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2026 Fall "We're Back!" TCRC Float Fly

by Steve Meyer

After missing the Spring Float Fly TCRC was excited to return to Bush Lake for our Fall Float Fly. A big thank-you goes to Bob Briesemeister for working with Three Rivers to get permission for TCRC to use Bush Lake beach again. Bob reminded them that TCRC has been safely flying RC float planes at Bush Lake for more than 40 years, and they agreed to let us continue the tradition.

We were asked to hold the event on Sunday because the beach had been reserved for a yoga group on Saturday. Unfortunately for the yoga group, they were rained out — but fortunately for us, Sunday turned out to be a great day for flying!



The 15 pilots at the Fall Float Fly took a short time off from flying to pose for a picture. (Photo by Steve Meyer)

Another big thank-you goes to Tim Wirtz for taking care of the necessary permits and insurance.

I arrived at the beach around 8:30 a.m., and Rick Beutler already had the retrieval boat in the water. The forecast called for an 8–12 mph breeze from the east, so we knew the boat could come in handy if anyone experienced trouble in the crosswind. The pilots quickly discovered that taking off and landing into the wind from the north side of the lake helped keep the planes from tipping over.

By 9:00 a.m., 15 pilots were getting ready to fly, and by the end of the event we had 20 registered pilots. Before the flying began, I held a short meeting to review the event safety rules. Most of the pilots had flown at Bush Lake before and were familiar with the important rule of keeping the aircraft over the water.

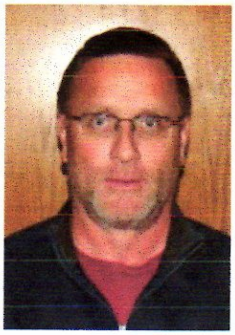
Tim Kepner's Tidewater was the first aircraft in the air Sunday morning. Later, Tim also flew his nitro-powered Seamaster. Rick Beutler flew his Seamaster as well as a Slow Stick, while I managed to put six flights on my E-flite Timber.

The Timber was the most popular aircraft of the day, with seven pilots flying different versions of the plane.

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A Note from The Head Wing Nut

By Bob Briesemeister



Welcome to October. The leaves are starting to turn, and the morning temperatures are getting a bit chilly but I'm still wearing shorts. For now. Fall is my favorite season and is still a great time to do some flying. We were blessed this summer with the field not flooding and not having to fly at the Scott County Fairgrounds. Compared to other parts of the country that had flooding rains and flash floods.

September and the first weekend of October were a little busy for TCRC and its members with a meeting and fun fly's. It started with our last membership meeting for 2026 at the airpark. As I said when I moved the summer meetings to the flying field maybe 10 years ago, "Why have the meeting inside when the weather is nice and we could be flying?" At that meeting I mentioned that I was still in talks on having the Fall Float f Fly at Bush Lake Park.

That brings us to the Fall Float Fly. The meeting was on Tuesday the 8th of September and I was leaving on vacation on Thursday the 10th. I got a call on Wednesday the 9th finally getting approval from the City of Bloomington and Three Rivers Park District allowing us to have the float fly at Bush Lake. Now I had to see if Steve Meyer was available to manage the event, had to find a rescue boat and see if Tim could get the insurance from AMA in time. Everything came together and the float fly was held on September 20th. It was decided that TCRC is grandfathered in to continue having the float fly at Bush Lake for years to come! Thanks to everyone that helped with pulling the float fly off and to the City of Bloomington and Three Rivers for allowing us to continue a 40-year tradition for TCRC.

The next event was the Swap Meet on the 26th. I returned just in time to get myself ready, my items to sell organized, and to chair the event. The weather looked a little sketchy. The forecast said the rain would hold off until 11 o'clock. They were wrong. It started to drizzle at 7.30 am, so I set up my tents and put items out to sell. I was pleasantly surprised as cars started to come in and set up. I guess if you can't fly you might as well go to a swap meet. There were about 15 vendors and another 20 buyers. It was over by 10'30 but considering the weather it all worked out. We will have the next swap meet in May of 2027, but don't forget about the auction on February 6th, 2027.

