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TWIN CITY RADIO CONTROLLERS, INC. Newsletter
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TCRC's 49th Annual Auction A Great One!

by Jim Cook

TCRC's Auction has come and gone, and the dust has settled, but the memories linger. It was a lot of work and there were lots and lots of planes, but the entire day was still extremely enjoyable for those that attended it, for those that were buyers, for those that were sellers, and for those that were workers.



Shareif Eisa takes bids on just one of the 381 R/C airplanes that came on the auction block. (Photo by Jim Cook)

On Saturday, February 7th the doors opened at 6:45 AM at CrossPoint Church in Bloomington, Minnesota. There were already several trailers in the parking lot as sellers started unloading their planes and accessories. Luckily, a good number of the sleers had utilized TCRC's pre-registration that was available at TCRCOnline.com, making their check-in much easier and faster. The crew on seller check in was fast and efficient, and that proved to be quite helpful since there was a steady stream of sellers bringing almost 600 items for the auction block.

Early buyers also found a well-staffed check-in, keeping the line to minimums.

The Concessions crew were at hand for the early arrivals with hot coffee and an abundant choice of donuts.

The impound areas filled up with planes until virtually every space available was filled with R/C items. This year, it had been decided that the big ticket large airplanes would be stored on the stage, thus making a great backdrop for the auction action until they came up for bid at their designated start time.

At 8:15 AM the impound areas were opened for the prospective buyers to get a close-up view of all of the items.

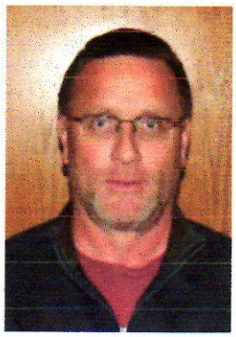
In addition to the auction block, TCRC had a bargain table at the back of the room for items priced at $30 or less. That table was full to the brim.

The club was using the software provided by Minnesota Auctions, and that software was extremely helpful in keeping the paperwork in perfect working order.

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A Note from The Head Wing Nut

By Bob Briesemeister



Welcome to March…which is it going to be "In like a Lamb and out Like a Lion" OR "In like a Lion and out Like a Lamb"? Whichever it is, Spring is right around the corner, I hope! Remember the field is open but with the thawing and the frost coming out of the ground the driveway and parking lot are getting soft and muddy so please do not drive off the road.

It's hard to believe the 49th Annual TCRC Auction was almost a month ago and we are already making plans for the 50th Auction on February 6th, 2027. That's the first time I wrote 2027 on anything. Make sure to mark your 2027 calendar to ensure you can attend next year!

Back to this year's auction and what an auction it was! It was well attended with over 200 bidder cards given out, which equates to roughly 250 people including children and volunteers. 79 seller numbers were given out, bringing around 590 items that were consigned to TCRC to auction off. TCRC eliminated the silent auction this year which created more room up front for the larger planes. Last year we stopped using the video screen which allows us to put the larger planes on stage for an easier way to view them and also less possible damage by moving them around. I think it worked very well.

We had around 45 volunteers which helped things run very smoothly again this year. THANK YOU to everyone who helped out. The raffle prizes this year were donated by Dynamic Balsa out of Leonore Illinois. We sold all 100 raffle tickets, which is a great fundraiser for our club. The door prizes were supplied by TCRC, Crow Wing RC Club, Sky Hobby, Balsa USA, and Planes Gone By. I hope that we will be able to work with them for future auctions.

Concessions went well. Thank you to Solvig Johnson and her crew. We went back to hot dogs this year and they sold out by 2 pm, so we might have to increase the supply next year. Thanks again!

The auctioneering this year was again done by Minnesota Auctions. I think this was their 5th or 6th year. Shareif and Diane Eisa do a great job! They brought in Andrew Mollencamp to help, and he is interested in coming back next year. If you know of someone needing an Auctioneer, give them a call. They do all kinds of auctions both live and online.

There are a lot of people to thank, and I know I will forget someone but don't think your efforts were not noticed from set-up on Friday night to clean up on Saturday night. Moving the furniture, tables and chairs and then returning them to be ready for church on Sunday morning. I think we should set up a time lapse camera to show everyone what it takes to transform the church into an auction hall and then back to a church in around 24 hrs. I also want to thank all the runners that carried all the items from impound to the stage and then back again. To then finding the items and getting them to the bid winners to take home.

There are a few people that I'd like to recognize for all their efforts: Dave O'Hara for reading off the item descriptions in order to save the Auctioneer's voices. Brian Johnson for entering the information into the seller's inventory and working on checking people out at the end of the auction. Ken Wedell for running the bargain table which saves time selling those items on stage. Jim Ronhovde for putting the buyer numbers on the items for easier retrieval from impound at the end of the auction. Steve Meyer for selling raffle tickets and bidder numbers. Last but not least, Tim Wirtz for all the treasury work. Tim worked to get the seed money for the cash boxes and checking the buyers out. He helped me in writing checks on Sunday morning which gets the sellers who have entrusted us with selling their items paid quickly.

Overall, the auction was a huge success for TCRC, and everyone involved from the sponsors to the sellers and buyers. I hope that you had fun and were able to find something different to fly this summer. I look forward to seeing you next year on February 6th for the TCRC ***50th*** Annual Auction.

The next membership meeting is on March 10th at 7 pm at Crosspoint Church. Bring that plane you purchased at the auction and talk about. ☺

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Items coming up for auction would first go across a long table on one side of the room on its journey to the auction block. That journey took about 45 minutes, and it gave those in the hall plenty of time to see what was coming up next.

