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TCRC Annual Banquet – A Great Time Had By All!

by Jim Cook

Saturday November 22nd was the date for TCRC's gala event, the Annual Banquet. As it has been for the last several years, the banquet was held at Fong's Restaurant in Prior Lake. Fong's provides a spacious room for all of the many activities that occur at the event, and of course, the food is superb!



The TCRC'ers and their spouses fill their plates with delicious appetizers from the Fong's buffet line. (Photo by Jim Cook)

The members attending arrived at 5:00 pm and were greeted by Jayne Breisemeister and given their first of many raffle tickets for some great prizes. There was a cash bar for beverages and seven large round tables for dinner. One entire wall behind the podium was filled with the many great prizes to be won with the raffle tickets.

As those in attendance settled into their seats they found a trivia contest, a coloring contest, and a word search that if completed would yield many more raffle tickets. It became someone of a problem to fill out their contests and to partake of the camaraderie at the table, but all managed quite well.

President Bob rang the dinner bell, and everyone headed to the appetizer buffet for an array of great Chinese morsels. A person could just consume the hors d'oeuvres and be sated, but very shortly after they were back in the buffet line for the main entrees. Fong's food is fantastic!

President Bob went over the trivia answers and assured everyone had completed their word search and coloring picture, and everyone's stash of raffle tickets grew substantially.

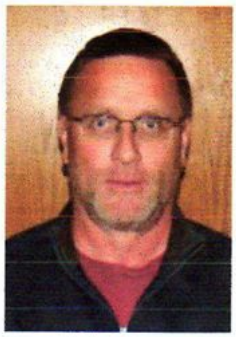
Bob then took to the podium and did a year-in-review, all the while photos of that year were being shown continuously on the big screen behind him.

Following the year-in-review, Bob asked club historian Jim Ronhovde to come forward and give a presentation on the history of the Walt Billett Award, TCRC's prestigious honor

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A Note from The Head Wing Nut

By Bob Briesemeister



Winter has arrived all at once. The cold and the snow are here along with our first subzero temps.

With the cold temperatures and the high winds, the road has not been plowed yet as no one would be flying. Once it is nice enough to fly, I will plow it.

Please remember to always lock the gate when you leave. In late October or early November someone accessed the field and drove on the east side of the runways to the woods on the northeast. It was not the hunters as they know to drive on the west side to gain access to their land. The hunters that rent the property showed me pictures from their trail cameras of three people walking in the woods that neither of us recognized. We are not sure how they bypassed the gate. We don't want someone tearing up the field with a truck or ATV.

At the November membership meeting the elections were held. The TCRC board of directors is the same as it was last year. I want to thank the board for their work in 2025 and look forward to another great year ahead.

The TCRC year-end banquet was held again at Fong's in Prior Lake on the 22nd. There were 43 people in attendance including spouses and family. I think that everyone had a great time with the table games and paper airplanes, and of course we played Jeopardy. There were lots of prizes to win for both flyers and non-flyers. I want to thank Brian and Solvig Johnson for the table games. A big thanks to Tim Wirtz for supplying and narrating the Jeopardy game, and last but not least, my wife Jayne for checking the guests in, and for all her support throughout the year.

The next membership meeting is on December 9th at Crosspoint Church at 7pm. Brian will have a program, but not sure what it will be. Please bring your current project to talk about.

At the January membership meeting we will be talking about the TCRC Auction to be held on Saturday February 7th with set up on Friday the 6th. Start getting those items that you no longer need so that you can purchase new items for next season. ☺

2025-2026 AMA Dues Statements

Most older TCRC members should have received their 2025-2026 dues statements in the mail this month from the Academy of Model Aeronautics. Newer members renew on the anniversary of the month they joined.

AMA 2025 dues are the same as the previous year. They are:

- Adult (19-65) $85
- Senior (65 and up) $75
- 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 either the print or digital ***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; by phone at (765) 287-1256; or by returning the renewal form you received in the mail in the supplied envelope.

Deadline for paying your 2025 AMA dues is December 15 to avoid a lapse in membership services. ☺

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presented to that person who best personifies the purpose of TCRC: To preserve, encourage, and further develop the hobby of building and flying radio controlled model airplanes. Jim explained that normally this presentation is made at the annual banquet, but the committee had not completed their selection and that the presentation would be made at a monthly membership meeting.

Next, President Bob asked Scott Anderson to come forward to make the service award presentations. The service awards are given to members for their membership and service to the club in five year increments. See page xx for this year's award winners.