Last but not least. Crocktoberfest was held on October 4th instead of the 3rd as the weather looked better on Sunday. Good call Brian. It was well attended with around 25 club members coming out to fly. Good food was provided by Ken Weddell and others that brought items to fill in. Great event Brian!

The membership meetings are moving back to CrossPoint Church starting on October 13th at 7 pm. Sorry TCRC will not be providing dinner at the winter meetings. Usually there is a program and of course bring an airplane to show.

At the November 10th membership meeting the TCRC elections will be held for 2027. All executive board positions along with an at-large positions are up for election. Brian Johnson is not running for reelection as Vice President this year. I want to thank him for his service to TCRC as Vice President and at-large board member over the years. The rest of the board is running as incumbents to the best of my knowledge. Tim and I have both been thinking of stepping down after next year as we have been on the board for more years than we can remember. Tim would like to find a member to do the membership duties. If you are interested, please contact Tim or myself with any questions. Please think about becoming a board member and helping to shape the club for the next generation.

The TCRC Banquet will be held on Sunday November 22nd at Evert McClay VFW in Bloomington. Time to be determined but 4;30 or 5. Still firming up some details. Should be a pasta menu not Chinese as in the past.

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See you on the water in 2027! ☺

TCRC Fall Float Fly

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Terry Splettstoezer's Carbon Cub was the largest float plane at the event, although he also brought along a much smaller AeroScout. Tom Hall certainly put his AeroScout batteries to good use with plenty of flying.

We also had some great-looking scale aircraft. Mike Maloney flew an Albatross painted in Coast Guard colors. Julian Bristow's Beaver and Scott Olson's Cessna 150 were two high-wing float planes that provided some excitement when the wind flipped them over while taxiing.

Of course, no RC event would be complete without a few memorable mishaps! The Crash-Landing Awards go to Tom Young for his over-controlled, out-of-control Laker and to another pilot whose 3D-printed aircraft decided to come apart in midair. Fortunately, crashes are part of the hobby, and they gave everyone something to talk about afterward!

A special thanks goes to Rick Beutler for bringing the retrieval boat and to Thaddeus for supplying the outboard motor. And, of course, thanks to all the pilots who came out and supported the event.

It was great to be back at Bush Lake, and we hope this is the beginning of many more Float Fly events there. We'll be back in May of 2027! So, if you don't already have a float plane in your collection, now is the time to get one. Come join us at Bush Lake next year for some flying, fun, and great fellowship!

The Beach At Bush Lake Was A Busy Place At The Fall Float Fly!



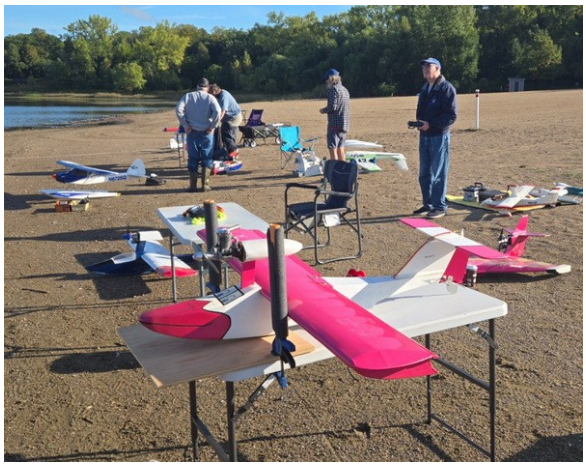
Busk Lake Park has an ideal sand point that juts out into the lake allowing pilots to almost always having perfect conditions for take-offs and landings. (Photo by Steve Meyer)

The Retrieval Boat Is Always An Important Part Of The Float Fly!



The wind was around 10 mph most of the day at the Float Fly, causing a few of the high-wing planes to end up stranded in the lake, making the presence of the retrieval boat a must. (Photo by David O'Hara)

Pictures From TCRC's Fall Float Fly



The pits at the Float Fly on Bush Lake are nice and close to the piloting area.



The wind caused some planes to tip over but they weren't damaged and quickly back ready to fly.



Long-time chair of the TCRC float fly's Steve Meyer put several flights on his Timber.



Mike Maloney's Albatross taxis in after another successful flight.



Mike Maloney's Albatross has a nice smooth lift off of Bush Lake.