At 8;45 the first item hit the stage and the bidding started. Shareif Eisa, a professional auctioneer from Minnesota Auctions started the bidding process and from that time on it was non-stop action all the way until the last item was sold at 5:42 PM. Shareif took shifts with fellow auctioneer Andrew Mollencamp and the two of them were fantastic in obtaining the highest bid and selling an item about every 45 seconds.

At noon, the giant-scale planes on the stage were auctioned off. A Douglas C47 Skytrain took top honors selling at $850, followed closely by a Pitts s-12 bipe going for $775.

Dynamic Balsa donated a great P-51 kit to TCRC to use for its raffle. Danny Collier sold 100 tickets at $5/each and the drawing was held after the last tickets were sold. The plane was won by TCRC Treasurer Tim Wirtz.

The Concessions Crew sold hotdogs with all the fixings for lunch, and they proved to be quite popular, selling out by 2:00 PM.

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Plenty Of Time To See What Is Coming Up For Bid!



Once an item hit the table headed for the auction block, the bidders still had 45 minutes to get a good look. (Photo by Jim Cook)

The Concessions Area Was A Busy Place All Day!



The hard working Concessions Crew kept everyone well fed during the long auction day. (Photo by Jim Cook)

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AMA District VII VP Randy Gibson made the trip from Michigan for the second straight year to be at the TCRC Auction. He will post an article about the auction in his column in ***Model Aviation*** magazine.

The TCRC Auction attracts bidders and sellers from all of the surrounding states of Minnesota and has done so for many years. There were 79 sellers and 201 bidders registered for the event.

The auctioneers did a great job of spotting all bids and even though it was a buyer's market because of the number of items, sellers were getting reasonable prices for their items.

The auction lasted for over nine solid hours, but the fantastic array of beautiful airplanes kept most of the people there for the entire time. But to help keep everybody there to the end the club had eight new airplane kits that were door prizes for those remaining for the day. These door prizes were only for non-TCRC members. See page 13 for those winners.

The final airplane was auctioned off at 5:42 PM, but there was still plenty for the TCRC'ers to do before their day came to an end. The buyers had to be checked out, items delivered to them, and the church had to be cleaned and put back in perfect order for the service the next morning.

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The Auctioneers Kept the Auction Moving At A Fast Pace



Andrew Mollencamp from Minnesota Auctions was one of two auctioneers that did a great job. (Photo by Jim Cook)

The AMA District VII Vice President Was In Attendance



Randy Gibson, AMA District VII VP came all the way from Michigan to partake of TCRC's great Auction. (Photo by Jim Cook)

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All of the money for the sales of items was due that day, but TCRC Treasurer Tim Wirtz prides himself and getting the checks out to all of the sellers very promptly and was hard at work that night making that happen. Sellers had their money in hand early that week.

Even though the club has been doing the auction for almost 50 years, we are still able to learn how to do things differently and a little better each year to make the TCRC Auction an even greater event. The club is always interested in comments, good or bad, from the buyers, sellers, and workers at the auction so we can continue to improve.

TCRC would like to thank the businesses that support the auction: **Dynamic Balsa, Planes Gone By, Balsa USA, Horizon Hobby, and Sky Hobby**. Their support is greatly appreciated.

And the club cannot thank the 50 plus TCRC members that work so hard to make the auction run smoothly. At the February 10th membership meeting they were treated to pizza and pop, and there were drawings for gift certificates, but this is still not near enough to thank them for their fantastic effort making the auction a huge success. Treasurer Tim said it was the most profitable auction since 2011.

Mark your calendars. TCRC's 50th Annual Auction will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2027. ☺

Keeping The Auction Moving Was A Huge Team Effort



With the auctioneers moving an item every 45 seconds, a crew had to maintain a steady stream of items. (Photo by Jim Cook)

R/C Airplanes Take Up An Awful Lot Of Space!



When you have 381 R/C airplanes, most fully built, you need a lot of space for impound. This is only one room. (Photo by Jim Cook)

Pictures From TCRC's 49th Annual Auction



Ken Weddell ran the Bargain Table again this year, and he moved almost every item.



Danny Collier sold all of the tickets for the Dynamic Balsa P-51 raffle.



Tim Wirtz was the lucky winner of the P-51 raffle, with Zayne Reda pulling the winning number.



Unsung heroes marking items just sold and keeping the books in good order.



Brian Johnson and Diane Eisa logged in every item as it went onto the auction block.



The queen of the auction was this C47 Skytrain that garnered a top bid of $850.

Photos by Jim Cook

More Pictures From TCRC's 49th Annual Auction



CrossPoint Church is a wonderful venue for the TCRC Auction with room for all.



The crew at the Admissions and Buyer Check-In did a good job of getting everyone registered early.



Seller Check-In was a very efficient process, helped immensely by pre-registration.



The Concessions Area was cordoned off and allowed participants to bid while grabbing a bite.

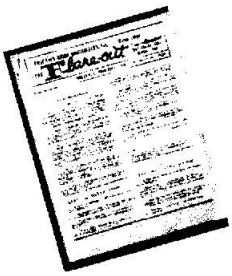


Putting the big planes on the stage was a smart move allowing them all to be sold at the same time.



The last item to go across the auction block at the 49th Annual TCRC Auction.

Photos by Jim Cook



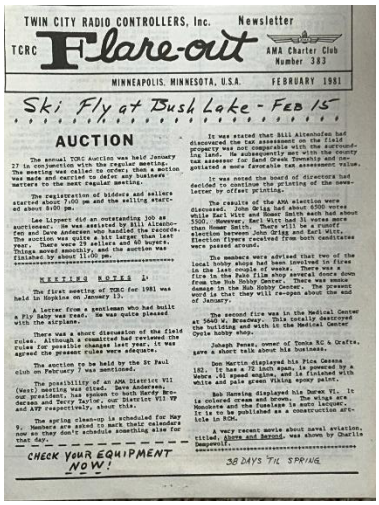
Thirty, Forty or More Years

by Jim Ronhovde



AUCTIONS ARE GREAT

The first auction may have been in 1977. At that time, the auction would have been on a meeting night. The first report I found was January 27, 1981. Here is the info from the February 1981 ***Flare-out***:



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Ski Fly at Bush Lake - Feb 15

AUCTION

The annual TCRC Auction was held January 27 in conjunction with the regular meeting. The meeting was called to order, then a motion was made and carried to defer any business matters to the next regular meeting.

