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2008

TCRC Season Finale Closes Out The Year

by Jay Bickford and Pat Dziuk

The morning of Saturday, October 18, 2008 opened bright and sunny, and we had a nice group turn out for this last official event of the TCRC summer flying season, the Annual Season Finale. Unfortunately there was wind in the forecast, but we didn't let that keep us from having a bit of fun anyway. Fortunately the wind didn't get too bad until mid-day so many of us got at least a little flying in. By early afternoon the wind was gusting out of the south at between 15 and 20 miles per hour which made flying, and especially landing, a bit of a challenge.



A lot of the people at the Season Finale gathered around the bonfire.
(Photo by Jay Bickford)

When I (Pat) arrived at the field around 9:30 Dave Erickson was already there preparing a plane for flight as the morning fog was

just burning off. Dave and I enjoyed the wide open airspace for just about 30 minutes until the membership starting to descend upon the field. By 10:30 the parking lot was filling up. While I did not get an official count I would not be surprised if there were more than 30 members and spouses in attendance.

The growth in the popularity of electric powered aircraft was certainly evident at the Season Finale, as the electric flyers were out in force. There might have been some "old school" gas and glow-powered planes around as well, but I didn't really notice myself (Jay). My eyes were glued to Paul's 100+mph electric powered GWS F4U Corsair. What a little green screamer! Just keeping it in the camera frame long enough to take a picture was a challenge.

Fortunately, at a TCRC event like the Season Finale, when the flying gets a little iffy, we can always eat, and this day was no exception. A few officers and board members organized the potluck style lunch. By noon we were treated to a great spread of treats ranging from Mike Timmerman's famous chili, Gerry Dunne's fine hot dogs and brats, to some great potato salad, pasta salad, chips dessert and soft drinks. A big thank you goes out to all the members who brought food

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From The Cockpit Of The President

by **Scott Anderson**



Now that was a GREAT October! Only in Minnesota can we expect snow and get +70 F instead. I hope you got a chance to get out and enjoy the great weather last month. I know that some members (like our editor) have waited until the last minute to get their flights in for their All Season Flyer Patch. Only two more months for the 2008 All Season Flyer Patch!

For those of you who would like to start working on your ASF Patch you can start in January 2009. This is an AMA award and there are some very simple rules. In order to qualify a pilot must fly a radio controlled aircraft, outdoors each month of the calendar year. For TCRC, this means we fly at least once each month in the Twin City area (winter flights in warm climate such as Florida, Texas, or Arizona don't count for TCRC!) We'll be telling every one of special All Season Flyer dates for each month to be held at the TCRC Model Air Park, on the web site and in the newsletter. Watch for the upcoming dates.

Keep an eye out for your TCRC membership renewals form. Your personalized TCRC 2009 Dues Renewal form will be mailed during the first week of December. It will contain your current roster information along with the renewal cost and deadline. Please take the time to update your info and pay your dues on time.

The TCRC 2008 Elections will take place at the November meeting on Tuesday November 11th, 2008. Be sure to be present at 7:00 PM in order to vote for your new officers. I will be stepping down from being president due to employment commitments that require me to be out of town for over 70% of the meetings. You deserve a president that can dedicate more time to ensure that club business is being conducted in your best interest.

The TCRC Officer positions include:

President: Steve Meyer has accepted the nomination.

Vice President: Wayne Rademacher has accepted the nomination.

Secretary:

Treasurer: Mike Burk (incumbent).

Board Seat #1: Chris O'Connor (not up for election)

Board Seat #2: Bill Jennings (not up for election)

Board Seat #3: Gerry Dunne's (incumbent) Seat up for election. Gerry Dunne, Scott Anderson and Mark Wolfe are running.

The TCRC 2008 Banquet will be held Sunday November 16th at Dangerfield's in Shakopee. We've reserved the banquet room again for the dinner and video entertainment. Get your RSVP's and checks in as soon as possible. The Walt Billett Committee has been deliberating for months and they've come to a decision as to who best exemplifies the spirit of the award for 2008. Be sure to attend to see who that member is. We look forward to seeing you there!

There will be a joint board meeting Tuesday November 25th to determine the 2009 schedule and budget. If you are interested in proposing events, or field upgrades, please attend and voice your opinions to the board. The specific location and time will be posted on the web site.

Now that we're getting into the building season it's time to start thinking about the 2009 TCRC Auction. The auction will be held Saturday February 7th, 2009. Think about gathering your items together to sell this year!