Tom Hall documents Tom Young's rc plane condition of the airplane after his flight.

Photos by Steve Meyer and David O'Hara

More Pictures From TCRC's Fall Float Fly



Tim Kepner's Seamaster gets ready for another smooth flight at the Float Fly.



There were lots of neat airplanes of all shapes and sizes at the Fall Float Fly.



Terry Splettstoezer got the award for the largest plane at the Float Fly with his Carbon Cub.



Bush Lake Park's point is really nice as the pilots can taxi their planes right up to the beach.



A neat looking Delta wing airplane showed up at the Fall Float Fly.



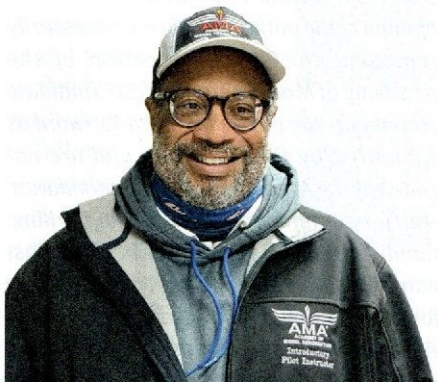
The Seamaster returned to the pits for some tuning prior to another flight.

Photos by Steve Meyer and David O'Hara

Randy Gibson Candidate For AMA Exec. VP

by Jim Cook

Randy Gibson, AMA District VII Vice President, is running for AMA Executive Vice President this year.



Randy is no stranger to TCRC. He has attended the last two Annual Auctions and has also journeyed to Minnesota to present long-time TCRC member David Andersen with the AMA Hall of Fame Award.

Randy has been a tireless District VII VP and is quite well known in the district.

In his campaign statement, which can be found on page 105 of the October 2026 edition of ***Model Aviation***, Randy said, "Hello AMA members. My name is Randy Gibson, and I am seeking your support in my campaign to be your Executive Vice President on the AMA Executive Council. Allow me to get directly to the point. Many of these statements talk about how they started in the hobby and much about themselves. You, as voting members, do not need that fluff; rather let's get into the brass tacks. As the current District VII Vice President, the members of the district have seen that I not only visit them, but I listen to what they say. I have heard the concerns of those members, and I am sure many of their concerns are the same as yours: costs, decline in membership both at the club level as well as nationally, value for membership, and support from AMA headquarters."

That is not just campaign rhetoric! TCRC members know first hand from Randy's visits to the club that he means what he says. I have been a member of the AMA and TCRC for 40 years and I cannot think of one single District VII VP ever visiting our club.

You can find Randy's complete campaign statement on page 105 of the October 2026 issue of ***Model Aviation,*** as well as the campaign statement of his opponent Phil Tallman from Medicine Lake, Washington.

The club and the District need to get out and show their support for Randy. It will be great to have a representative from District VII with Randy's spirit on the AMA Executive Council.

Spread the word to other AMA clubs in the area to make sure they are aware of the election and the importance of their votes.

Your AMA official Election Ballot should have arrived with your 2027 AMA Dues Statement in late September. On that ballot you can vote for National Executive Vice President, and also for District VII VP. Randy is running for Executive VP against Phil Tallman from Washington. Randy is running unopposed for District VII VP. Make sure to show your support for him in both races. Make your vote count!

Your AMA Election Ballot must be postmarked no later than NOVEMBER 6, 2026 for your vote to be counted. Don't delay! Mail your completed AMA ballot in today! And postage is free! ☺

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Put it on your calendar. There will be lots of great door prizes and of course Jeopardy.

Please mark your calendar for the TCRC 50th Annual Auction. Yes 50!! What started out as a swap and auction between members has turned into the largest auction in the upper Midwest with over 600 items and 250 people in attendance. We need all of our members to volunteer to make the auction the best it has ever been.

One more thing. Believe it or not this will be the club's 70th anniversary. We were established in 1957 and also 50th year for the auction. Those are big milestones!!

