

KCRC

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From the Hangar

Jerel Zarestky

KCRC AIRSHOW!

What a great turn out of club members we had!!!

I also heard many KCRC'ers mention what a good time they had. The weather affected our spectator attendance I'm sure, but it wasn't bad considering the forecast for the day and the way the weather looked that morning. I think this one was just right to get everyone pumped up for the next one...I've heard "the next one" mentioned more than once already.

We had some great commentating from Chris Luck as the main announcer and Joel Hebert, Mike Beard and Denny Evans as "roving reporters" with on-the-spot interviews. They kept things moving and the "discussion" lively. Everyone had their favorite acts but nothing excited me more than seeing Paul's big 100 cc Cap come in low on the deck with smoke on. It really was AIRSHOW time in Tennessee!

I put a few pictures on the KCRC web site mostly taken before we started (look for KCRC Events and start clicking). I hope to have more pictures up later that were taken during the show.

I understand that the weather was terrible at the SPA Masters contest in Atlanta the same weekend. We had so many nice weekends this summer and then the weather got us on two big events where our club members were involved.

Be sure to check the calendar of events. The flea market / picnic / fun-fly date has been changed. Also, keep an ear to the ground because there is serious talk of the club providing ham and turkey for the picnic. If the weather permits it should be a great day of flying and fun at KCRC.

Please note that the October meeting is at the Dean Hill Recreation Center from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 8th. We have the room starting at 6:00 p.m. so feel free to meet earlier for pre-meeting hanger talk.

We also need suggestions for programs at the meetings this fall... and people to give them. If you have an idea for a program, please contact Phil Cope or myself with what you're interested in and who you think might be a good candidate for presenting that material.

Until then, see you at the field!

Calendar of events for the KCRC area

October 12th... 2nd Annual Fall Swap & Fun Fli. Harriman RC Park. Fun Fly landing fee \$3. Food and drinks available. Contact Mike Foley at 865-717-0570 or Bob Moritz at 865-717-0414

October 19th... New date for KCRC 1st Annual Flea-Fun Fly. Flea Market in the AM, picnic (bring covered dish) at noon, Fun Fly in the PM, no landing fee. KCRC will probably furnish meat at a nominal cost. Contact Paul Funk at 687-6608 for information.

Not much activity for the immediate area. Big Bird fly-ins in Millington, Henderson and Memphis, Tn. Check AMA magazine for dates and times.

Senior Pattern Association news

The SPA Masters was flown in Paulding County, Georgia, over the weekend of September 14th and the KCRC contingent did quite well, thank you! Ed Hartley, in addition to winning the Super Senior Expert class, also won the Memorial Fly Off trophy. This trophy is the SPA's most prestigious trophy and is competed for by the top two pilots from Super Senior Expert and Senior Expert in previous Masters competition. Ben Oliver also did well and took 1st place in Super Senior Sportsman. This was Ben's fourth 1st place win this year!

In addition to the fireworks created by Ed and Ben, KCRC was also represented by Dennis Hunt, who had a very respectable 4th in Super Senior Expert.

Carl Sten has flown at the Paulding County field several times and has had trouble flying there. Carl will break through soon because he really works at it and it takes time to get the reflexes right. He still managed to win a 7th place finish out of ten contestants.

Tropical Storm Hannah didn't help a lot! Gale force winds were present throughout the competition and it took a great deal of concentration and skill just to get the planes down after the flights. For this reason, the competition was cut short.. (Picture shows contest director Mickey Walker presenting the Memorial Trophy to a very happy Ed Hartley.)



At the Field

The Air Show was held on Saturday, September 14th and was a great success. The weather before the show was due to start left something to be desired, so the decision was made to drop the admission charge because of the possibility of an abbreviated performance, but the rain stopped about 1/2 hour before the show was to start and everything went great. Before the start of the show, Mike Foley took his Hangar 9 Cub up to check the visibility ceiling. He took it a



aspect of our club, from small electric's to the mighty 1/3rd scale IMAC planes and even some spectacular helicopter flying.

I estimate that there were at least 3 or 4 hundred spectators who came out despite the threatening weather. Both bleachers were full and the rope barrier was lined two or three deep all along it. I heard many favorable comments. One fellow said he had been to several model airshows but this was the best he had ever seen.



little too high and it disappeared in the clouds at about 2 or 3000 feet. I saw the plane emerge from the clouds with the nose straight down and the model

moving like a bullet, I looked at Mike and saw that he was still looking up at the clouds for his plane; I screamed at Mike but he never once saw the plane as it bored full speed into the lake! That was the only casualty as everything else worked like clockwork. Chris Luck brought a really good PA system, and he and Mike Beard and Joel Hebert made a very interesting team announcing the event. Mike furnished some



Walt Keene brought a grill and the crew set up a food stand selling hotdogs and cold drinks. I think they sold almost everything they had. The club members turned



very funny color commentary and Joel did "Man on the Street" interviews with the flyers and the visitors. Chris Luck brought music to choreograph the flying and together with his sharp comments added much to the show. The club members themselves performed admirably. There was good representation of every



out in force to assist wherever they could, with many of them flying. There's no way I can remember all the names, but I hope that somebody has them.

