

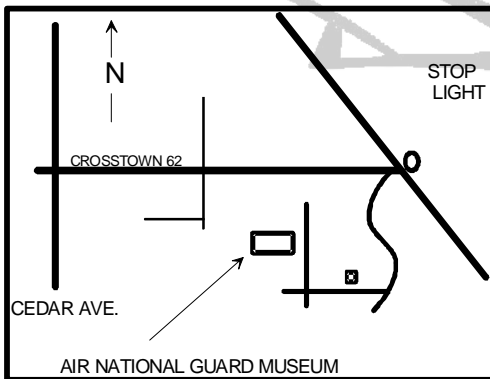
Looking Up!!

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Wanted: Sailplane Pilots!!

All **MRCSS** members must also be a member of the **AMA**, Academy of Model Aeronautics. See any hobby shop or contact an officer for an application.

To join **MRCSS**, Send \$20 to **MRCSS**
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JIRIK SOD FARM	ROBINSON LANDSCAPING	PRESCOTT SLOPE	SUPERSLOPE
4 miles East of FARMINGTON on Co Rd 66. Park on Co Rd 66 or on Blaine ave (N/S road). Winch and high starts available on site. Contact an officer for locker combination.	2 miles East of Lexington Ave on Main Street (CR 14, 125 th street) in Lino Lakes . This is the Sod Farm on the South side of the road. DO NOT FLY ON THE SOD FARM ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE ROAD.	8 miles east of Prescott Wisconsin on Hwy. 10 Take Minnesota Hwy. 61 to Hwy. 10 just north of Hastings. East on Hwy. 10 into Wisconsin, through Prescott. Continue east on Hwy. 10 8 miles to "The Virginian" restaurant on north side of road. Park in north-west corner of lot, hop the electric fence and climb the hill. beware the fence. It's hot! N.N.W. to N.E. winds.	4 miles SE of Northfield . Take MN 246 to Ibson ave. South on IBSON then East on 135 th to Isaacson Trail. Isaacson Trail follows top of the Ridge. SSE to WSW winds at 5-25 MPH needed.

FIELD RULES for SOD FARMS

Nos

- No walking on newly seeded or new growth area
- No driving or parking on the property unless owner permission given on the day you visit (even on "on site" roads).
- No Smoking or Alcoholic beverages
- No Littering
- No music or yelling
- No walking on wet areas
- No recreational vehicles
- No flying of GAS models
- No flying near owner buildings
- No assisting none-insured flyers
- No parking in front of access points

YESs

- Use bright colored streamers on all stakes
- Use frequency board when 5 or more members are flying
- Take all trash home with you
- Pick up any debris found, even if it is not yours
- Park only on the road, and appropriately
- Yield to all farm work and all farm workers, be friendly!
- Use off-site rest rooms
- Report all questionable none-MRCSS activities
- Report rule violations to a Leader Member
- YOU ARE A GUEST SO ALWAYS ACT LIKE ONE

Schedule of MRCSS Events:

June	18th	meeting 7:00 – 10:00 pm Air National Guard Museum
	20th	fun fly (Kirk Hall 866-1388)
July	16th	meeting 7:00 – 10:00 pm Air National Guard Museum
	18th	fun fly (Kirk Hall 866-1388)
	25th	Nostalgia Contest (Mike Martindale) AMA pending
August	15th	Contest (Bob Botha)
	20th	meeting 7:00 – 10:00 pm Air National Guard Museum
	22nd	fun fly (Kirk Hall 866-1388)
Sept.	17th	meeting 7:00 – 10:00 pm Air National Guard Museum
	19th	fun fly (Kirk Hall 866-1388)
	26th	Sailplane Regatta (Mike Trutwin) AMA pending
Oct.	15th	meeting 7:00 – 10:00 pm Air National Guard Museum
Nov.	19th	meeting 7:00 – 10:00 pm Air National Guard Museum
Dec.	17th	meeting 7:00 – 10:00 pm Air National Guard Museum

WING IT !

By: Mike Trutwin

As members of the MRCSS we should all feel lucky to have such a multitude of talent within our club. From gifted builders and fliers to creative designers and engineers, our resources are many. Best of all these members are more than happy, if not proud, to be able to share their talents and ideas with the rest of us.

I was thinking back to the days I was introduced to, and began R/C soaring. My thoughts and feelings then were ones of alienation. I had a high interest to learn, but didn't want to get in the way of the better fliers. I felt dumb asking for help with matters that may have seemed common sense to most. I would fly at the sod farm only at off times to be assured I was the only one there. Now after being with the club a few years, I see how wrong those thoughts were, but I still think they are common among many newcomers.