This is my last column as president. I want to thank you for allowing me to help shape the direction of TCRC this year. Although this was my 6th term as president, I know that my professional duties have kept me from being in town for meetings and many flying events (that part really hurts!). I want to take this opportunity to thank our 2007-2008 officers for making this year work smoothly.

Thanks to Mike Burk for all his hard work as treasurer. Mike put long hours on the Sunday after the

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Auction counting cash & checks for the deposit and writing and mailing the checks for the sellers. That's the toughest job of the auction. Thank you very much Mike!

Jon Perry has done a terrific job as Secretary keeping accurate minutes and tracking the many documents and communications. Thank you Jon.

Our Safety Officer, Larry Couture has made it his mission for TCRC to be the safest AMA Charter field in the region. Thank you Larry!

As a board member, Bill Jennings has been innovative in finding new paths to get important club tasks done. His work in getting the eastern acreage cleared will be appreciated by our members for many years to come. Thank you Bill.

Gerry Dunne is an icon in TCRC as a 'can do' positive influence for action. Gerry will be the first to volunteer to help make an event happen and has personally championed several events himself each year. Gerry's Electric Fly-Ins looks like they'll get bigger every year. Thank you Gerry.

My special thanks go to Steve Meyer & Chris O'Connor for their efforts above and beyond the call

of duty this year. Chris has been a rock of stability on the TCRC board with his patience and experience. He has freely shared his vast knowledge of large-scale radio control models with modelers across the region. Just a couple of weeks ago Chris accepted a speaking invitation for another club. He packed up his beautiful Extra 300 and drove over an hour to get to their meeting site and present. Thank you Chris!

As VP, Steve Meyer has been responsible for the year of meeting programs where we were able to learn new skills and refresh old skills due to his insight and ingenuity. I have missed most of the summer's meeting due to travel. Steve stepped in and made things happen without skipping a beat. When the Three Rivers Park Commission posted that all model airplanes are banned from their parks, it was Steve Meyer who initiated negotiations to get annual permits for the Spring & Fall TCRC Float Fly-Ins at Bush Lake Beach. Thank you Steve

Well, you all know I always have a lot more to say, but I'm running out of page and our editor will have to trim my article even more. Let's talk one-on-one when we have a chance. I'll see you at the field! ☺



TCRC Elections November 11th

TCRC's elections are just around the corner – to be held at the membership meeting on Tuesday, November 11th.

This year we have the four officer positions – president, vice president, secretary and treasurer – plus one of the three board of director's seats are up for election.

President Scott Anderson had a very good and effective year as president, but will not be able to run for re-election because of the travel schedule he faces.

VP Steve Meyer has said that he will run for president this year, after having had an excellent term as vice president.

Wayne Rademacher has announced that he will run for the vice president position.

As of press time, we do not have a candidate to run for secretary. Jon Perry is retiring from that position.

Treasurer Mike Burk has stated that he will again run for that position.

We have three candidates for the board seat. Incumbent Gerry Dunne is running again, and Mark Wolfe and Scott Anderson have also stated they would run for the board.

Take the time to consider being a candidate for TCRC office. It would be great to see at least two candidates for every position. Come and exercise your voting rights on November 11. ☺

Season Finale

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and to Gerry, Bill and Larry for doing some late minute planning to ensure we were well fed

Of course, many people just enjoyed the day sitting around the fire pit keeping warm and enjoying a beautiful Minnesota fall day. Unfortunately, due to environmental concerns it was decided not to sacrifice our old planes to the fire gods this year. This is a tradition that will be missed.

For many the Season Finale marks the end of flying and the start of the building season. But remember there are still about a dozen TCRC members who are not willing to let Mother Nature put a stop to our fun. Consider putting some skis on your plane and coming out and enjoying some winter flying. For us hardy souls the real Season Finale is the first Saturday in December and the start of the new season is January 1st.

Thanks to all that came out and made the 2008 TCRC Season Finale a great event! ☺

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.

The TCRC Season Finale Was A Great Day To Bring Your Wife



Sherwood Heggen and his wife Mary had a great time at the TCRC Season Finale. (Photo by Jay Bickford)

Wind? What Wind?