The meeting was then handed over to Brian Johnson. Each person attending had been given a piece of paper with instructions to be followed to create a paper airplane. No other designs were allowed. Everyone proceeded to a part of the room where the flight characteristics of everyone's creation were tested, with more raffle tickets to be awarded.

Bob made a presentation of more raffle tickets to the winner of the coloring contest before turning the program over to Alex (Tim Wirtz) Trebek for a game of Jeopardy. The game had six categories and six levels of difficulty. Tim had chosen some new, interesting, and challenging categories. The game was hotly contested with correct winners

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TCRC Banquet Airplane Coloring Contest Hotly Contested



The 2025 winner of the coloring contest shows her artwork at the banquet. A repeat winner from last year. (Photo by Jim Cook)

The Paper Airplane Contest Had 100% Participation!



The first entrant in the paper airplane contest prepares to show those waiting what they were going to have to beat. (Photo by Jim Cook)

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receiving raffle tickets equal to the level of difficulty of the answer. The desire for more tickets found most of the higher levels chosen early, but in many cases to that table's dismay when the wrong answer was given.

At the conclusion of Jeopardy after the last raffle tickets were awarded, everyone headed for the prize table with their tickets and hopeful hearts. There were several beautiful airplane kits among the prizes as well as gift certificates and an array of gifts for the spouses as well. As a number would be selected from the container in front of a specific prize, the happy winner would come forward and select the winning ticket for the next prize.

With the winning of the last prize the 2025 edition of the TCRC Annual Banquet came to a close. President Bob thanked all who attended and wished them a safe journey home.

A very special thanks to Bob and Jayne Breisemeiter, Brian and Solvay Johnson, and Tim Wirtz for all of the hard work they did in putting the banquet together and making it a great time for the people in attendance.

If you haven't gone to a TCRC banquet in the past, you are missing a very special event. Mark your calendars and plan on being a part of the 2026 banquet next November. ☺

The TCRC Annual Banquet Is Great Because Of These Folks!



Brian and Solvay Johnson, Tim Wirtz and Jayne and Bob Breisemeister put in a lot of time to make the TCRC Banquet a memorable event. (Photo by Jim Cook)

The Year-In-Review Is Always A Part Of The TCRC Banquet



President Bob giving the year-in-review. (Photo by Jim Cook)

Pictures From TCRC's Annual Banquet



The TCRC Annual Banquet is great fun for all ages in attendance.



Julian, Jim R and Jim C and their spouses had a great time at the banquet.



This table turned out to be the winningest group with their raffle tickets.



I think Scott was elected the honorary chairman of this table at the banquet.



The appetizers at Fong's were a hit at this table, as they were at all of the other tables also.



President Bob and Steve Meyer anchored this table at the banquet.

Photos by Jim Cook

More Pictures From TCRC's Annual Banquet



Tim Wirtz, Brian Johnson and Ken Weddell and families shared a table at the banquet.



Brian Johnson surveys the carnage and wreckage following the paper airplane contest.



A very happy recipient of more raffle tickets at the TCRC banquet.



Tim Wirtz presides over the very enjoyable rendition of Jeopardy.

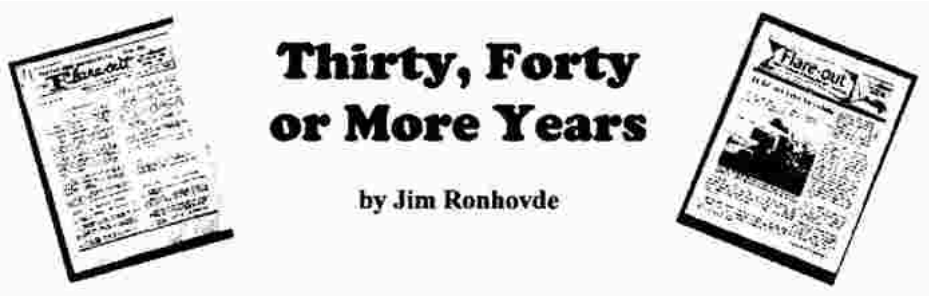


All of the winners show their prizes and their smiles at the TCRC banquet.