The registration of bidders and sellers started about 7:00 pm and the selling started about 8:00 pm.

Lee Lippert did an outstanding job as auctioneer. He was assisted by Bill Altenhofen and Dave Andersen who handled the records. The auction was quite a bit larger than last year. There were 29 sellers and 60 buyers. Things moved smoothly, and the auction was finished by about 11:00 pm.

MEETING NOTES

The first meeting of TCRC for 1981 was held in Hopkins on January 13.

A letter from a gentleman who had built a Fly Baby was read. He was quite pleased with the airplane.

There was a short discussion of the field rules. Although a committee had reviewed the rules for possible changes last year, it was agreed the present rules were adequate.

The auction to be held by the St Paul club on February 7 was mentioned.

The possibility of an AMA District VII (West) meeting was discussed. Andersen, our president, will write to both Harry Brown and Wes Taylor, our District VII VP and AVP respectively, about this.

The spring clean-up is scheduled for May 9. Members are asked to mark their calendars now as they don't schedule something else for that day.

CHECK YOUR EQUIPMENT NOW!

38 DAYS 'TIL SPRING

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Lee Lippert did an outstanding job as auctioneer. He was assisted by Bill Altenhofen and Dave Andersen who handled the records. The auction was quite a bit larger than last year. There were 29 sellers and 40 buyers. Things moved along smoothly, and the auction was finished by about 11:00 pm."

Thirty years ago, 1996, was another great auction that was held at St. Peter's Church in Richfield. Set-up started Saturday at 7:00 AM. The action started at 10 AM with estimate of nearly 400 people attending. One hundred eighty nine had purchased bidder cards at $2 each. Selling took 6 and ½ hours for 303 items to be sold. A total of 35 members worked, and the Church was cleaned by 5:30. There was a profitable raffle and the ladies handled food and beverages with a nice profit. This auction exceeded all previous money records with 35 members doing the work, and a note that 10 more were needed.



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1996 TCRC Auction Brings Record Profits

by Jim Cook

The 1996 edition of the TCRC Annual Auction is over, and it was a huge success for the club.

A view of some of the crowd at the TCRC Auction. (Photo by Scott Anderson)

The Auction was again held at St. Peter's Church in Richfield, and the accommodations were great.

We were not able to get into the hall on Friday before the event, to start setting up chairs and tables, so had to do the entire set-up starting at 7:00 AM on Saturday. We had a good turn out of members and spouses to help, however, and everything was in place when the first sellers and buyers starting walking in the door.

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In Remembrance

It is with great sorrow that I report the passing of Gloria Vierling on February 17th, 1996. Gloria was the wife of TCRC member Jerome Vierling, and the sister-in-law of TCRC member Lawrence Vierling.

I had the privilege of serving with Gloria as a Commissioner on the Shakopee Public Utilities Commission and my wife and I had a friendship with Gloria that we will always treasure.

Gloria was one of the most energetic and capable women I have ever known, and our community is considerably poorer with her loss.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Jerome and his family in the passing of such a wonderful lady.

No Expo At Ankeny

According to Chuck Blake in the *Plane Talk News*, newsletter of the Des Moines Modelaires, it was decided on Thursday, February 16th that there would **not** be an R/C Expo at Ankeny, Iowa this year.

No explanation was given as to why Expo was canceled.



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The auction started sharply at 10 AM. A guess would be that 300 to 400 people were present. Of that, 189 had purchased bidder cards for $2. Six and one-half hours later, the last of 303 items was sold bringing the auction to a close.

Norma Naegele had her ladies organized in the concession stand, and they did a brisk business the entire day. This was the first year that pizza slices were offered for sale, and they were very popular. Also offered were breakfast rolls, hotdogs, chili, coffee and pop, and the ladies completely sold out by mid-afternoon. Their gross receipts were about $780 dollars, with a profit of $440. This compared to a gross of about $500 last year with a net of $275. A big thank you to Norma and her crew for making a great contribution to the profit of the auction.

Brad Spencer did a great job with the raffle. As with last year, each member was sent $10 worth of tickets to sell, and this presale amounted to about $300, which covered the prize and printing costs. Rich and Tom at Hobby Warehouse and Maury Engen at R/C City had given prizes to TCRC at greatly discounted prices. Stop by and thank them for their support. Gross receipts were just under $800, with a net of $477. This compared to a net of $414 the previous year. Thanks to Brad and to Gerry Dunne for the great raffle.

Gross receipts for the actual auction were $17,389, compared to $13,106 last year. 48 sellers had 303 items including 142 air-

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Concessions Sold Like Hot Cakes At The Auction

Rose Hesse, Norma Naegele, Sue Sachs, Teresa Erickson, Molly Loberg and Sharon Erickson before the rush. (Photo by Scott Anderson)

A Great Raffle!

Gerry Hesse buys a ticket from Brad Spencer, Gerry Dunne and Kent Anderson. (Photo by Scott Anderson)



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planes. This compared to 58 sellers with 242 items and 127 airplanes the year before.