Dave Erickson puts his plane through its paces unbothered by the wind in the afternoon. (Photo by Jay Bickford)

Ramblin's From The Right Seat

by Steve Meyer



Where has the year gone? This is the time of year I start to "winterize" my aircraft and repair things I may have put off (like that loose tail wheel on my Super Cub). I also reflect back on all the wonderful events TCRC has held this past year.....winter flying, the spring and fall float fly, electric fly-in, Big Bird fly-in, the Invitational fly-in, Park Rapids, AirExpo, M.A.D., combat and pylon, and the Season Finale. We are a diverse club with many opportunities for our members to enjoy the building and flying of radio controlled model aircraft. But even more than the diverse opportunities to fly, the best part of belonging to TCRC are the friendships I have developed with the members of over the past 28 years.....I hope all of you feel the same.

Welcome to all the new members that have joined TCRC in the last year. Tom Thunstedt told me at the last meeting how pleased he was that our club events were able to spark an interest for people to become new members. Some of these new members are parents with young people that are also interested in the hobby of radio control model flying. These youth are the future of our hobby just as we were the future when we joined TCRC. Our club (TCRC) is 51 years young and it's still growing and evolving.

November also brings with it our annual TCRC elections. If you would like to run for one of the officer positions or have someone in mind that you would like to nominate, please let a board member know. TCRC is your club, and it is what you make of it. If you have not considered it in the past, consider running for an officer or board position this year and adding your efforts and input into making TCRC one of the best clubs in the Midwest. Be at the November meeting and vote.

The fall banquet will be November 16th at Dangerfield's Restaurant. The cost is \$27.00 per person and you can mail your reservation check made out to: Twin City Radio Controllers and mail to (Steve Meyer, 8724 Valley View Place, Chanhassen, Minnesota 55317). Fun and good food as always so don't miss it.

Remember to "winterize" your aircraft and also build something new to share at Show & Tell. ☺

Be A Candidate For Office In 2008

New Members

Lots of new members joined TCRC in October.

Gerren Steinbach lives at 620 West First Street in Chaska, 55318. His phone number is 952-448-4558. Gerren has been flying for 8 years and currently has a glider and a P-51 Mustang.

Morris Hurst lives with his wife Colleen at 16693 Kenning Road in Eden Prairie, 55347. Their phone number is 952-975-0247 and his e-mail address is hurstm@comcast.net.

Chris Hurst is Morris' son. Chris is learning to fly with a 40-size Cub and an E-Flite Cub.

Mateo (Matt) Rossini lives with his wife Jamie at 14159 Bluebird Trail NE in Prior Lake, 55372. Their phone number is 612-250-8534 and his e-mail address is dirtsquirdigger@yahoo.com. Matt flies a T-28, an F-14, an F-18, a Typhoon, A Stryker and a Cub.

Dan Engle is the son of member Craig Greenwald and lives at 4608 Deerwood Drive in Minnetonka, 55343. His phone number is 612-306-5255 and his e-mail address is dan@superawesome.net.

When you see Gerren, Morris, Chris, Matt and Daniel at a meeting or the field, be sure and introduce yourself and welcome them to TCRC. ☺

**TCRC Banquet
November 16th**

2008 Micro Pylon Racing Final Standings

by Jim Cook

The first season of TCRC's Micro Pylon Racing came to an end on Sunday October 12th at the Jordan field.

There were 5 flyers present for the racing and the competition was really fierce as Rick Smith and Paul Doyle duelled for the championship of the event. During the racing Kris Hanson hit his 3rd pylon of the year and had to limp his plane in, missing one aileron and half an elevator.

When the dust of the day settled, Paul had taken 28 points to Rick's 23. To compute the overall champion of the racing season, each flyer was able to drop his lowest score. Although Rick had led the entire season in total points, with the dropping of the low score Paul was able to edge Rick out for the championship, 126 to 117. Gerry Dunne was able to slip by Wayne Rademacher for a third place finish with 94 points. The final standings for the 2008 Micro Pylon Racing are:

Racer	Final 2008 Standings						Total Remove	
	#1	#2	#3	Race #4	#5	#6	Pts.	Low Sc.
Rick Smith	24	23	21	15	26	23	132	117
Wayne Rademacher	14	19	15	17	17	0	82	82
Paul Doyle	0	14	24	28	32	28	126	126
Mike Burk	15	15	1	0	3	0	34	34
Kris Hanson	0	15	16	7	11	11	60	60
Gerry Dunne	0	6	18	22	30	18	94	94
John Dietz	0	14	4	0	0	0	18	18
Randy Etken	15	0	0	0	0	0	15	15
Pat Dziuk	7	1	0	0	0	0	8	8
Corey Kaderlik	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Matt Rossini	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	10

As the pylon racing evolved over the year, changes were made. One of the neatest changes was the elimination of the lap counters. This was replaced by each pilot announcing the completion of each lap. This added to the competition as the pilots could hear the counting and know how far ahead or behind they were at the completion of each lap.