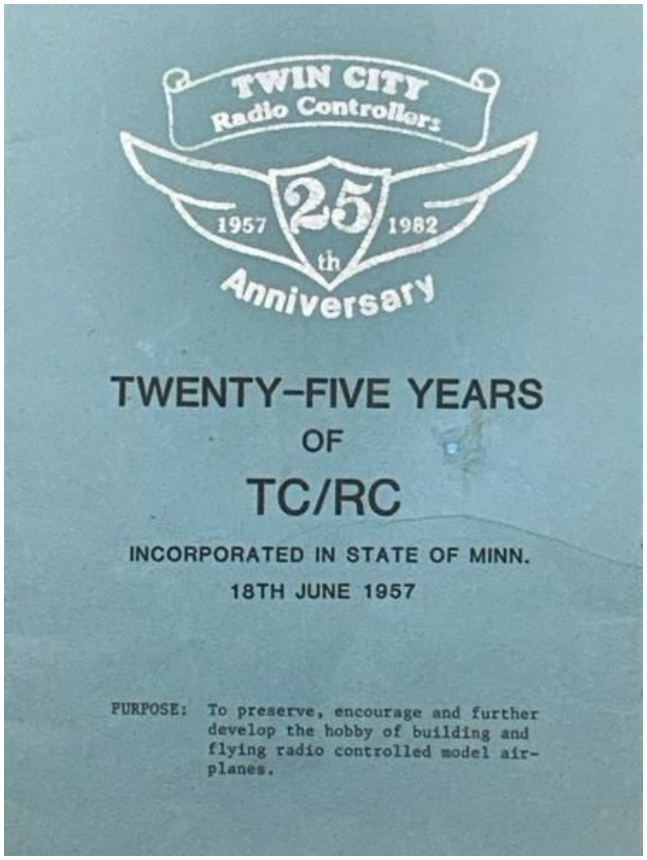
A Chinese dragon guards all of the coloring contest masterpieces.

Photos by Jim Cook



The 68 Years of TCRC

History of TCRC model airplane club is a gem of info made, produced and saved over all the years starting with the 1957 incorporation of our club. The Flare-out has been the primary basis for previous articles, but this month will feature other info sources also.



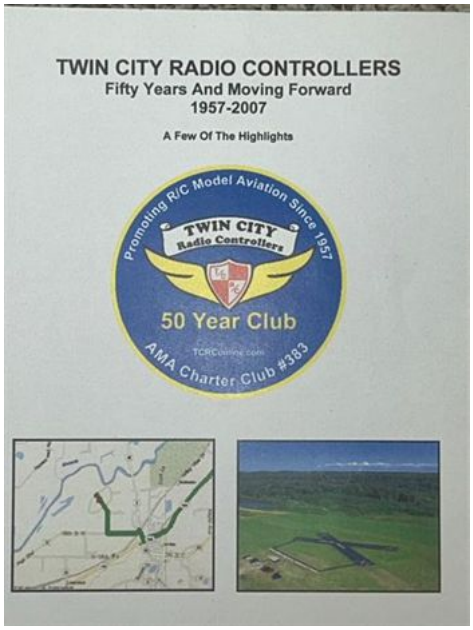
The 25th anniversary booklet reviews the early years, starting with the cover page by Fred Wallman. He was one of the organizers and first President of Twin City Radio Controller club. The reason to incorporate was concerns of liability following a near crash onto Cedar Avenue near the old met Stadium (now MOA area).

August 15, 1969, is a very **historic** date as it is the day, 12 years after the incorporation, that TCRC became a Charter Member of the AMA on 8/15/1969.

Funding of TCRC is a constant necessity to operate. The 1964 contest realized a $600 profit. By 1970 a treasury of $2,200 had raised questions about tax status, and Tax Exempt status was received. It appears that the well advertised RC air show drew 2,000 to 2,500 people for a $1,100 profit. Sounds pretty good for attendance and money for 55 years ago. (author's opinion)



First year membership was 23. The highest is 115 in 1980, then falling to 61 in 1997, regaining later for many years of 100+.



The Fifty year anniversary reviews highlights of the first 25 years and then takes on the second 25 that has, in part, been presented in earlier articles of "Thirty, Forty or More Years" and will not be reviewed now.

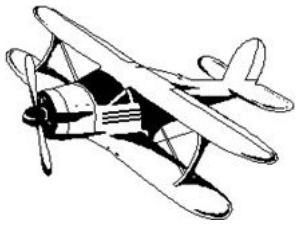
Thanks for being a part of

The 68 Years of TCRC

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Use It!

Show & Tell



Only one plane at the November TCRC membership meeting, but it was spectacular.





Brian Crossley had a beautiful Bluhm and Voss BV141 at the meeting. He said this plane was scratch-built from Ziroli plans by John Baligrodzki about 25 years ago. Brian purchased it from Scott Anderson at a swap meet two years ago.