Total profit for the auction, including the raffle, bidder cards, concessions and selling commissions, netted the club $2,644 dollars, exceeding last year's $1,957 and the all time record of $2,300 in 1993 at the Richfield High School. Although the total revenues were lower, the costs were also lower allowing the record profit. Auction chair Bill Allenhofen and the board of directors had budgeted to make a net of $2,000, so the record profit will help to balance the 1996 budget.

A total of 35 members and spouses worked at the auction. By 5:30 when the hall was cleaned, there were a lot of members who were pretty tired. It was noted that for the 1997 auction, we should make sure we have at least another 10 workers.

Next year's auction has already been set for St. Peter's and the date will be Saturday, February 8th.

Thanks to all who pitched in to make this the most profitable TCRC Auction ever. And a very big thank you to chairman Bill Allenhofen for all of his work and organization.

TCRC meets every month on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 8:00 PM at the Norwest Bank Building located at 738 1st Avenue East in Shakopee. Guests are welcome to attend these meetings.

Bidder Check-In Was Smooth With This Crew

John Krekelberg, Bud Stitt, Paul Gran and Rick Smith greeted the bidders for the auction. (Photo by Scott Anderson)

The Impound Area

Chairman Bill Altenhofen confers with Boyd Bowdish as the impound area started to fill. (Photo by Scott Anderson)

AUCTIONS ARE GREAT

The Workshop



Brian Johnson
Vice President

Hello and welcome to the workbench!

It seems like this winter has been flying by. We are already in the middle of the building season, days are getting longer, and I am thinking about getting planes ready to fly! Maybe a future article will cover that process but for now we need to get going on my latest build!

If you read the article last month, you know the dirty little secret that I actually enjoy assembling an ARF. While normally blasphemy for a builder, I have no reservations about sharing that fact with my fellow modelers. I am bringing this up for a reason, and that is that I suspect that just as some builders who enjoy fiddling with an ARF once in a while, I suspect there are some folks who have experience primarily with RTF planes and the occasional ARF who would like to try a build. It is for this reason that I want to share my building experience with the Old School Model Works Sport Air 40.



For those of you who are unfamiliar, Old School Model Works has been making some wonderful laser cut kits for a few years now. This is my third OSM build and I have had similar experience with all of them. The material selection is excellent, the plans are detailed and accurate, the instructions are complete, and most of all the parts fit is superb. In all my years of building model aircraft out of balsa, OSM provides the most ARF-esque building experience I can imagine. They go out of their way to make as many parts precut as possible and although this is truly a build, the number of parts that are precut are so complete that it resembles an assembly process. Everything is interlocking and comes out straight and true with only moderate effort and care. It is a very joyful process!

Let's get into the actual plane. The Sport Air 40, like many of the OSM kits, is inspired by one of the greats from the past. These are not reproductions, but they build an aircraft that is nearly identical in looks and dimension to our old favorites.

The Sport Air 40 was originally kitted by Northeast Aerodynamics in I believe the early 80's. It was a popular kit that was easy to build and flew beautifully, of not being a little odd looking (more on that later).

It had a 58-inch wingspan and flew with a .40 size engine making it very popular with the sport crowd. The OSM version also has a 58-inch wingspan and is nearly identical in all other dimensions as well as looks.





That is honestly about where the similarity ends.

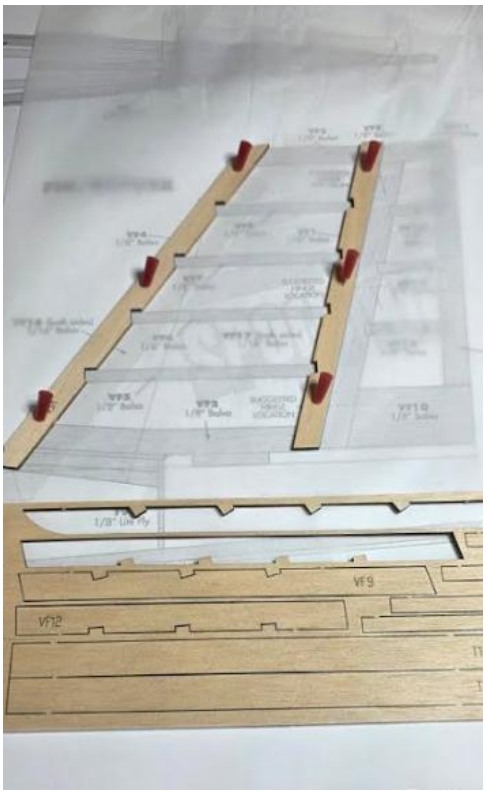
While the original had solid tail feathers, the OSM version has built up and sheeted surfaces. All of the parts, and I mean all of them are laser cut, including the sheeting which fits together without any gaps with only the lightest coaxing from a sanding block.

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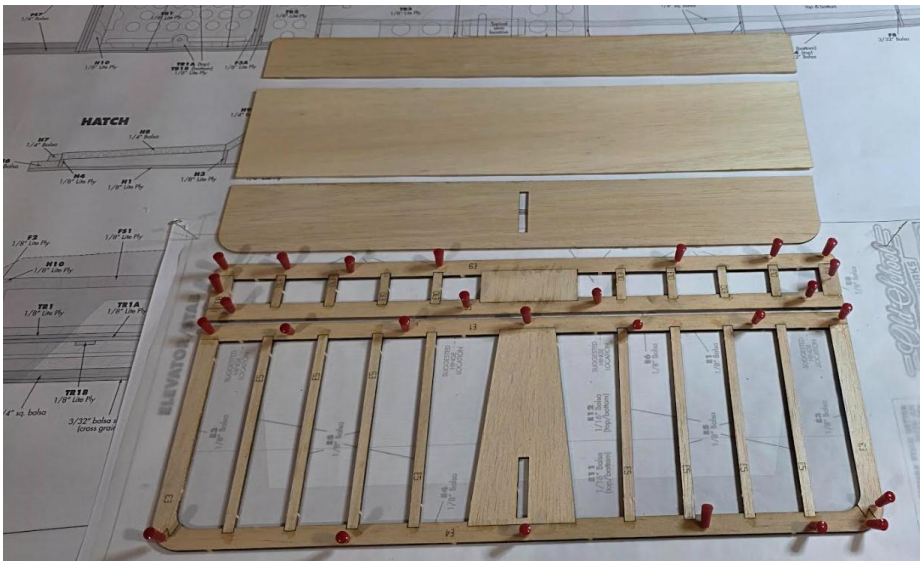
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The laser cut parts:





The same is true of the stab and elevator.