At the October 21st membership meeting, Wayne presented the flyers with the prizes for their performance during the season. Paul Doyle was

presented with a T-shirt and a gift certificate to Big Sky Hobbies. Rick and Gerry also received T-shirts for their 2nd and 3rd place finishes.



1st Place Paul Doyle



2nd Place Rick Smith



3rd Place Gerry Dunne
(Photos by Jay Bickford)

All of the pilots in the pylon racing had a great time and were excited about next year's season.

A big thank you to Wayne Rademacher who put a lot of time into the Micro Pylon Racing to make it a great TCRC event. ©

Safety At The Field

By Larry Couture



Well here it is the end of October, 2008 and time sure flies when you're flying. The field has been enlarged to the east and this has greatly improved the take-offs and landings over that area.

We had the Season Finale on Saturday October 18th, the weather was fair, the wind was a bit high, but a lot of flying was done by many of the club members. The crowd in general was a little smaller than last year and we did not have the plane burning as it was eliminated due to pollution requirements. Also the Witch was not flying (we missed you Jim). The day had no rule breaking. I did have a fly-away by my \$1.00 plane -- it seems to have lost a part and became uncontrollable and went with the wind (it has not been found as of this date).

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 rubber side down. ☺

One Fast Machine!



Paul Doyle's pylon-racing Corsair screams through the air at the Season Finale. (Photo by Jay Bickford)

TCRC Banquet November 16th

TCRC's Annual Banquet is scheduled for Sunday, November 16th at Dangerfield's Restaurant in Shakopee.

Chairs for the banquet are Steve Meyer and Scott Anderson and they will be putting together the program that will be following the dinner.

Start time is 5:00 PM for social hour, with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. The meal will be a buffet with a beef and chicken entrée and all of the fixings to compliment the main courses. Beverages and dessert will also be served.

At past banquets, Scott has put together a continuous screening of pictures from all of our events for the year that operates during the social hour. Then the year is reviewed by the president. Awards are presented for years of service to TCRC, and a presentation is made to the latest recipient of the Walt Billett Award. Following that will be some kind of entertainment that usually remains unknown until the banquet.

The banquet usually has about 50 members and spouses in attendance and is always a very enjoyable time. Steve and Scott are strongly encouraging the many new members to the club to attend this year with their spouses.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 16th and be a part of TCRC Annual Banquet. You'll have a great time! ☺

AMA Dues Renewal

Every AMA member should have received his/her AMA dues renewal form in the mail in the month of September. The 2009 dues are the same amount as the previous year:

- Regular \$58
- Senior \$48
- Junior \$1

To qualify as a senior, you must be over the age of 65 on or before July 1, 2009.

AMA provides you with three ways to renew your membership:

By sending your payment in with the renewal card in the supplied envelope.

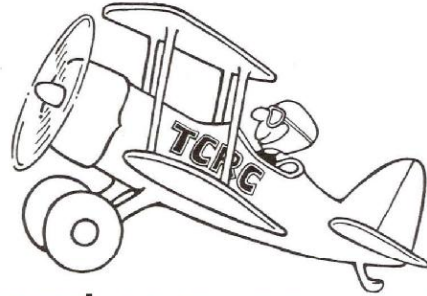
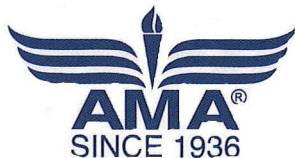
By renewing on the web at www.modelaircraft.org.

By phone by calling 800-435-9262.

Dues payments are due by December 15, 2008 to avoid any lapse of AMA services.

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.

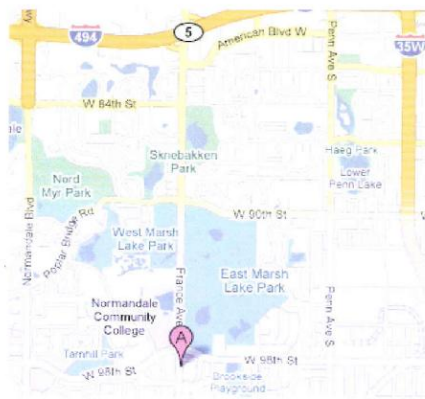
Take the time to pay your 2009 AMA dues today. ☺



TCRC 33rd ANNUAL AUCTION

TWIN CITY RADIO CONTROLLERS – MINNEAPOLIS AMA CLUB #383

SATURDAY - February 7, 2009



What's for Sale?