The full-size BV141 was built in Germany as an observation plane with a crew of three. It is very unique in that the fuselage is left of the wing centerline and the observation gondola that holds that crew is offset to the right of the wing centerline and there is no stabilizer/elevator on the right side of the fuselage. It is an unsymmetric airplane!

When Brian purchased it, he converted the air retracts to electric. It had an OS 46 glow engine, and Brian flew it that summer as a glow plane. He said that amazingly it flew just like a normal airplane. Last spring he converted it to electric power. With the electric set-up it flew just as nicely as it had powered with the glow engine. Brian has not made any loops or rolls with the plane, but he actually called John Baligrodzki and John had said when he had the plane it had no problem doing any aerobatic maneuvers. Even with that news, Brian felt he saw no sense in crashing a nice model trying to do something that the full-size would never do.

The current modification of the original model has a wingspan of 50-inches and weighs in at 7-pounds. He has a Badass 970 kw electric motor and a 4-cell 4,500 lipo battery. It is covered in lightweight fiberglass done in German WWII gray camouflage.

A member can have his new or rebuilt airplane appear in the Show & Tell column just by sending a picture of the plane and a data sheet about the plane. (Data sheets can be obtained on the club website, TCRCOnline.com).

Send your pictures and info by texting to Jim Cook at 952-200-2030 or emailing them to him at jimcook888@icloud.com. Data arriving before the last day of the month should make the newsletter.

Now, you don't have to attend a meeting to show the membership what you have been building.



Walt Billett Award

TCRC usually presents the prestigious Walt Billett Award at the annual banquet. However, this year the committee had not yet made its decision on the recipient, so it will be awarded at a club membership meeting.



At the banquet club historian Jim Ronhovde was called upon to give the history of the WBA. He explained that the award is given to that person who demonstrates the true meaning of the hobby of building and flying model airplanes and personifies the clubs purpose: "To preserve, encourage and further develop the hobby of building and flying radio-controlled model airplanes."

Jim also explained that Walt Billett was the owner of a hobby shop in the Twin Cities and was very involved in the model airplane hobby in the 1950's. TCRC has presented the Walt Billett Award for many, many years and Jim had a display at the banquet of the original trophy and photos of all of the previous winners.

The selection committee for the award are the previous three winners. They will be meeting to determine who will be the 2025 Walt Billett Award winner. ☺

Walt Billett Award Winners

1958	William Krawczak
1959	Robert H. Hansing
1960	Curt Dimberg
1961	Lee Wells
1962	Red St. Aubin
1963	Dick Blazek
1964	Red St. Aubin*
1965	Bruce E. Anthony
1966	Bruce E. Anthony*
1967	James D. Miller
1968	The Ye's
1969	John B. Duncan
1970	Ted Berman
1971	Jess Farkas
1972	Ray White
1973	Lank Neuman
1974	James Q. Taylor
1975	John B. Duncan*
1976	Hugo Lung
1977	William Altenhofen
1978	David Andersen
1979	John Krekelberg
1980	Lee M. Lippert
1981	Sherwood Heggen
1982	Bruce E. Anthony**
1983	Chris O'Connor
1984	Jim Ronhovde
1985	John Benson
1986	Ray Smeija
1987	Ed Meckola
1988	Bud Stitt
1989	Stan Erickson
1990	Jim Cook
1991	Butch Neutgens
1992	David Anderden*
1993	Jerome & Lawrence Vierling
1994	Brad Spencer
1995	Scott Anderson
1996	Lank Neuman*
1997	Dave Erickson
1998	Jim Ronhovde*
1999	Jerry Hesse
2000	Don Olson
2001	Rick Smith
2002	Dave Andersen**
2003	Jay Bickford
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2004	Conrad Naegele
2005	Pat Dziuk
2006	Bill Jennings
2007	John & Kathy Dietz
2008	Gerry Dunne
2009	Steve Meyer
2010	Mike Timmerman
2011	Corey Kaderlik
2012	Tim Len
2013	Tim Wirtz
2014	Bob Breisemeister
2015	Jim Cook*
2016	Larry Couture
2017	Conrad Naegele*
2018	Dave Erickson*
2019	Morgan Larson
2020	Jeff Tolzmann
2021	Brian Johnson
2022	Thad Gorycki
2023	Dave Erickson**
2024	Tom Hall
2025	?????

