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2015

TCRC's 39th Annual Auction Another Great Success!

by Jim Cook



Panoramic Photo by Corey Kaderlik

The dust has settled and the 39th Annual TCRC Auction has been completed and was a great success. 249 buyers and 82 sellers arrived at CrossPoint Church in Bloomington on Saturday, February 7th starting at 7:00 AM. The TCRC membership had been to the church on Friday evening to start the set-up for the auction and had it complete and ready to go for the onrush the next morning.

Chairman Corey Kaderlik had a great organization put together and there were plenty of TCRC members, spouses and friends present to make the auction hum! John and Kathy Dietz had the concessions ready to go and arriving bidders and sellers could get a hot cup of coffee and a donut as they prepared for the auction action. Jim Lundquist chaired the buyer registration and Chris O'Connor and Larry Couture the seller check-in and they were busy right up until 9:30 when the first item went up for bid on the auction block.

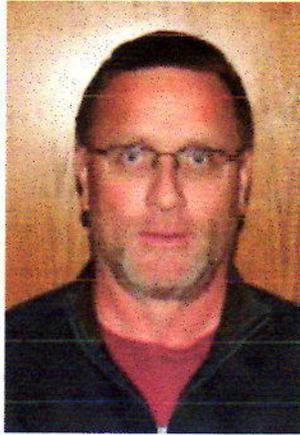
Scott Anderson, Curtis Beaumont and Jay Bickford were the auctioneers this year and they were presented with a record number of 520 items to move as quickly as possible. Even completing a sale every 58 seconds, the last item did not come across the stage until 6:00 PM, which is the latest the auction has ever run. Because of the number and quality of door prizes to be awarded to non-club bidders and sellers at the end of the auction, the club was able to keep the seats pretty full until the last item was sold.

The 520 items filled the impound area to overflowing, and the crew working that area were kept in constant motion making room for sold items and making sure that a good mix of items was constantly arriving to the stage throughout the day. The closed-circuit video system which projected items coming up for auction onto a large screen behind the auctioneers was very helpful in keeping the audience aware while remaining seated.

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A Note from The Head Wing Nut

By Bob Briesemeister



Hello Members,

The 39th annual TCRC auction has come and gone. I would like to thank all of the volunteers who were able to help out this year and make it the huge success that it was. I would like to recognize a few people for their efforts: Corey Kaderlik for taking the lead role, Scott Anderson and Curtis Beaumont for being excellent auctioneers, Tim Wirtz as treasurer and record keeping, Pat Dziuk for pre-registration, website and record keeping. Also Chris O'Connor and Larry Couture for the impound area, Jim Lundquist for buyer recording, John & Kathy Dietz for running the concession stand, Kris Hanson and Chad Sulhiem for writing up the item cards, and of course Morgan Larson and Conrad Naegele for stamping the sold items.

I know that there are a lot of people that I did not mention above but your hard work did not go unnoticed and I thank you for your efforts. Everyone, both members and non-members, are eligible to win the gift certificates to be drawn at the March membership meeting. With the addition of Balsa USA we had a raffle for a kit that they donated. There were 100 chances at \$5.00 each and they sold out, so you do the math! Thank you to Balsa USA and everyone who purchased a chance and also Danny Collier for selling the raffle tickets. We auctioned 540 items which I believe is a record and also made the auction run longer than ever. Also thank you to those who stayed until the end and helped clean up.

The auction is always a work in progress so the board will look at how to tweak it to make it better next year, and your input is always welcome. Let's make the 40th annual auction better than ever!

It's been a cold February so I don't know how much flying is being done. I hope that the weather starts to turn the corner soon and we can start flying routinely again. With the lack of snow so far this winter our flood potential is low . . . so cross your fingers it stays that way.

As the flying season draws near, there is always a need for volunteers at our open flying events, and also maintaining our flying field. Please keep this in mind. Take a look at the event calendar and see where you can help out this year.

The FAA released a 195 page proposed SUAS rule. At a glance it looks like they are leaving the modelers who want to fly as a hobby or recreation alone. I hope this is true so we can enjoy our hobby. This is still a proposal so I will keep monitoring the progress of the proposed rule.