I really like this construction method because not only is it light, but it gives a stiffer structure than a solid piece of wood. You see that notch in the stab and the tab on the rudder? They fit together perfectly with no sanding with just the right amount of friction to make them easy to fit and disassemble but stay firmly in place for adjustments later on. This is not just a testament to the extremely accurate design and laser cutting, but also to one of my favorite features of these OSM kits. All the wood pieces are sealed in plastic bags from the factory. That means that the wood is not subject to constant changes in humidity, so it is the same size when you begin construction as it was when it was cut.

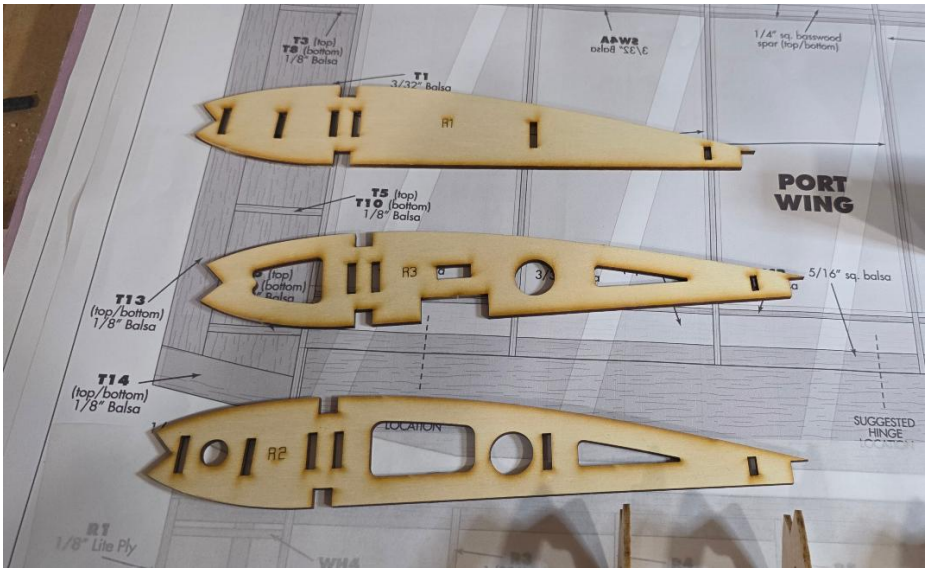
After the tail surfaces, construction on the wing begins. The style is similar and you will notice there are a lot of parts in this wing. I mean a LOT of parts. This is partly due to the fact that everything is cut for you and partly due to the fact that OSM likes to stick to thinner sheets of balsa and ply, I am guessing to keep the cutting process efficient. This means that you will be laminating parts where most kits would have included thicker cuts of wood.

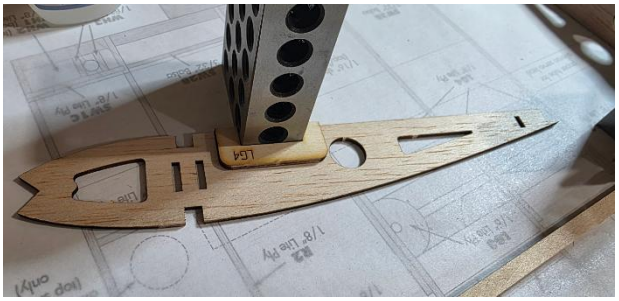
One interesting feature of this wing is that there is no need for fiberglass reinforcing where the wing is joined. That is because that OSM has taken the unusual tactic of making the three inboard ribs out of plywood and incorporating a channel between the spars where a massive plywood joiner in epoxied in place. I have never really been a fan of the look of heavy fiberglass in the center of a wing which can be difficult to hide on a plane like this so this method is preferred by me.

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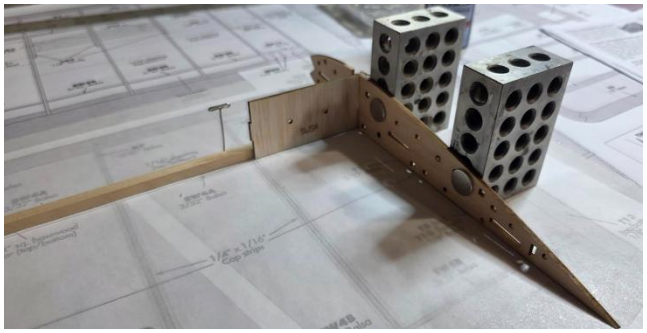
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Another kind of cool thing is that since this plane is made one hundred percent in the USA, most of the measurements are in freedom units rather than metric. Now, don't get me wrong, I love the metric system. Base ten is so much more practical that whatever King George had going on when he was trying to figure out how long his belt needed to be to hold up his trousers. But by having the plane designed around imperial units means things like my beloved 123 blocks have that much more chance to be useful, such as when trying to align the landing gear braces perfectly to the ribs.



Even the shear webs are precision cut to set the spacing of the ribs. I know that almost every other kit out there says that shear webs do not need to be a perfect fit between the ribs and that they do not even need to be glued to the ribs since all they do is set and hold the spacing between the spars. I believe that is true. I also believe that it is so much better when the shear webs fit perfectly between the ribs. It just feels right.