*Denotes Repeat Winner
**Denotes 3 Time Winner ☺

18304

If someone were injured at the TCRC flying field and you had to call 911, what would you tell the operator for the location of the emergency? You would tell the operator the fire number for our field: 18304.

For safety reasons, it is very important every member knows our fire number. Hopefully we will have the fire number prominently displayed in the shelter at the field in the very near future. ☺

2026 Dues Renewal Information and Payment Instructions

by Tim Wirtz, TCRC Treasurer

2026 Membership[Dues are the same as 2025

Normal	Renewal Rate	Early
$105.00	Regular	$90.00
$105.00	Family	$90.00
$47.50	Junior	$37.50
$0.00	Social Affiliate	$0.00

- The Only change is that the Social Affiliate dues have been reduced to $0.00 by the Board. For further information on this change, contact a board member.
- If you renew on or before January 15th, 2026, you are eligible to pay the Early Renewal Rate.
- If you are a new member who joined in Q4, 2025, your dues cover 2026. Contact Tim Wirtz if you have questions.

How to pay your 2026 dues

- You may pay your dues online using the PayPal links below*:
- Early Renewal – www.PayPal.Me/TCRCTreasurer/93
- Regular Renewal – www.PayPal.Me/TCRCTreasurer108
- If you wish to pay by Credit Card, Contact Tim Wirtz at 952-297-5226*
- If you wish to pay by check, make the check payable to TCRC and send to: TCRC, 1511 Emerson Avenue N, Minneapolis, MN 55411

The fine print (because you knew there would be)

- Before your renewal application can be processed by TCRC, your AMA Membership must be current. A 2026 TCRC Membership Card will not be issued until the AMA website shows your AMA status as current. Your 2026 AMA status will be verified using an AMA website application.
- To serve the TCRC Membership, the Board requires a signature of each pilot confirming their intent to abide by the TCRC Field Rules that are posted in the shelter at the main field and on the TCRC Website.
- Your payment of your dues constitutes your acknowledgment that you intend to abide by the TCRC Field Rules.
- *Note that electronic payment (PayPal or Credit Card) will incur a $3.00 convenience fee.

TCRC will be using stickers instead of printing new cards for 2026. If you have lost your card, contact Tim Wirtz and a new card will be sent to you.

If you have any further questions concerning the 20216 TCRC dues renewal, contact Tim Wirtz at a membership meeting or by phone at 952-297-5226. ☺

TCRC Service Awards

by Scott Anderson

Club Historian Scott Anderson, working with Membership Chairman Tim Wirtz and past-Historian Jim Ronhovde, maintains records of the amount of years a person has been a member of TCRC. Award patches are then presented to those members in 5-Year increments. This year's Service Award recipients are:

60 Year

Ken Duncan

55 Year

Morgan Larson (Morgan passed away this year.)

40 Year

Jim Cook



Scott Anderson presents Jim Cook with his 40-year patch at the TCRC banquet.

15 Year

Gerren Steinback

10 Year

Gary Boddensiek
Brian Johnson
Tim Peterson
Howard Salo



Scott Anderson presents Brian Johnson with his 10-year patch at the banquet.

5 Year

John Chihunka
James Devorak
Brent Roth
Marshall Selleys

Scott presented members that were at the banquet with their service award patches. For those who were not present, they should see Scott at a membership meeting and he will give them their awards.

Thanks to Scott for compiling all of the membership data to determine service award winners every year and for making the presentations. ☺



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TCRC 49th ANNUAL AUCTION

Twin City Radio Controllers - Minneapolis, MN

Saturday, February 7th, 2026

Cross Point Church
9801 France Ave S, Bloomington, MN

Main Auction

What's for Sale?

- R/C Airplanes, Kits, Engines & Radio Systems
- R/C Aircraft related stuff & support equipment
- NO Cars/Boats
- NO Unrelated Stuff

When:

Registration Begins	@ 6:45 am
Viewing	@ 8:15 am
Auction Begins	**@ 9:00 am**

Details:

- $5.00 Admission: includes Bidder's Card
- $20.00 Minimum Opening Bid. Nothing will be sold for less than $20
- Commission of $5 or 10% , whichever is greater, on ALL ITEMS
- SELLER MUST attach a brief description to EACH ITEM being sold.
- Pre-Registration Available for Sellers
- BUYBACKS @10% up to a maximum fee of $20
- Credit Cards will be accepted for auction and concession purchases. A 3% convenience fee will be applied to all card purchases.

Questions?