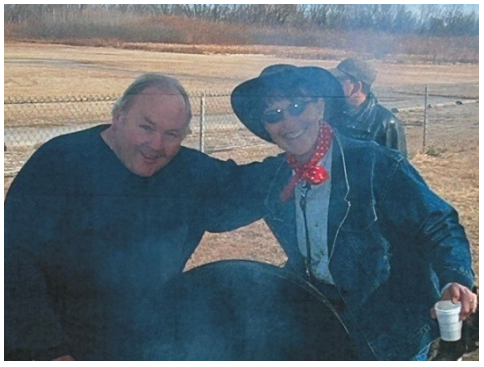
See you at the membership meeting or the field. ☺



Thirty, Forty or More Years

by Jim Ronhovde





CROCKTOBER FEST-WITCHES BREW

TCRC members are likely to be aware of the flying **WITCH ON A BROOMSTICK**. Apparently, she goes by many nicknames, Vroom Hilda, Broom Hilda, or simply The Witch. Whatever the name, she flies. The aging flying witch sometimes showed up at the Season Finale {now called Crocktoberfest) with a walking, talking devilish version. One time a mystery second witch scurried in, loudly screaming for the witch's attention.

The story really starts earlier. Bill discovered/purchased a witch hat at a yard sale on the arrival day at a Park Rapids trek. With a plan in mind, a scheme to award this gift to Sue S labeled from Jim C. You see Sue and Jim had a long active game of name calling each other - a pseudo battle of insults. This award established portrayal of Witch Sue. Witch Sue showed up at a Season Finale, featuring a chili contest. A devilish member decided to add to the fun and showed up in a poorly designed costume. It featured a pair of socks stuffed tied to gather and hung around the neck, under the costume. This provided a proper profile for the gender of a witch. Now that you have the background, the screaming witch entered, immediately connecting with wordless (very rare) surprised Witch Sue.



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Very soon the two witches proclaimed that Jim was a "HUNK" and always aware Jim, made sure he distanced himself from unknown diabolical plans from the witches. Frustrated witches then pursued Conrad N. and managed to trap him in a lawn chair! Now there is greater focus on flying with the lunch featuring walking tacos, plus.

Other events at the Finale include games for the young and the young-at-heart. Flying, something for everybody, games for kids and a contest to enhance a picture for Turkey of the year honors. Potluck food for lunch. A custom contest was always interesting. Whatever the agenda is, it is always fun at the

CROCKTOBER FEST-WITCHES BREW

Calendar

Oct. 3	**Crocktoberfest Season Finale TCRC Jordan Field Brian Johnson**
Oct. 13	**TCRC Meeting CrossPoint Church Bloomington, MN 7:00 PM**
Nov. 10	**TCRC Meeting CrossPoint Church Bloomington, MN 7:00 PM**
Nov. 10	**TCRC Elections CrossPoint Church Bloomington, MN**
Nov. 22	**TCRC Banquet McClay VFW Bloomington, MN 5:00 PM**

The Workshop





Brian Johnson
Vice President

Hello and welcome to the workbench!

This month, we are stepping outside for an event that is very near and dear to me -- Crocktoberfest! I love this event for lots of reasons, some of which I described last month when I was trying (shamelessly) to drum up attendance, but for other reasons for which I did not go into detail. This is the time of year when I transition from puttering in my workshop getting planes ready to fly, doing minor repairs, and tackling small projects to really focusing on what will be my winter build. The shop gets a cleaning, inventory gets taken, plans are studied, and supply orders get placed. Crocktoberfest is that mental demarcation where my mode shifts.

It is also quite possibly the final time I will see a lot of my flying buddies at the field before the snow flies so I appreciate the time I get to spend with a larger group of people than I see on most weekends, catch up on what is going on, swap a few tall tales, and get up to some shenanigans that always leads to a good many laughs.

This year was quite possibly the best I have seen in terms of weather, but it did not start that way. I was watching the forecast all week long and it was looking dicey for a Saturday even by Tuesday morning and by Friday I had to make the call to switch the event to Sunday. I always fret over that decision because I know how disruptive it is to change weekend plans at the last minute, so I had to weigh picking the better day versus possibly making it impossible for some people to join. In the end, the difference in the forecast between the two days was simply too great to ignore and I had to favor the kinder weather. It was a decision that I would not regret!