Something new for the raffle this month, there will be 2 planes and that means 2 winners! 1st drawn number will have their choice of plane. The planes being raffled off are: Horizon UMX Pitts value of \$110.00 and a Parkzone P40 Warhawk value of \$80.00. So come and try your luck, only \$5.00 a chance.

Remember there will be a drawing for 20 - \$25 gift certificates to Hobby Warehouse for the auction volunteers at the March membership meeting. If you are not a flyer and win, we will provide a more appropriate GC. You do not have to be present to win

Let's see a good turnout at the meeting on March 10th. **J**

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.

TCRC Annual Auction

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As usual, Hobby Warehouse and Big Sky Hobby were represented with booths on the main floor, but this year they were joined with a national seller Balsa USA, which donated a nice kit to be raffled off with the proceeds going to TCRC. 100 tickets were sold at \$5 each by Danny Collier and this netted the club \$500!

Morgan Larson, Conrad Naegele chaired the recording of the sales on the stage and they were kept very busy because of the fast pace.

Two planes sold for \$675, a TroyBuilt Models P51 and a Waco Bipe, and a 1/2-scale Pitts Bipe went for \$500. This year there were 14 items that did not receive an opening bid, and there were 17 buybacks.

Treasurer Tim Wirtz and his crew did a great job of taking in the receipts from the sales and the checks to the sellers went out very quickly after the auction.

Immediately after the last item crossed the selling block, the clean-up crew sprang into action and CrossPoint Church was returned to its normal state around 7:00 PM.

A huge thank you to all of the people who turned out to work their tails off during the auction. Everyone when home pretty tired on Saturday evening, but with a sense of satisfaction that they had been a part of a great effort.

The March membership meeting will be a time to review this year's auction and plan for 2016. J

The Concession Crew Kept Everyone Well Fed!



Even before the first item went up for sale, the hard-working concessions crew was busy with treats for the crowd. (Photo by Rick Smith)

The Buyers Had Comfortable Seating At The Auction



Crosspoint Church's facilities are a great place for TCRC to hold its auction, with plenty of good, comfortable seating with a close view of the auction action on the stage. (Photo by Corey Kaderlik)

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Pictures From TCRC's 39th Annual Auction



Sale recorders Morgan Larson and Conrad Naegele share a very rare quiet moment on stage during a brief lull in the auction action.



Auctioneer Curtis Beaumont in action on stage.



The impound crew kept a steady stream of items on the tables leading to the auction stage.



The buyer registration crew was a well-oiled machine as they processed the 249 people eager to bid at the TCRC Auction.

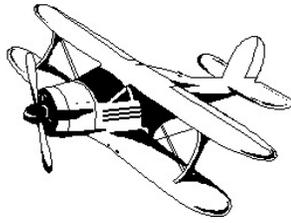


Tom Steinmueller, owner of Hobby Warehouse, has had a booth at the TCRC Auction for many years and has been a great supporter of the club.



Gerry Dunne gives the carpet a good clean.

Show & Tell



A couple of nice planes were brought for Show & Tell at the February meeting.



Scott Anderson had a very nice DHC-2 Beaver constructed from a Flyzone ARF kit. The float plane had a 60-inch wingspan and weighed in at 3-1/4 pounds. The Beaver was done in white and orange on the wings and fuse and had white floats. It was powered with a 40 mm electric motor and a 2,200 mah 3s lipo battery. Scott said the plane was a nice ARF and that he hadn't put the maiden flight on it as yet.



Scott also had a Retro Junior ARF from a Durafly (Hobby King) kit. This was a replica of an R/C old-timer. It was done in white with black trim and was powered with a DST-1100 electric motor and used a 1,300 mah 3s lipo battery. As of the meeting the Junior had not had its maiden flight. (Photos by Corey Kaderlik) **J**