- Email auction@tcrconline.com
- Call Bob 612-964-8877
- https://tcrconline.com/auction.php

Bargain Table

- Items sold at fixed price $15 - $30, predetermined by Seller
- All Day Exposure
- All Items sold at the table
- $5 flat fee commission

Concessions

- Hot Coffee and Donuts
- Soda/Pop/Water
- Sub Sandwiches

No food or drink in the bidding area



2025 TCRC Ugly Airplane Contest Held At November 11th Meeting

by Sherwood Heggen

We have a winner! Tim Wirtz brought his not so attractive Carl Goldberg Eagle 63 to the Ugly Airplane Contest and won. He was awarded with a $25 gift certificate for airplane supplies and the cherished Ugly Airplane traveling trophy.





As is the practice, Tim will enhance the trophy with added decoration as he sees fit. The trophy is getting to be quite interesting due to past winner's additions, as can be seen in the photo taken by Scott Anderson of Sherwood presenting the trophy to Tim. In the second photo Tim can be seen displaying with pride the reigning 2025 ugly airplane champion.

Congratulations Tim!

(Editor's Note: The editor feels there was extreme prejudice shown in the selection of this year's UAC winner. The plane was done in a beautiful green and gold color scheme. The bias judges would not have selected the plane had in been done in purple and gold!) ☺

Show & Tell Data Form

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

If you are, be sure to go to the club website TCRCOnline.com and print out a blank Show & Tell Data 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. ☺

To Build

by Sherwood Heggen

After man became airborne in heavier than air machines, there were those who emulated the man-carrying aircraft with smaller versions. The process of building model airplanes from balsa wood and tissue paper had begun giving model builders hope of becoming an aviator of sorts and a feeling of belonging to a greater group.

In the late 1920's, after Lindbergh's historic flight, companies recognized the public's interest in aviation and began offering model airplane kits. Building model airplanes became a popular and educational pastime for young and old alike. For lack of model engines, propulsion was by a tightly wound strands of rubber which drove a hand carved wooden propeller. Ongoing into the 1930's, contests were held to fly these little hand-built flying machines. Dozens of participants would attend a single meet dressed in suit and tie which was the dress of the day. Literally hundreds of people would come to see this new activity of flying model airplanes that boys and men built. Major cash and material prizes were often awarded to the winners. Soon, model airplane engines were designed and offered to further enhance the activity for bigger and more complex models. Mostly, the models were free-flight which means that the model was launched with whatever propulsion was available and allowed to fly free at the mercy of the wind. Desire to control the model's flight path was imminent. Some modelers, who were blessed with electronics knowledge, designed and built small radios and mechanical guidance devices to fit inside the model. This allowed the builder to control the model's flight path while he stood on the ground. Model airplane building was in full swing and flying by radio control had been born.

Supplying kits of free flight, control line, and radio control models became a major industry for decades from then on. A number of publishers of model airplane magazines flourished, providing modeling news, building articles, how-to's, and ads touting the latest and best in modeling supplies and equipment. Clubs supporting many styles of model airplanes sprouted up throughout our country, and yes, even the world. Spending time in the "shop" building a model that was self-designed, from plans, or from an available kit kept many kids and adults occupied in their free time. The goal was to see the finished product take to the air to fly like its full-scale brother.

The mid-1950's was my beginning of building model airplanes. Scale-like fifty-cent "stick" models caught my attention. The kits were simply tiny balsa sticks and balsa sheets which had the wing rib and former shapes printed on them. A single edge razor blade was often used to liberate the part from the sheet. Many hours were invested pinning sticks down to a plan to build a structure that eventually looked like an airplane. The fragrance of nitro cellulous model airplane glue made the activity even more pleasing. Formers, ribs, spars, longerons and stringers were all new and interesting terms to me which soon gained my understanding. The process of building had a satisfying ongoing sequence that would make the structure appear to be more like an airplane. One more piece and then another being glued in place fueled the desire to see the end result. This was an activity to which I easily yielded and clamored for more. In my early teens, I became aware of the "miracle" of radio control. Money from summer jobs and increased experience in building allowed me to enter that part of model airplane world. The fascination and elation of seeing my first radio control model that I had built from a plan fly successfully has never faded from my memory. My successful building efforts encouraged me to move on to bigger and better things which I was happy to do. There were so many kits and plans which attracted my interest. Available money and time dictated which models were built and those of which I could only dream. Building takes time, but the resulting sense of accomplishment makes the time well invested to the model airplane enthusiast.

