Show & Tell?

If you are, be sure to go to the club website [TCRCOnline.com](http://TCRCOnline.com) and print out a blank Show & Tell Form. Fill this out and make sure it gets to the newsletter editor, Jim Cook so that the correct information shows up about your new airplane in the newsletter.

Also, if Jim is not at the meeting, make sure someone takes a picture of your new masterpiece and emails the picture to Jim also. If he is not at the meeting, you can have someone take a picture of the completed form and email that picture to him also. J

## Bring Your Project To Show & Tell

# Calendar

- Feb. 11**            **TCRC Membership Meeting, 7:00 PM**  
**CrossPoint Church**  
**Bloomington**  
**Pizza & Pop**
- Feb. 15**            **All Season Flyer Session, Jordan Field**  
**10-10-10 Rule**
- Mar. 1**              **End of Winter Fun Fly**  
**TCRC Jordan Field**  
**10-10-10 Rule**
- Mar. 10**            **TCRC Membership Meeting, 7:00 PM**  
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# For Sale

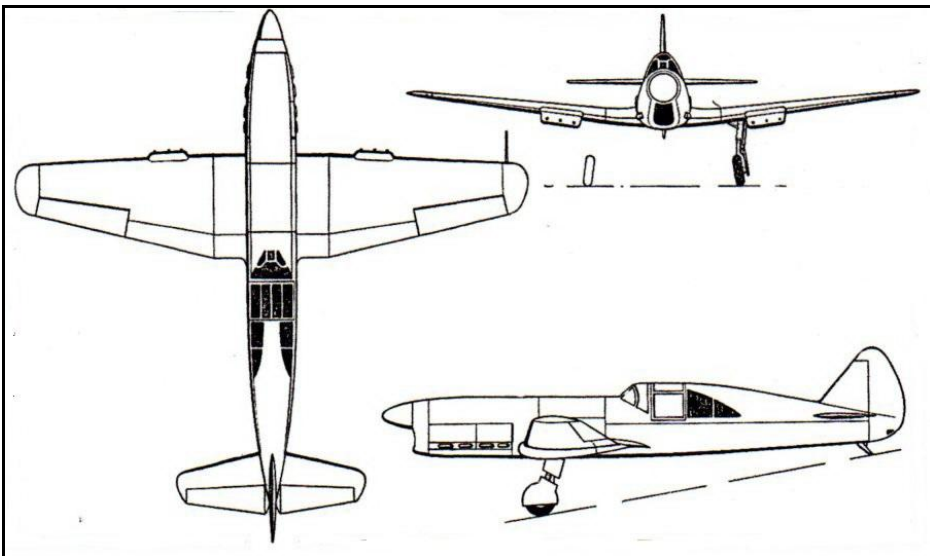
President Bob Breisemeister has some very nice airplanes for sale.

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

# February Mystery Plane



# MARCEE Swap Meet Was Held On January 25<sup>th</sup>

MARCEE electric R/C club held its annual Swap Meet on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> in St. Paul Minnesota. It was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church and went from 8:30 to 11:30.

There were nice planes and equipment for sale, and the event attracted a lot of hobbyists.



Photos by Scott Anderson

# Pay Your 2020 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 2020 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, or wait until the treasurer has confirmed that through the AMA.

Your TCRC dues can be paid to treasurer Tim Wirtz at a meeting or by mailing them to Tim at:

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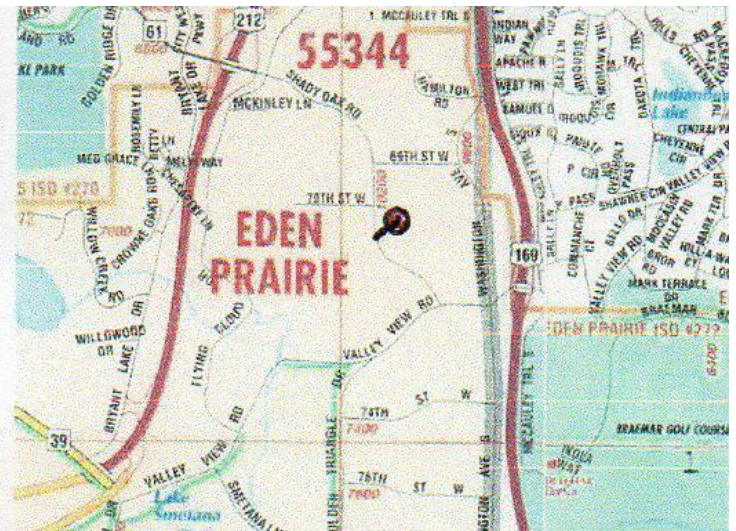
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