Attendance was great and we had a large number of folks who were gracious enough to accommodate the change in days. The weather was sunny with very few clouds making visibility a nonissue for all type of livery, and the wind was present but consistent, friendly, and light all morning and into the afternoon. It was not until well after lunch that the breeze picked up and became a consideration when taking off and landing.

They say pictures are worth about a thousand words each, so let's get into it – you all have about 10,000 words to go in that case!

I arrived at the field about 8:00 am to get things set up and was honestly not surprised to find the gate already open. Rick was already down there enjoying some quiet tranquility and a McDonald's breakfast before the commotion began. He did not get a lot of time to himself, because within minutes, the parking lot had filled up and pilots were busy preparing for the day.



The benches quickly filled up and people were eagerly showing each other what they had brought and what they intended to fly first. Rick was so excited he shed tears of joy at the sheer sight of everyone.



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Actually-I am pretty sure I caught him mid-sneeze and I am sure he will be thrilled that I shared this one with everyone. You are welcome, Rick! 😊 I never said photography was a skill of mine..



Here Dave is getting Medusa ready -- trying to sort out the insane amount of wiring that goes into 4 receivers and 4 batteries -- and finally, JJ sending it off once the pilots were ready



In addition to the vehicle parking, the aircraft parking filled up quickly with the preview of what we would all get to watch flu throughout the day, and folks brought everything from warbirds, flying wings. ½A to pretty good sized, electric to gas. That is another great thing about Crocktoberfest-you get to see a little bit of everything.



Now, in years past, this event was somewhat more structured. We would have open flying, but the main event was fun fly contests. Since I have moved away from that format, a number of you have brought your own creativity to the event and I must say, I am always impressed with the fun ideas that get shared. Dave Erickson sent me a text the evening before that he was readying something called Medusa. This is a plane that gets fitted with four receivers and is flown by four pilots, each with one of the four basic controls. In this case, there was Spektrum, Futaba, Airtronics, and RadioMaster all represented in one plane and I tell you what, it takes a lot of coordination and communication for four people to fly one airplane from the ground! These guys actually made it look pretty easy and ended up making several flights and landing safely each time.



There was a little bit of excitement as they got used to the situation, but with Dave acting as pilot-in-command, everyone settled down and began to engage in good natured banter and flew very well. It would have been hard to guess that there was more than one person flying if not for the yelling back and forth and laughter coming from the flightline.



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When lunch time came around, Ken was once again the star of the show, cooking and serving walking tacos to the hungry pilots and their guests. They were a big hit! Not to be out done, Miguel also stepped up and brought some pulled pork sandwiches and homemade venison sausage for everyone to enjoy! Thank you both for making sure nobody had to go home hungry or thirsty!

One of my favorite staples of Crocktoberfest is Jim Ronhovde's magnificent flying witch and I was happy to see that she did not miss this year. Jim is braver than most when it comes to flying in the wind and he did not hesitate to have her take flight despite the afternoon breeze that was picking up.





The flight was quite exciting, and she ended a little further downwind than I expected she could recover from, but pilot Jim held on and adhered to the number one rule of aviation-never stop flying! After a few circles through the turbulence, he had her flying right and headed back to the area just above the runway. The flight ended with what is by far the best landing I have ever seen from this craft. He did not even kill the engine!

We even had a rather majestic visitor come to check out what all the fuss was about. This guy circled for several minutes, not the least bit bothered by the non-living craft flying about.



I am going to close with my favorite pictures from the day-the ones that capture what Crocktoberfest is all about. People smiling, sharing laughs, and having a good time. These pictures can be seen on page 11.

Until next month! ☺

2026-2027 AMA Dues Statements

Most older TCRC members should have received their 2026-2027 dues statements in the mail in late September from the Academy of Model Aeronautics. Newer members renew on the anniversary of the month they joined.

AMA 2027 dues have gone up somewhat from the previous year. They are:

- Adult (19-65) $99
- Senior (65 and up) $89
- 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 **and** digital ***Model Aviation*** for the year. This is a change from last year where the digital edition of ***MA*** was an additional fee.