Sadly, time and technology have made a major change in this activity of building model airplanes. In past days, hobby shops flourished and were filled with supplies for building. An abundance of kits, engines, balsa, glues, accessories, airplane coverings and paint, and model magazines encouraged modelers to buy and build more. Then came the ARFs, which is the acronym for Almost Ready to Fly. The birth of ARFs caused those new in the hobby to ignore having to build something to fly and merely assemble ready-made and covered airplane parts, much like a

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scale plastic model. There was no need to understand the difference between a longeron and a stringer. The understanding of what it takes to actually build a model has been greatly diminished by the ARF manufacturers. They now are the ones who make the effort to design and build the model in a foreign country, package it in a colorful box, advertise it, and send it to the buyer by transoceanic ship and UPS truck for a sum of money over the Internet.

To illustrate the growing rarity of self-built models, I have gone to a flying field with an airplane I built and have been asked the question, "Who makes that airplane?" because they don't recognize it among the known ARFs. When I tell them that I built it, I get the astonished response of "Really?!." It typically is the newer members of the R/C flying world that respond in that manner which makes me realize they don't have a clue how it can be done.

Building your own airplane gives you an education of reading and understanding model airplane drawings (plans). The building aspect exercises your mind in the creation of something useful. In working towards the end result, you become aware that you made and can use your handiwork to your pleasure. Not everyone likes the airplanes that are offered by the ARF manufacturers. In building your own, you are allowed to choose the style and size of the airplane you want. Basic tools, a building board, and plans available from many sources can equip you for building what you want. Available now to assist potential builders are short kits which supply parts such as wing ribs, formers, etc., which are accurately laser cut to shape. With the tedious task of cutting parts done, the modeler need only provide sticks and sheets of balsa wood to build the model according to the provided plan. Also, kits that are no longer in production can be found from many sources on the Internet. To fully enjoy a true build of a model airplane, you have a choice of hundreds of plans available through the Internet.

Don't leave the creation of your dream airplane to someone else. Be the creator of what you fly. Satisfaction and sense of accomplishment of building and seeing your finished creation fly will be your reward for deciding to build. ☺

TCRC Apparel Great Gifts For Christmas

by Ken Weddell

Members and friends can now purchase grey sweatshirts, grey T-shirts and hats. The costs are:

- T-Shirts $12
- Sweatshirts $20
- Hats $13

If you are interested in purchasing any TCRC apparel, please let me know what item and size you would like and it will be available at the next regular membership meeting. ☺

TCRC 2026 Auction Pre-Registration

by Tom Hall

The Twin City Radio Controllers 49h annual auction is fast approaching! This year it will again be held at CrossPoint Church, 9801 France Avenue South in Bloomington on Saturday **February 7, 2026!**

You can register for a seller's number online again this year allowing you to fill out your seller's inventory card and label your items in the comfort of your warm home instead of freezing in the parking lot the morning of the auction.

To register please send an email to auctions@tcrconline.com with your name, address and phone number requesting a seller's number. You can find full details including the seller's inventory card at https://tcrconline.com/auction.php . And more detail can be found using this link:

Auction Flyer can be found here: https://tcrconline.com/documents/auction/TCRC%20Auction%20Flyer%202026.pdf
General TCRC Club information can be found here: https://tcrconline.com/index.php.

Hope to see you at the auction and please feel free to forward this on to your fellow modelers at other clubs to get the word out.

Please take the time now to figure out what items you will be selling and pre-register. ☺

Be An All Season Flyer In 2026

The end of the year is in sight, just a couple of months away. And that means you should start thinking about becoming an All Season Flyer in 2026.

To become an All Season Flyer a pilot must put at least one flight on an airplane outside in each month of a calendar year. That means you have to start in January.

In Minnesota, those December, January, and February flights can occur in some pretty cool weather.

In TCRC several pilots have a proud tradition of earning their ASF patches. Some have been doing it for more than 10 consecutive years.

Earning an All Season Flyer patch in Minnesota has to be a very daunting experience. However, with the advent of the electric airplanes, it is a lot easier than trying to start a cold glow engine.

Saturday, January 10th has been scheduled as the 2026 ASF Kickoff date. If you are interested in becoming an All Season Flyer in 2026, plan on joining the other pilots on January 10th. The 10-10-10 Rule will be in effect. That means that if at 10 AM the temperature is 10 degrees or higher and the wind is 10 mph or lower, the event will be held as planned.

Become an All Season Flyer in 2026! ☺

TCRC Elections Held November 11th

TCRC had its annual club elections at the November 11th membership meeting.