Pizza And Pop At The February Meeting

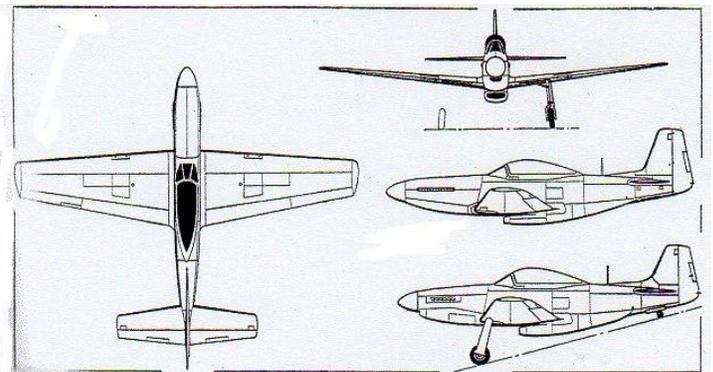


Members at the February TCRC meeting enjoy pizza and pop. (Photo by Corey Kaderlik)

TCRC treated its members and guests at the February 3rd meeting to pizza and beverage while the final plans for the upcoming auction that Saturday were discussed.

There was a good turnout of members at the meeting and all got their fill of some very good pizza. This was a very important meeting as the board reviewed the plans for the 39th annual auction and made sure that all of the people and procedures were in place to assure it would go smoothly that coming weekend. **J**

March Mystery Plane



Nord 3202

by Conrad Naegele

The February Mystery Plane was the French Nord 3202.



To meet a requirement of the French Army Air Force for a 2-seat primary trainer, the 3202, derived from two rather lackluster earlier planes, the 3200 and the 3201, Nord primarily just installed a bigger engine. Actually, the plane was to replace the Stampe S.V.4, an exceptionally well-known biplane trainer and aerobatic plane.

The 3202 was a cantilever low-wing monoplane, of mixed construction, metal fuse and wings, but fabric-covered tail feathers, with a fixed tailwheel. Cockpit was fully covered. However, it is described in *Janes All the World's Aircraft* as an "unexceptional, but useable aircraft." There were four variations, mostly involving instrumentation, and engines.

During the plane's service, Nord was absorbed by the large French aircraft firm, the well-known Aerospatiale. Also, in an attempt to make the plane better, engine power went from 170 to 260 horsepower, and was upgraded to full instrument training capabilities.

When it was dropped from service, a large number were sold to the civilian population. There were immediately modified for many uses, mostly for sport flying. One was a regular at Oshkosh, and had a 6-cylinder Lycoming engine. They were comfortable, nice handling, and fairly inexpensive. It's estimated there may be as many as 10 to 15 in the U.S.A. As for production, a total of 101 were produced. Compare to the Fairchild PT-19, the de Havilland Chipmunk, and the Toyo TT 10.

The Nord 3202 had a wingspan of 31 feet, a max. weight of 2,690 pounds, a speed of 162 mph and a range of 621 miles. The latest engine used was a 260 horsepower Potez 4-cylinder inline engine. J

2015 TCRC Dues

With the arrival of the new year comes the time to renew your TCRC club dues.

The TCRC board of directors elected to leave the dues the same as 2014:

- Regular \$85.00
- Junior \$42.50
- Social Affiliate \$30.00

Dues invoices were mailed out in December. Included in the mailing were a copy of the TCRC Field Rules and a certification a member must sign that shows the member has read the field rules and will follow them.

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.

Your TCRC dues can be paid to membership chairman Bernie Gaub at a meeting or by mailing them to Bernie at:

Bernie Gaub
11037 Stanley Curve
Bloomington, MN 55437

The TCRC board also held the initiation fee for new members or members who had not paid their dues for the previous year. The initiation fee is \$75.

Take the time to pay your 2015 TCRC dues today. J



Veep's Corner

By Corey Kaderlik



TCRC members,

You should all give each other a very big thank you for putting on another very successful auction this year. Every year I am impressed with those who volunteer their time to make everything transition as smoothly as possible. Thank you to everyone in all the different departments for the exceptional work at the auction. Your hours of service will not go unnoticed.

The weather in Minnesota this winter has not been very good for winter flying nor for snowmobiling! RC flying has been hampered with lots of cold temperatures and snowmobiling has been hurt by a lack of snow. I am ready for spring!

Hope you are all getting those winter building projects wrapped up soon. Spring can't be very far away now.