Here is a picture of the wing structure as it nears completion and before top spar is placed and the sheeting is attached. Note the plywood shear webs hear the root to build the channel for the dihedral brace. The servo rails are recessed to give a nice clean look once the doors are screwed down and while the paper tube is not actually cut for you, they do give you a pattern. Spoiler alert- any rectangle will do for this.



Included in this kit are a handful of tools that are built out of plywood. One of my favorites and that I will be keeping around is this little jig for drilling the wing dowels perfectly through the center of the leading edge. You slide the ½ by ½ leading edge stock in and use a drill press to get the hole straight prior to installing it on the wing. You then use the wing dowel itself to align the leading edge to the plywood braces prior to gluing the LE in place. It is a simple and foolproof method to get all the holes aligned.

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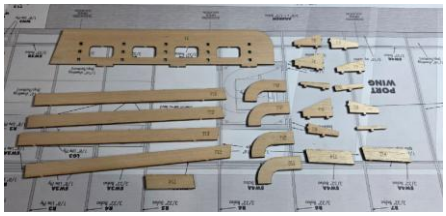
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The wing is then sheeted in a conventional fashion and the laser cut cap strips are installed. In the background of this picture, you can see the massive center brace that is installed into the wing channel.



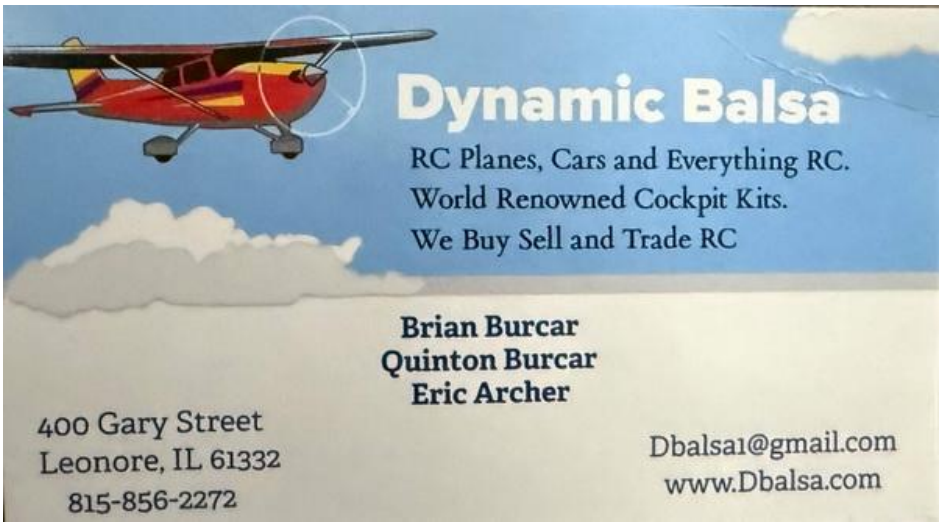
The wingtips, rather than being carved out of a single or a couple of pieces of balsa, are built from 22 laser cut pieces of balsa each.



The end result is this sort of built up and laminated structure that requires no less sanding and shaping than any regular method of construction. The end structure is extremely strong, however, and you can easily lift the entire wing after the halves are joined and hold it horizontally by a single tip. It should survive the occasional cross wind landing!



I am going to cut this off here. Next month we will dig into the fuselage, which does deserve an entire article by itself. Until then, Happy Building! ☺







Door Prize Winners At 2026 TCRC Auction



Rich Ross won a Heli.



Dave Ristau won a Vapor



Karl Hanson won a SkyTrainer



Matthew Hahnke won a Crescendo



Duane Smallwood won a Switch



Marc Tellevick won a Factor



John Byers won a Raven



Umar Abdi won a Spirit Twin

2026 Dues Renewal Information and Payment Instructions

by Tim Wirtz, TCRC Treasurer

2026 Membership[Dues are the same as 2025

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

- 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 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*:
- 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 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.



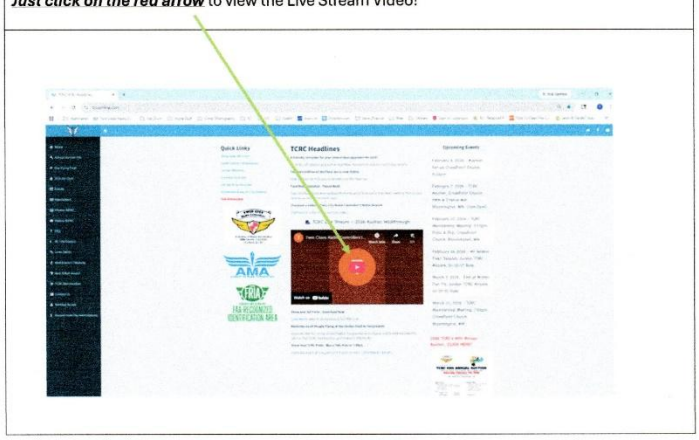
What's New with TCRC's Website?

by Tom Hall, Webmaster

We continue to improve and polish information stored on our https://www.tcrconline.com website! Just some quick updates you can find with navigation instructions:

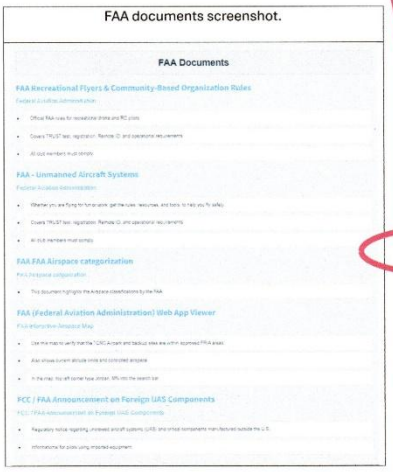
1. **Live Streaming 2026 Auction** –
   a. We formally added LIVE STREAMING to the TCRC website!
   b. We did 4 live streaming sessions
      i. Set-up of the auction the night before and we captured multiple planes being checked early.
      ii. Next stream session was early morning of the auction, just as the auctioneers started!
      iii. Next streaming session was done in the early afternoon when the large planes up on stage were auctioned.
      iv. The fourth stream session was late afternoon when the auction was wrapping up.