So how do we get the training, knowledge, and resources to those who need it? A few words of advice: For those who are newcomers to the sport or to the club, or for anyone looking for help, advice, or training, **Don't be afraid to ask.** There are no stupid questions. During the last few monthly meetings we have been allowing some time, aside from business matters, for members to pose questions amongst the other members in attendance. So far I think it's worked out quite well. If that's not the right place for you, call one of the officers, talk to someone at the field, whatever, just don't be afraid to ask. For those who have the experience or

knowledge, please think back to days you started flying and return something to the sport by offering your assistance to those who appear to be struggling.

We have an outstanding club here, and this is the stuff that should make you proud to be a part of it. It does for me.

Meeting Minutes

President Mike Trutwin called us to order at 7:27 P.M.

NEW FACES - Alan Phelps, who joined by mail in the past month, was topped by Mark Miller as our newest member when Mark joined at the meeting.

MESSAGE SYSTEM - The messaging system is being abandoned due to lack of suitable equipment. Members are encouraged to call each other regarding plans to go flying.

BUILDER'S CONTEST - Blown out on Saturday and Sunday, a non-flying version was held east of the AGM parking lot during this meeting. Raffle prizes were awarded. Winner of Beauty Contest was Mark Miller's Hobie Hawk, with Bill Young's U-2 sloper and Mike Martindale's Salto scale glider runners up.

MAY 23 FUN FLY - Kirk Hall announced Jirik sod farm as the location for 10 AM Saturday. Reports were that almost all fields have been stripped of sod.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS - Mike Trutwin will continue to work to prepare new, improved membership cards.

CLUB WINCH BATTERY - Dave DeGroot says he has the club battery, but that it is very tired and may need to be replaced this year. A majority of members voted for replacement, and Andy Karl is to buy one. (The club hi-start is said also to be weak.)

COMBAT SLOPE FOAMER ORDER - Jeff Tucker is handling a quantity order for Boomerang (flying wing) kits. Price is about \$40 + \$4 shipping. Call Jeff at 521-8063 to see if you can still add to his order.

Raffle and Combat Action Video

No raffle ticket sales this month, due to Builder's Challenge Raffle and Beauty Contest filling all available time.

Next month's raffle will offer a Gnome 2M kit, a Hot Flash flying wing, some fiberglass and 2 clamps.

For the remainder of the session we moved indoors and watched a video brought by Ed Berris (who else?) featuring foam combat slopers.

How Not to Run a Builder's Challenge

This is Jim Ladwig's confession of errors and omissions in this year's event.

The money from the entrants was turned in to the club Treasurer, along with membership dues. Some of the members included both payments in one check. All of this made it not possible for John Croke to return the entry fee as the members presented their completed planes at a meeting.

Next year the entry fees should be collected and kept separate, and returned as finished planes are presented.

John Croke will work with you to return your fee for the models finished this year, and to award the rest of the fees to the winner of the raffle.

Beginner's Fun Fly - June 20, 1998

Beginner and Learners Day For Electric Flyers on Saturday June 20th about 9:00 AM at Craig Lamatsch's private field North of Elk River. Event runs most of the day. Call Craig at 612-441-2858 if unsure about the weather. Rain date on Sunday.

Take Highway 169 North out of Elk River about 7.7 miles to County Rd 74 / 237th Avenue (14.5 Miles North of Intersection of I94 & Highway 101) turn right and then turn right again at the sign at the third private drive. (Second and third driveways are close together.) If you see the Art Barn just north of Elk River (on the west side of 169) then there's only 4 more miles to go.

We will have a couple of planes on buddy boxes and maybe an EPP Foam (nearly indestructible) glider that you can cut your teeth on or just to improve your skills. Bring your own planes to have them checked out and get help with test flying.

Members of MRCSS are encouraged to bring their hand launch gliders also.

(Information from MARCEE newsletter, Don Granlund editor, with some changes in wording by Jim Ladwig.)

MRCSS Web Site

Check out the new WEB Site at
<http://www.rcsoaring.com/mnclubs.htm>

Thanks Tom Rent for putting together a fantastic web page.

You can download the newsletter PDF file, (which is a platform independent document) from the web page.

If you prefer to download the PDF file rather than receive the newsletter by mail, contact Steve Stadler @ 483-5894 or ssadler@holadayinc.com.