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 2027 AMA dues is December 15 to avoid a lapse in membership services. ☺

More Pictures From The 2026 Crocktoberfest













Photos by Brian Johnson

January *Model Aviation* To Have Article On TCRC's Annual Auction

by Tim Wirtz

(Editor's Note: The 2027 edition of TCRC's Annual Auction will be its 50th anniversary. Tim Wirtz submitted an article on that auction to AMA's ***Model Aviation*** *magazine, and it will be published in the January issue. It will also include several photos that were also submitted. Below is the article Tim submitted.)*

TCRC Auction 50th Anniversary

The Twin City Radio Controllers 50th running of their annual auction is February 6, 2027.

What started as a swap of planes among members of the club 50 years ago has become an all-day auction open to the public and attracting buyers and sellers from six states in the Upper Midwest, selling 650+ items from 80+ sellers to 250+ bidders. All items are related to radio control aircraft, no cars, or boats. The auction features professional auctioneers, concessions, door prizes and even a raffle.

The auction is always held the first Saturday in February at the church where Twin City Radio Controllers hold their monthly membership meetings. The club uses all the rooms of the church to securely store the items and holds the auction in the main sanctuary. The work starts for club members the night before. We take pictures of every room and remove or rearrange all the furniture, lay carpet protector down to guard against any spills, and set up the various stations that allow people to register, check in their items, grab some concessions, and pay for / retrieve items they purchased. The members then begin checking in items, cataloging them by number into specialized auction software provided by the same company, MNAuction, that supplies the auctioneers.

The day of the auction starts for members at about 6:00 am. Once coffee has been made and all the stations set up, we allow sellers in to register their items and auction attendees and bidders to pay admission and get a bidder card. There are three to five people putting all this information into the secure software application while others take registered items from the sellers and put them in secured areas of the church awaiting their turn on the auction table. Thirty minutes prior to the auction start, bidders are allowed to view the items in the secured areas. We only allow items that will get at least a $20 opening bid to go through the main auction. Items that we feel won't get that opening bid can be combined with other items in the seller's collection or can be placed on the Bargain Table, where buyers can buy them at any time throughout the day.

The auction starts promptly at 9:00 am. Thanks to the professional auctioneers, we average 58 seconds to sell an item. Items are brought from the secured areas to a display section in the auction hall before being brought across the stage for sale. Most items sell for between $50 and $300, but we do have around 10 items each year that sell for over $500, with some selling for as much as $1,900. The highest bid wins. If a seller wants to buy back their item because it isn't drawing the amount they'd like to get, they have to be the winning bid. We charge a 10% or $20 (whichever is greater) buyback fee and we take care of it during seller reconciliation and payment.

Periodically, we'll stop the auction to give away one of the 8 to 10 door prizes, which are donated by or purchased at a discount from local hobby shops. These door prizes cannot be won by TCRC club members. Only the non-member attendees to the auction can win door prizes.

Concessions start with donuts and coffee in the morning and then hot dogs, chips, soda, water, and cookies available at lunch.

Successful bidders can pay for and remove their purchased item at any time during the auction. This allows them to take apart large items without the end of day crowds. It also helps our treasurer by clearing out some of the items before the auction ends, saving time at the end of the day.

After the auction closes, any remaining items are purchased and removed by the buyers. The members clean up every room, replacing all furniture per the pictures taken prior to the event. Sunday, the account

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reconciliation happens, with checks cut to sellers that day. Sellers are charged a 10% or $5.00 (whichever is greater) fee for each item offered for sale. The auction software has dramatically reduced the time to do the reconciliation and made it much more accurate and efficient.

This event is our main fundraising event. We don't charge landing fees or other fees for our flying events. If you're interested in attending the auction or learning more about how to host an auction, please contact Twin City Radio Controllers, club #383. ☺

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. ☺

TCRC Elections November 11th

It is already October and the year is racing past. That means that the TCRC elections are only one month away. As usual, the elections will be held at the November meeting, which this year will be Tuesday, November 10th at CrossPoint Church.

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

Currently the officer positions are held by Bob Briesemeister, president; Brian Johnson, vice president; Ken Weddell, secretary; and Tim Wirtz, treasurer. Brian Johnson has announced that he will not run for re-election this year. Brian has served on the board as VP and as an at-large member for many years. A huge thank you to Brian for that service to the club.