All four of the officer positions were up for election this year plus two of the three at-large board seats. The board seats held by Jim Ronhovde and David O'Hara were up for election this year. The board seat held by Gerry Dunne is not up for election this year.

Candidates for the election were all of the incumbents:

President: Bob Breisemeister
Vice President: Brian Johnson
Secretary: Ken Weddell
Treasurer: Tim Wirtz
Board Seat: Jim Ronhovdse
Board Seat: David O'Hara

There were no further nominations from the floor. All of the incumbent candidates were elected to their position for the upcoming year 2026.

Thanks to these members elected to office for their continued dedication in serving the club and its membership. ☺

Calendar

Dec. 3	**TCRC Joint Board Meeting, 7:00 PM Bob B's Home**
Dec. 6	**All Season Flyer Finale Jordan Field 10-10-10 Rule**
Dec. 9	**TCRC Membership Meeting 7:00 PM CrossPoint Church Bloomington**
Dec. 25	**Merry Christmas!!!**
Jan. 1	**Happy New Year!!!**
Jan. 10	**All Season Flyer Kick-Off Jordan Field 10-10-10 Rule**
Jan. 13	**TCRC Membership Meeting 7:00 PM CrossPoint Church Bloomington**
Feb. 6	**Auction Set-up CrossPoint Church 5:00 PM**
Feb. 7	**TCRC Auction CrossPoint Church 98th & France Avenue Bloomington 7 AM to 5 PM**

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.

Looking For A Great R/C Club?

If you are into the hobby of flying R/C airplanes, or thinking about getting into the hobby, Twin City Radio Controllers is the club for you.



TCRC ***owns*** 40 acres of land in Jordan, Minnesota and has paved runways, taxiways and pits on that land for flying model aircraft. There is also a shelter and a dedicated parking lot on the property. The club also owns all of the equipment necessary to keep the land well maintained.

The Jordan site is an FAA Recognized Identification Area (FRIA) and TCRC members do not have to have a broadcast module on their aircraft while flying at the site.

To be a member of TCRC, a pilot must be a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and be registered with the FAA. The club helps new members with these registrations.

The club also has an auxiliary flying site just two miles away from the Jordan Field if the Jordan Field is not available.

To be a member of TCRC there is a one-time initiation fee for new members in the amount of $75.00. The annual dues are:

Adult	$105.00	
Family	$105.00	
Junior	$ 47.50	(Under 16 years of age)
Social	4 0.00	

TCRC has monthly meetings October thru May at Crosspoint Church located at 98th Street and France Avenue at 7:00 PM. The meetings for the months June, July, August, and September are held at the Jordan Field at 5:00 PM, weather permitting. At the indoor meeting, there is usually a program about building or flying R/C aircraft.

Additional benefits of being a TCRC member are several members-only flying events, a spring and fall float fly on Bush Lake in Bloomington, the largest upper Midwest R/C annual auction, and being able to have access to members with vast experience in the hobby.

To become a member of TCRC you can contact Tim Wirtz at 952-941-5357, or visit TCRCOnline.com, or come to a monthly meeting, or stop by the Jordan Field located at 18304 Sioux Vista Trail in Jordan. ☺

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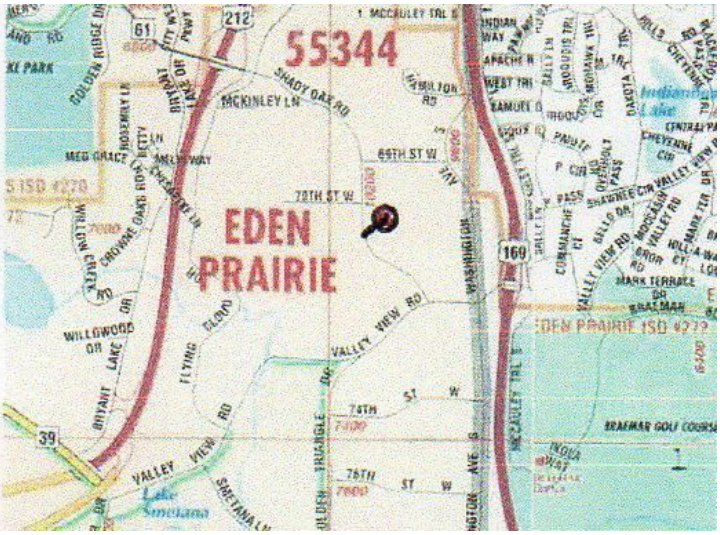
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