See you all at the next meeting. Don't forget we will be having a drawing for 20 - \$25 gift certificates to Hobby Warehouse for those people (member, spouse, family member, friend) who worked at the auction. You don't need to be present to win, but come to the meeting anyway. We will see you on Tuesday night, March 10th. J

End-Of-Winter Fun Fly

Saturday, March 7th TCRC is scheduled for the 'End Of Winter' Fun Fly to be held at the Model Air Park in Jordan.

The weather forecast at press time shows that a large snowfall will occur during the week, putting plenty of white stuff down on the runways, but that the temperature will be a very balmy high of 40 F with nice sunshine. This should make for a very enjoyable 'end of winter' fun fly.

The 10-10-10 rule will be in effect. That is, if at 10 AM, the temperature is 10 degrees or warmer and the wind is 10 mph or lower, than the event will occur.

Stop on down to the TCRC Jordan Field on Saturday, March 7th and get your thumbs tuned up for the upcoming flying season. J

Glider Available

I have a Bob Sealy Rookie glider I would like to get rid of. It is in kit form and has two sets of wings -- both set up for spoilers. These are foam core sheeted wings done by Bob himself. Fuselage is fiberglass. Would like to get something for it but anyone who wants it can pretty much have it. I also have some Futaba radios and assorted servos. I do not know if the frequencies are up to date but they were sent in at one time for updates. Many are mini servos for glider use. There is also assorted kits, hardware, and covering, etc. I am moving soon so it needs to go one way or the other if someone can use it. It's too nice for the dumpster.

If you are interested, contact Jim Schnettler at 320-223-3137 or by internet at my email address: jimschnettler@gmail.com J

Calendar

- Mar. 7 **End of Winter Fun Fly**
Jordan Field
10-10-10 Rule
- Mar. 10 **TCRC Membership Meeting, 7:00 PM**
CrossPoint Church
Bloomington
- Apr. 1 **2nd Qtr TCRC Board Of Directors Meeting**
Bob Breisemeister Home
- Apr. 4 **April Fool Fun Fly**
TCRC Jordan Field
10-10-10 Rule
- Apr. 10-12 **Weak Signals**
AirExpo
Toledo, Ohio



2015 AMA Dues Statements

All TCRC members should have received their 2015 dues statements in the mail in September from the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

AMA 2015 dues have not changed from the previous year. They are:

- Adult (19-65) \$58
- Senior (65 and up) \$48
- Under 19 \$1
or \$15 with *MA*
- Additional family \$30

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 \$29.95 per year, but that membership is not valid for membership in TCRC.

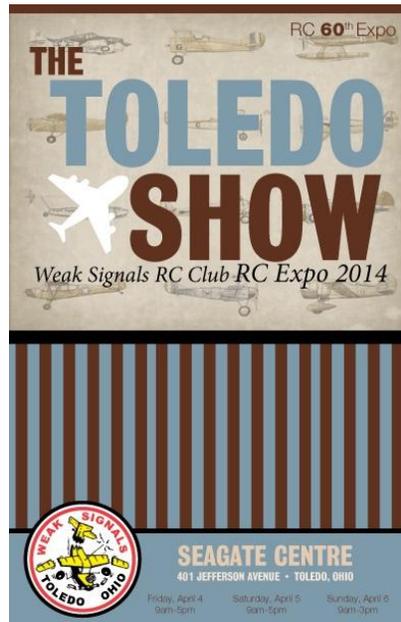
To renew your membership in AMA, the Academy gives you four methods: at the AMA website, www.modelaircraft.org; by fax at (765) 741-0057; by phone at (800) 435-9262; or by returning the renewal form you received in the mail in the supplied envelope.

Deadline for paying your 2015 AMA dues is December 15 to avoid a lapse in membership services. **J**

Toledo AirExpo April 10th to 12th

Winter is speeding by (thankfully) and spring is not that far away.

With spring comes the biggest R/C Expo held here in the United States. That is the Weak Signals Air Expo in Toledo, Ohio.



Absolutely anything sold for the R/C hobby can be found at the AirExpo. Demonstrations of the newest and hottest items will be commonplace. Anyone who is well-known in R/C will be in attendance.

Several members of TCRC make it a point to attend the Toledo Show regularly. This includes Scott Anderson, Chris, Mark and Nathan O'Connor, Mark Wolfe, and Jim Cook.