The elections will be discussed at the October 6lh membership meeting. Please consider being a candidate for TCRC office. The club needs you. Be both a voter and a candidate at the TCRC elections on November 11th. ☺

THE TCRC FLARE OUT
Monthly Newsletter

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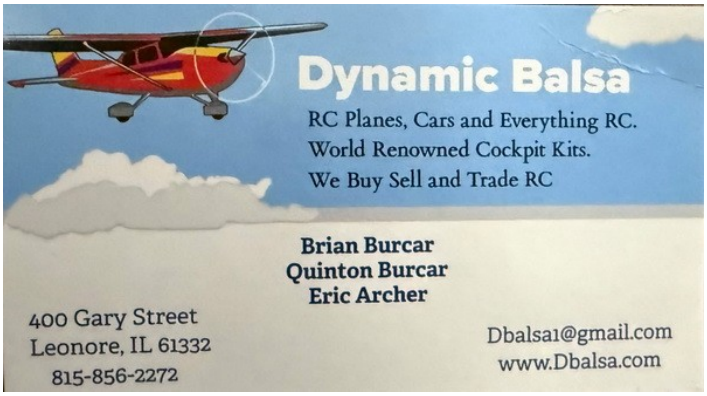
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TCRC meets every month on the 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall of CrossPoint Church located on the southeastern corner of the intersection of 98th Street and France Avenue in Bloomington. Guests are welcome to attend these meetings.

TCRCOnline.com

Use It!









Share Your Old *Model Aviation* Magazines

by Jim Cook

I don't save my old ***Model Aviation*** magazines, but I do not throw them out either. I share them.

When my next issue of the AMA magazine comes, I take my previous month's issue and put it in one of the very small neighborhood lending libraries that can be seen around the area. These are small boxes with a glass front sitting on a post along the road or in a store parking lot. They hold about 20 or so books that people donate or trade for another book. My wife started using them and enjoys having them nearby.

I started putting my old ***MA's*** in them and was surprised when they would disappear quickly. It makes me feel good that someone else can enjoy reading about our hobby.

It is certainly better than just throwing them away ☺

Always Wear An Orange Vest To Retrieve A Plane

The Minnesota Deer Hunting Season started on September 19th for bow hunters and the Youth and Antlerless Seasons open on October 15th.

So, if you go into the woods around the field for any reason, you wear 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. ☺

Building Season Has Arrived!

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 Banquet Change



For many years the TCRC Annual Banquet has been held on a Saturday in November at David Fong's Restaurant in Prior Lake.

Unfortunately, Fong's is closing its doors and TCRC had to find a new venue for the event.

In 2026, the TCRC Annual Banquet will be held on Sunday, November 22nd, at the Evert McClay VFW located at 311 West 84th Street in Bloomington, Minnesota.

Even though the location and day have changed, the banquet will still be the sane enjoyable event it has always been.

Make plans to attend the TCRC Annual Banquet on Sunday, November 22nd.

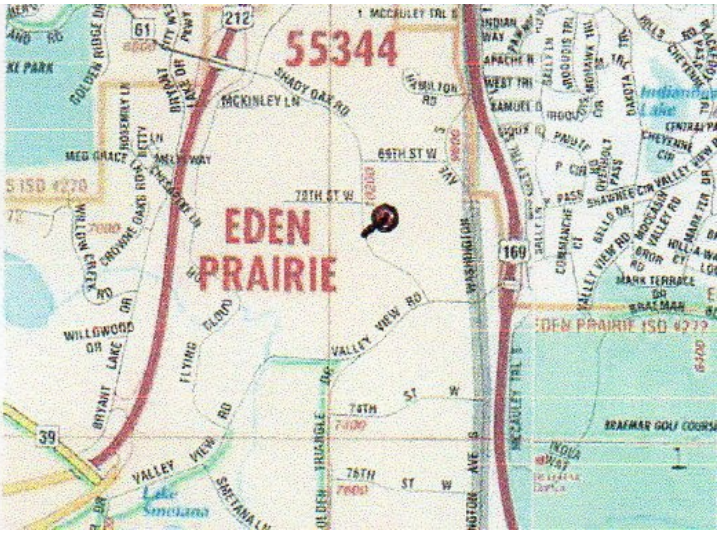


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