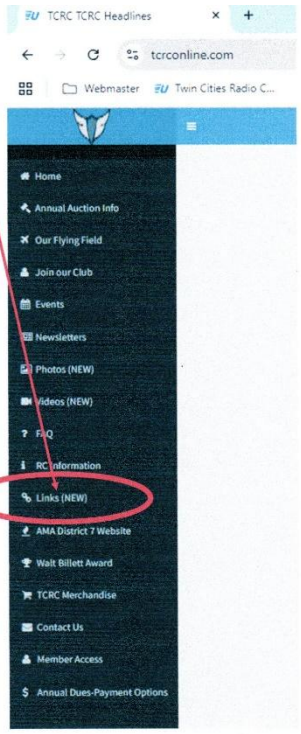
Figure 1. Screenshot of TCRC main page showing the Live Stream Location (Center page). ***Just click on the red arrow*** to view the Live Stream Video!



2. **FAA links** –
   a. New FAA links have been added & updated! On the main TCRC webpage, Go to the left side bar, click on Links (New)!
   b. Scroll to the bottom of the links page until you see the FAA section:

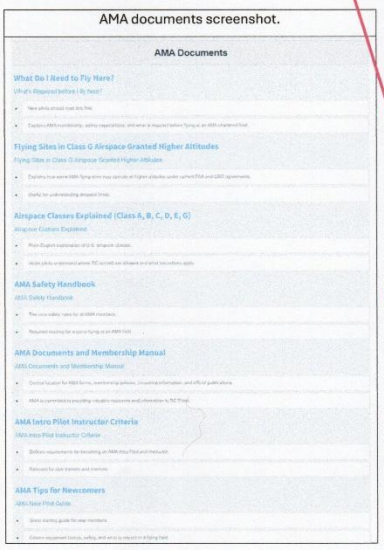
FAA documents screenshot.

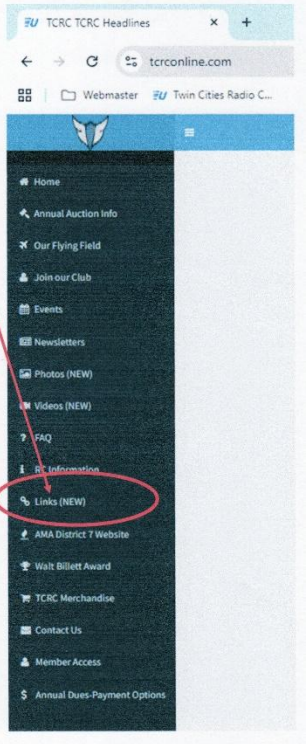




3. **AMA links** –
   a. Again, new AMA links have been added & updated! On the main TCRC webpage, Go to the **left side** bar, click on Links (New)!
   b. Scroll down the links page (about a ¼) until you see the AMA section:

AMA documents screenshot.