- R/C Airplanes
- R/C Airplane Kits
- R/C Airplane Engines
- R/C Airplane Radio Systems
- R/C Aircraft Related Accessories and R/C Aircraft Support Equipment
- No Cars, No Boats, No unrelated Stuff

Where:

Cross Point Church
9801 France Avenue
Bloomington, Minnesota

When:

REGISTRATION Begins at 8:00 AM
AUCTION Begins at 9:30 AM

Details:

- \$3.00 Admission: *Includes Bidders Card*
- \$ 20.00 MINIMUM OPENING BID (to speed the auction! Nothing will be sold for less than \$20)
- commission of \$5 or 10% whichever is greater
- Seller **MUST** attach a brief description to Each Item being sold
- Pre-Registration Available for Sellers
- BUYBACKS AT 10% UP TO A MAXIMUM FEE OF \$20

Raffle & Concessions!

- Hot Coffee & Donuts
- Soda/Pop
- Hot Dogs & Chips

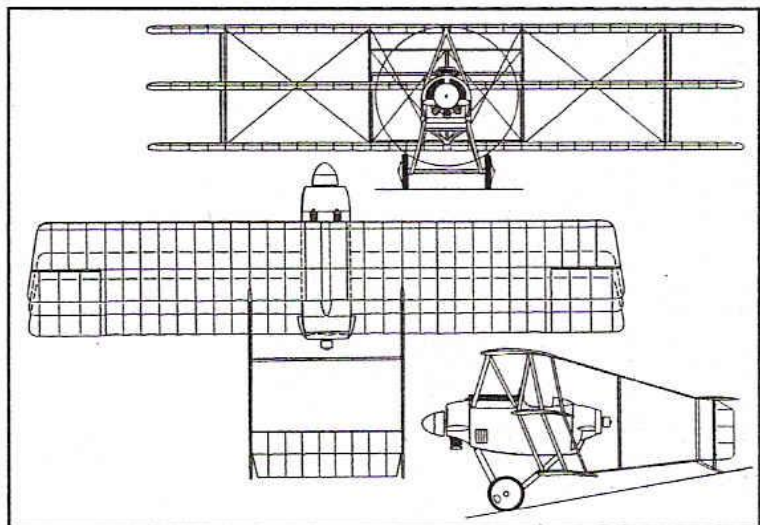
Questions?

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Email auktion@tcrconline.com

More info at www.tcrconline.com

November Mystery Plane



Jordan Field Looking Pretty Good!



The view from the runways looking east to the area where the tree and brush clearing has been done.
(Photo by Steve Meyer)

The Clearing On East Side Of the Runways



The approach to the runways from the east is much easier now because of the removal of the trees and brush. (Photo by Steve Meyer)

Those TCRC members attending the Season Finale in October were able to see the huge amount of tree and brush clearing that the club has undertaken to the east of the runways. This area has always been a problem for tree and brush because the runways were very close to that side of our property. However, with the trading of our northern land for the land to the east, the club was finally able to address the tree problem.

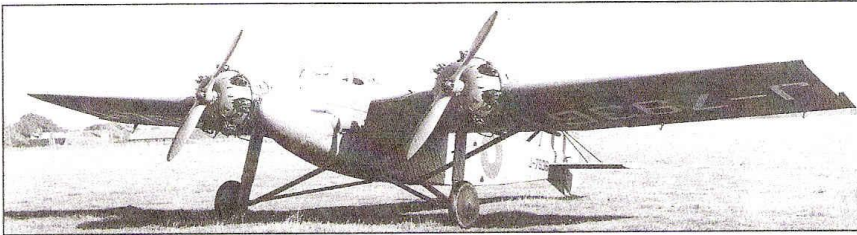
Bill Jennings chaired the project and worked with the contractor, the Soil and Conservation Department, and several other people to get the project going. The club allocated a considerable amount of money for the clearing and the job was started in October. Although the cost came in higher than anticipated, the money was well worth it. TCRC pilots now can take off to the east or approach for a landing from the east without fear of clipping a willow tree.

Thanks to Bill Jennings for all of his time and effort in achieving the clearing of the eastern side.