The following pictures were mostly snapped before the show got under way. After it started, there was lots of



spectators around but no one had time to take pictures. Several of the members took videos and I think they will be seen at various occasions. I just wish there was room to show pictures of everything that went on. It would have made a nice journal to show around.

These pictures are courtesy of Jerel Zarestky, Charles Wilson and I took a couple myself.....



KCRC Meeting minutes from September

The September 10, 2002 meeting of the Knox County Radio Control Society was held at the field. President Jerel Zarestky called the meeting to order at 7:02pm and welcomed all members and guests.

Joel Hebert gave the Treasury report and the meeting minutes for the last meeting were passed as read in the newsletter. There were 30 members present.

Some regulation AMA nametags were bought by the Club and passed around to the members present. These are supposed to be filled out with your name, address and AMA number, and put inside your airplane, either on the wing saddle or in the fuselage. It was brought up that all members should either have their AMA numbers or their name and address somewhere in or on the plane. It's an AMA rule, and we have to abide by them. A question was brought up, as to whether the Club would buy the stickers from the AMA and make them available to the members. It was decided that the Club would buy 500 tags from the AMA. After a short discussion, a motion was made, and seconded to do just that. A vote was taken and it passed.

OLD BUSINESS

The first item of old business was the Cross Country meet that is being held at KCRC field on October 1 and October 8, 2002. John Heard said that he was out at the field during the last track meet on August 22nd, and John said he that nobody came up to the field.

The next item of old business that was discussed was the Float Fly. Jerry Goss said everybody should have a map by now. He also said somebody noticed that the road sign was missing. Jerry said that even if the road sign is missing, you still can't get lost. It was mentioned that the float fly is fun to watch, but even more fun to fly.

The next item of old business discussed was the Flea Market / Fun Fly and Picnic that is being held on October 5, 2002. It was noted that there was a conflict with that date, that there was a contest being held that same day that Paul Funk is going to attend. A suggestion was made to change the date of the Flea Market / Fun Fly & picnic. Another option is to have the Flea Market and the picnic on the same date, and forget about the Fun Fly. It was noted that October 19, 2002 was an open date. After a short discussion among the members present, a motion was made to move the event to the October 19th date, and the motion was seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed with a majority of the membership.

Denny Evans suggested that instead of having a pig roast at the end of October, that he could deep fry some turkeys and smoke a couple of hams, and everybody bring a covered dish, pitch in a couple of bucks for the meat and we could have a feast. It was suggested that a notice be put in the newsletter notifying all members who planned to attend the picnic to bring a covered dish. Jim Scarbrough said he would put a notice in the newsletter.

Paul Funk did a real nice job of mowing the field for us so we could have additional area to park cars during the upcoming air show. Thanks Paul! John Heard said there was a KCRC sign, just as you turn off of Steele Road, that is pointed in the wrong direction. President Zarestky said he would call Rod Godwin and see if he would take care of that for us.

The next item of old business that was discussed was the

upcoming air show that will be held at the KCRC field on Saturday, September 14, 2002 at 1pm. The final preparations have been made and all is being made ready for the show. It was requested that members bring out planes for a static display to be set up between the spectator area and the pit area.

NEW BUSINESS

The next item that was discussed was a new program that is being offered at the American Museum of Science and Energy in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. They are offering a sort of aviation school, which will coincide with the 100th Anniversary of Powered Flight. The Club bought 40 Delta Darts from the AMA and C.D. Martin and Don Miller are helping with the project.

Our Club President said he met with the Director of Parks and Recreation for Knox County and they discussed the possibility of moving us further down into the park, on the point. Jerel showed a picture with an overhead view of our field with changes that would be made if we were to be moved down to the point. Someone asked if the runway was going to be any longer, and the reply was if we were moved, they (the County) would rebuild all of our facilities. We could have a nice long paved runway, a grass runway, a place to fly off the water for the float planes, a large shelter, and the list goes on. Several questions were raised, such as how do we want to orient the field, how much grass for a grass runway, etc.

MODEL of the MONTH

There was no model of the month entered this month.

CRASH of the MONTH

Joel Hebert had a mishap with his World Models Sportster. He said he was flying "pretty much full bore" and he lost control. Joel said the plane was a mess, but the little man survived and will live to fly again.