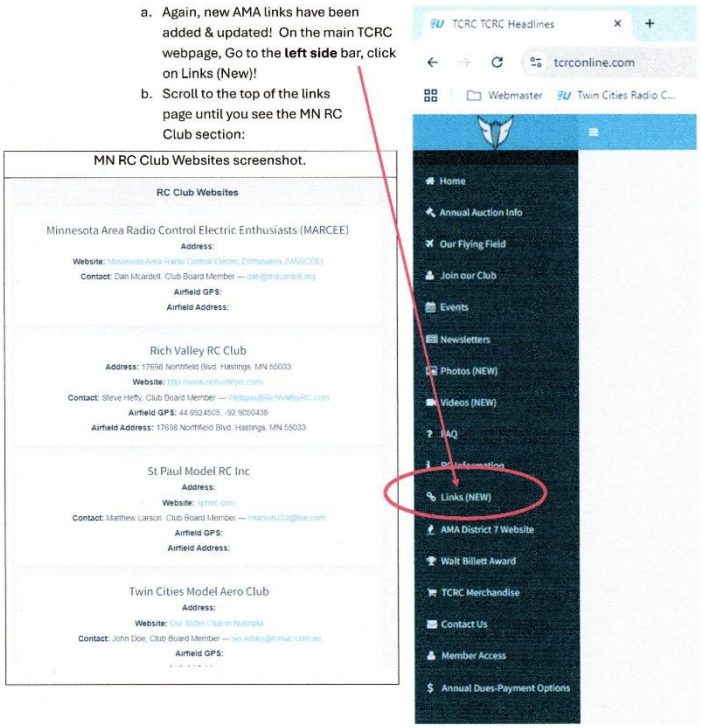


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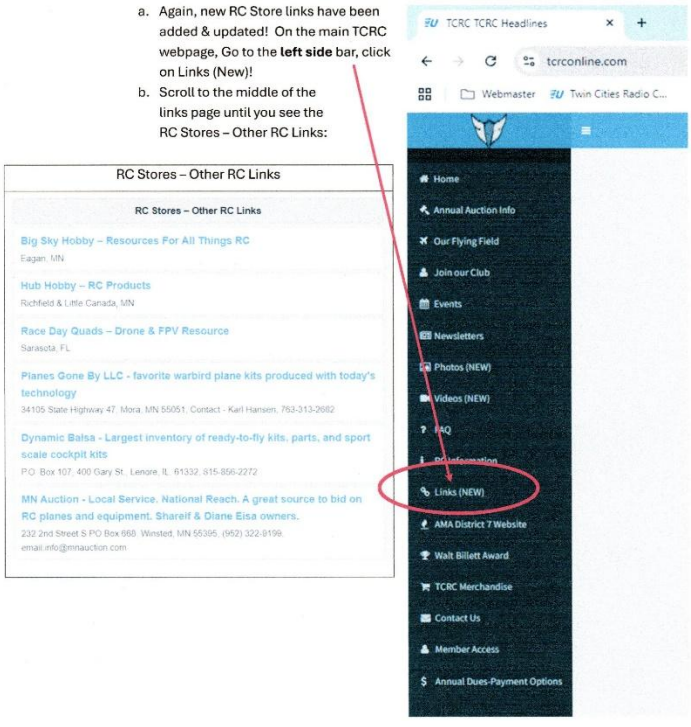
What's New With TCRC's Website

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4. **RC Clubs in Minnesota links** –
   a. Again, new AMA links have been added & updated! On the main TCRC webpage, Go to the **left side** bar, click on Links (New)!
   b. Scroll to the top of the links page until you see the MN RC Club section:



5. **RC Stores – Other RC Links** –
   a. Again, new RC Store links have been added & updated! On the main TCRC webpage, Go to the **left side** bar, click on Links (New)!
   b. Scroll to the middle of the links page until you see the RC Stores – Other RC Links:



- **Take some time to learn how to navigate our website!! The more you use the TCRC website, the more informed you will be! Nothing is better than practicing navigation. You can't break the website.**

- **We will continue to add new features to the Members Access site! PLEASE offer up any ideas you would like to see specific to this site!!**

- **I have some great pictures & videos that I need to add to the TCRC website! If you want to share your photos or videos, please send them to me at webmaster@tcrconline.com.** ☺

A Couple More Auction Pix



Never at a loss for words, Scott Anderson found a microphone. (Photo by Jim Cook)



Keeping the auctioneer busy. (Photo by Jim Cook)

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Contacting The Editor

by Jim Cook

I have shut down my "Q" email address and will no longer receive emails there.

To contact me, or send an article or photos, please use my "icloud" address from now on.

Thanks. ☺

Calendar

Mar. 7	**End of Winter Funfly Jordan Flying Site 10-10-10 Rule**
Mar. 10	**TCRC Membership Meeting 7:00 PM CrossPoint Church Bloomington**
Apr. 1	**2nd Quarter Board Meeting, 7 PM President Bob's Home**
Apr. 4	**April Fools Fun Fly Jordan Flying Site**
Apr. 14	**TCRC Membership Meeting 7:00 PM CrossPoint Church Bloomington**

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. ☺

Always Wear An Orange Vest To Retrieve A Plane

The Minnesota Deer Hunting Season is now over.

However, if for any reason you go into the woods while at the Jordan field, still put on an orange vest! This is a club requirement!

If your airplane does go down in the woods, the orange vests are quite close. The orange vests are stored in the rafters of the shelter and easy to reach.

Be safe! Wear an orange vest anytime you have to retrieve an airplane. ☺

TCRC Apparel For Sale

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. ☺

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. ☺

TCRC Jordan Field Report

The Jordan Flying Site is open and there have been several pilots availing themselves to the field and the warmer weather. However, with the warmer weather, frost is starting to come out of the ground and ground has been getting soft from the thawing.

The Minnesota River level at Jordan is 8.05-feet right now. There is no projection at this time past the current day and probably will not be any until later in the month when any snow to the west of the Cities melts rapidly, and spring storms occur. The Jordan field will see water creep onto the field from the east when the River at Jordan reaches 18-feet.

Keep your fingers crossed that the 2026 Minnesota Spring will not affect the TCRC flying field. ☺

Auction Volunteer Winners

As a very small thank you to the almost 50 TCRC members that worked so hard at the 49th Annual Auction, the club had a drawing at the February 10th regular meeting, for $25 gift certificates. The winners were:

- **Pedro Restrepo**
- **Brent Schultz**
- **Tim Kepner**
- **Cory Kaderlik**
- **Scott Anderson**
- **Luca Balacazar**
- **Paul Theis**
- **Brent Ross**
- **Brian Johnson**

Congratulations to the winners! ☺

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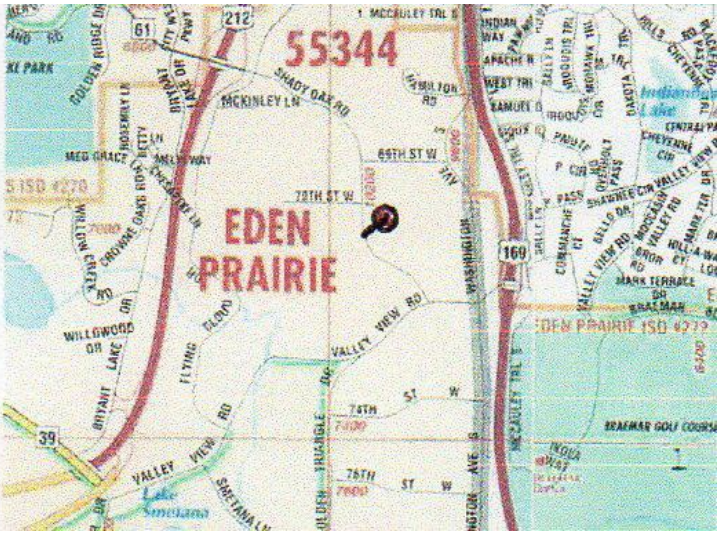
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