MRCSS CLUB RECORDS

May 98

STUFF

LONGEST SLOPE DURATION

ALL TIME HIGH RECORD

CLASS	NAME	TIME	DATE	NAME	TIME	DATE
1.5M/HL	Tom Rent	1:42:03	4/11	JIM SMITH	2:43:10	6/88
2 METER				K. ROGERS	4:29:00	10/87
STD				TOM RENT	3:17:07	8/89
OPEN				K. ROGERS	2:45:38	10/82

LONGEST THERMAL DURATION

HL	Mike Martindale	2:45	5/03	Brian Brinkman	0:46:01	7/96
ILLUSION HL	Jim Ladwig	1:03	4/28	Dave Degroot	0:11:13	5/96
ILLUSION	Jim Ladwig	2:55	5/03	Jim Ladwig	2:55	5/98
1.5M						
2 METER	Bill Igoe	12:38	4/26	K. ROGERS	1:37:48	8/83
STD				R. DIABAISSO	2:13:00	6/87
OPEN	Tom Rent	37:02	4/26	S. BOWMAN	3:17:10	5/90

LONGEST ELECTRIC DURATION

5/6 CELL	Jim Ladwig	18:11	5/03	TOM RENT	0:44:49	4/93
7 CELL				J. SMITH	2:44:12	8/94
OPEN				Brinkman	1:04:38	9/94

FLIGHTS AFTER 6 pm

SLOPE						
THERMAL	Bill Igoe	1:09	4/28	C. KOTVAL	0:45:02	4/88
ILLUSION HL Thermal	Jim Ladwig	0:13	4/28	Jim Ladwig	0:00:13	5/98
ELECTRIC	Jim Ladwig	6:30	5/03	JIM SMITH	0:20:44	8/93

CROSS COUNTRY FLIGHTS

<12' SPAN						
>12' SPAN				KARL/ PERECMAN	6 MILES	6/90

*** BOLD NAMES REFLECT ACTIVITY RECORDED DURING THE MONTH ***
PHONE ALL RECORDS INTO JIM SMITH..831-8184.

LOTS OF OPEN RECORDS PICK A CATEGORY AND GO FOR IT !!!

Steve Stadler / MRCSS
786 Cannon Ave.
Shoreview, MN 55126

MRCSS Transmitter Bags - \$6 each

Shirts - \$8 each,

Tom Rent - 435-2792

From Jim Smith:

I received the following request for a "sale" item from a member of the boat club:

For Sale or Trade: "Professionally" built Gentle Lady, yellow with blue wings, ready to go with a Futaba Attack radio on channel 14. The airplane is completely built and unflown. The radio has not been installed. I'd really like to trade the plane and radio for an RC boat or boat kit but will consider a sale.

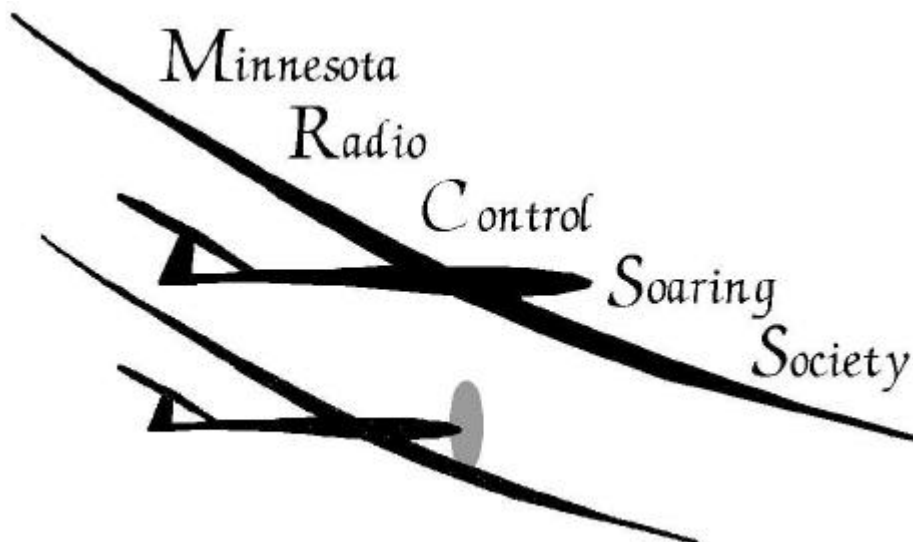
Jim Hughes 423-6970

100 Minute Club

Thermal

Slope

Mike Trutwin Level 1



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