Phil Cope told about the mishap while helping John Williams fly one of his planes. Phil had John on the buddy box and John was practicing making left and right hand turns and John was having trouble pulling the stick straight back. Phil said he moved around to try and reach behind him to get his finger coming straight back and Phil's thumb slipped off the switch on the primary transmitter and he ended up with a dead buddy box. By the time Phil got his hands back on the 'master' transmitter, it was too late. A vote was taken and Joel Hebert won a bottle of CA.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm

Michael J. Foley, Recording Secretary

NOTICE

The date for the 1st Annual Flea-Picnic-FunFly has been changed from October 5th to October 19th. The big event will start at 9:00AM with a flea market where you can sell and buy anything to do with RC.

This will be followed at noon by a family picnic. BRING A COVERED DISH. There will be some kind of delicious meat furnished by Denny Evans and incidentals and drinks will be furnished by the club.

All this will be followed at about 1:30 PM by the FunFly wick will be designed by Paul Funk, who did such a great job at the last one.

This and That

There has been a lot going on recently; we got some club business done that rarely comes up. The lease on the field property and the updating of the bylaws to conform to AMA guidelines is settled for another ten years at least. With the additional ten year option on our present lease, there should not be a problem for a long time. President Zarestky informed me that there is dialogue going on with Doug Batteill of the Knox County Parks and Recreation Commission about the possibility of moving our field to the larger, more open area toward the lake. We would certainly have more open sky and longer, safer approaches to the runway. We would more than likely spend more time flying over water, but we would have to worry a lot less about losing our planes in the trees. Also, there would be no problem with sound! We would be a long way from anyone who might complain. It is expected that, if we move, it will be with the help of the County, and we would not lose any of the present site amenities; i.e. the paved runway, pit area, pavilion, etc etc.. You might want to go down and take a look at the site and think about it. One big advantage; we would not have to go looking for a site for a float fly (see below)!

The float fly scheduled for September 28th at Fred Heddleson's place in Kingston will not be reported in this issue because of the late (in the month) date, but I will give details in the October issue of the newsletter. It is expected to be a well attended fun event.

I just about have the KCRC club site at www.rcairport.com complete. I will keep the club event calendar updated and any club announcements posted. This looks like a promising web site for radio controllers. There is a chat forum, equipment and model reviews contributed by the modelers themselves, How-to articles and just about any other information about the hobby you would want to find. Give it a look.

For the benefit of those with PC connections, there are several sites you might be interested in. Jerel Zarestky has a KCRC web site at <http://user.icx.net/~thezs/kcrc/> and has a link to Mike Foleys KCRC website, then Ed Hartley has a KCRC homepage at www.rcpattern.net. The KCRC newsletter is available online at Ed's site and at Jerel's site.....

Are you ready for some excitement? Would you like to try something really different? Without spending a lot of money? Actually, you won't spend much at all!

Ed Moorman, in his aerobatics column in a recent RC Report magazine, talked about something he called a "PBF", which stands for Pizza Box Flier. He said that it was more fun than he'd had for a long time. Anyhow, it looked interesting so I decided to give it a try. The whole plane is a 24" x 24" piece of 4 mm coroplast. The plastic cardboard

is used for signmaking, available at any sign making shop. I paid \$2 for mine and they threw in several more scrap pieces of coroplast and colored vinyl sticky stuff that is great for trim. There is no landing gear to worry with (I recommend plastic props). My engine is a very old OS Max III .35 that I had to soak for a day in acetone to get it to turn loose. The radio can be any old thing you've got that will mix for elevons or delta wing action and you just stick the parts on the top of the cardboard with servo tape and/or plastic wire ties. It will work with three channel radio and a nonworking fin, but Ed said that a working rudder gives good spin and snap function (which I haven't tried yet). It is built with the corrugations running spanwise and a length of small aluminum c channel running down the center lenth wise to keep it from folding in flight. I built mine in one day. Check the article in the magazine for any construction details.



I tried it the other day, not knowing what to expect, and got a very short, very exciting flight before bailing out. After thinking about it for a few minutes and getting my nerves calmed down, I tried it again. WOW!! It is very sensitive and very agile. This time I held on and just flew around for a while to get the feel before trying anything. Mr Moorman is right; you do go home laughing. It is bounceable and fast (Ed Moorman said the drag kept the speed down) and quick, and Mr Moorman says it will do all kinds of 3D maneuvers. I can't wait to get Phil Cope on the sticks (unless I break it first).

There are no " for sale " ads this issue. I guess folks are looking foeward to the big flea market sale coming up in October. I hope so, because I really enjoy them. I usually take home more than I bring to get rid of. I think I'm going to get some stuff out of my attic this time and see if I can give it away. I've been repairing some old stuff that I've had hanging in my garage and its looking pretty good actually. Maybe I'll keep it around for awhile after all.

Anyhow, I'll see you at the sale.....Jim

NOTICE

The next meeting of the KCRC will be at the Deane Hills Recreation Center on Morrell Rd. It will be on Tuesday, October 8th, 2002 at 7:00 PM. There will be some important issues discussed and voted on.