Think about attending the Toledo Show in 2015. For more information see one of the above members. **J**

FAA's Interpretation of the Special Rule for Model Aircraft

By now you all should be aware of the FAA's Interpretation of the Special Rule for Model Aircraft which was released on June 23rd. The TCRC board has discussed this at meetings, in newsletters and the AMA has been updating everyone online.

To comply with the FAA rule change, all TCRC flying fields and events will now be LINE OF SIGHT only. No buddy boxes, spotters, utilizing goggles or flying from your computer or phone. There are other rule changes from FAA which the board will continue to monitor but this seems the most major change being enforced and which affects our members most significantly.

AMA is questioning these changes and we will comply with whatever the final ruling is. Please contact Bob or other board members if you have any questions or concerns. **J**



March Raffle Winner

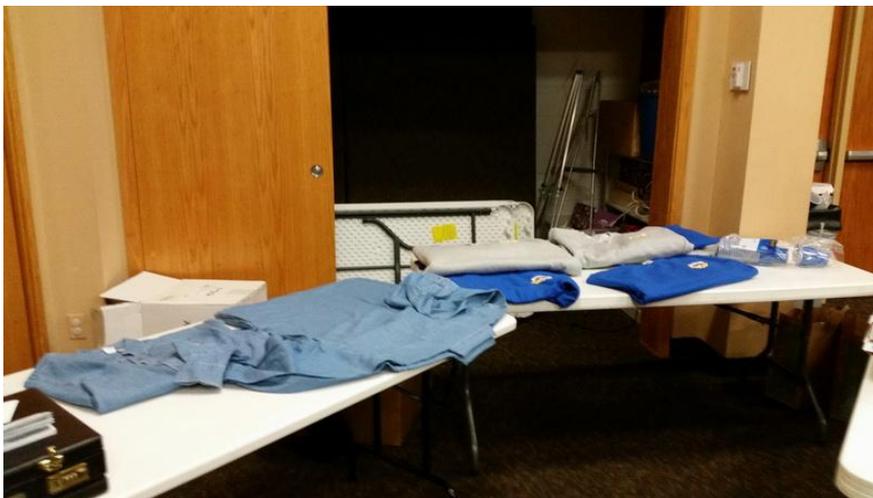


Julian Bristow was the happy winner of the February raffle prize – a U-Can-Do-It SF ARF sport plane. The plane was valued at \$190 and Julian won it with a \$5 investment!

The March Raffle has two prizes! They are a Horizon Hobby UMX Pitts, and a Parkzone P-40 Warhawk. Two winning numbers will be drawn, with the first getting choice of prizes. Chances are \$5/apiece and you may buy as many chances as you wish. J

TCRC Shirts & Hats For Sale

Treasurer Tim Wirtz has a number of TCRC logo shirts and hats for sale. He will have these available at the regular membership meetings.



**TCRC logo shirts and hats displayed at the meeting.
(Photos by Corey Kaderlik)**

The T-shirts come in gray or tradition blue with the logo on the left chest. Sizes are L, XL and XXL. Cost is \$10. The baseball caps are tradition blue with the TCRC logo and are also \$10. J

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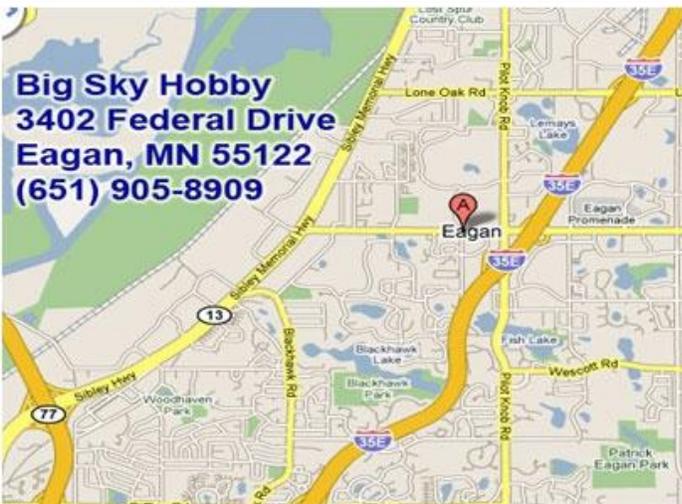
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