Boulton & Paul P-31 “Bittern”

by Conrad Naegele

The October Mystery Plane was the Boulton & Paul P-31 “Bittern”.



Boulton & Paul, an aircraft company in business since 1918, designed a remarkable and radical airplane in 1924, as a night fighter. The P-31 was one of the earliest single-seat twin-engined monoplane fighters, intended as a bomber formation destroyer. Powered by two Armstrong Siddeley 7-cylinder radial Lynx engines, the plane was flown in October of 1927. Construction was a combo of fabric and metal skinning, shoulder-mounted wings, constant chord. Provision was made for two fixed-forward firing rifle caliber machine guns. The 2nd plane added 5 feet of wingspan, and was fitted with 6 pairs of V struts.

Now, the big change: The engines were cowled with Townsend rings, the forward guns were moved into barbets mid-fuselage with 0 to 45 degree elevation, no traverse, controlled by the pilot. All attacks had to be made from below, and the pilot was 20 feet ahead of these guns! Awkward, but keep in mind the Boulton Paul Defiant, with its 4 rear-firing guns only!

Although advanced in concept, the “Bittern” remained underpowered, had poor performance, and finally after many dollars, the project was abandoned, with only the two prototypes.

The P-31 had a wingspan of 41 feet, a gross weight of 4,500 pounds and a speed of 145 mph. ☺

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You Should Be Using It!!!

AMA Elections

Everyone AMA member in District VII should have received in September their ballot for the 2009 AMA election, included in their dues renewal notice.

District VII members will be voting on two positions this year:

The first is for National Executive VP. There are two candidates:

- Horrace D. Cain, Texas
- Mart T. Smith, Kansas

The campaign statements of these two candidates are included with the ballot.

The second position is for District VII VP;

- Bill Oberdieck

Bill is the incumbent VP for the district and has held that position for the last several years. He is running unopposed. His campaign statement is also included with the ballot.

The AMA ballot must be postmarked on or before November 14, 2008. The ballot does not require any postage. Please take the time to vote for these two AMA positions and send your ballot in right away. Your vote is very important. ☺



Thanks Scott For A Great Year!



As 2008 comes to a close, TCRC completes one of its most active and successful years. Besides all of our standard events – MAD, the Float Flies, the Season Finale, Electric Fly In, etc., it was the first year for Pylon Racing and electric combat. The Jordan Field changed greatly also with the clearing of the recently-obtained eastern side of the property.

President Scott Anderson presided over the year, chairing many of the activities himself, all the while traveling all over the world for his employer.

The entire membership would like to offer Scott a very big thank you for all of his time and involvement. ☺

**It's Great Being A
Member of TCRC!**

By The Membership

We, as a club, would like to reaffirm our commitment to our motto: that we will preserve, encourage, and to further develop the hobby of building and flying radio controlled model aircraft. We are not singling out any single type of aircraft or particular type of flying. However, we are also committed to safety, and in light of this, during certain events it will be necessary to restrict certain types flying for the time of the event only. Our primary concern is that we create an atmosphere of courtesy and safety for our fellow club members. ☺

Big Sky Hobby Opens In New Location

Jeremy Steinmueller has re-opened Big Sky Hobbies in a new location. The hobby store is now located at 3402 Federal Avenue in Eagan.

The grand opening was on October 1st. The store is open from 10:00 AM until 6:00 PM Monday through Saturday.

Big Sky Hobbies phone number is 651-905-8909 and its e-mail address is bigskyhobby@gmail.com.

Make it a point to drop in and see the new Big Sky Hobbies. ☺

Calendar

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| Nov. 11 | TCRC Membership Meeting, 7:00 PM
Fellowship Hall
CrossPoint Church
Bloomington |
| Nov. 11 | TCRC Elections
At the Membership Meeting |
| Nov. 16 | TCRC Banquet
Dangerfield's
Restaurant
Shakopee, 5:00 PM |
| Nov. 25 | TCRC Joint Board Meeting
Location TBD |
| Dec. 6 | All Season Flyer
2008 Finale
Jordan Field, 11 AM
10/10/10 Rule
Applies |
| Feb. 7 | TCRC Auction
CrossPoint Church
Bloomington |

The Smile Says It All!



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Preaching Giant Scale



Chris O'Connor attended a membership meeting of Rich Valley R/C Club and took his beautiful giant-scale Extra. He discussed giant-scale with the club's members and told them how enjoyable it was to build and fly these large airplanes.

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