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From the hanger

by Jerel Zarestky

Our AMA district V vice president, Jim McNeill visited KCRC on the Sunday of our SPA pattern contest. He's decided to make KCRC the AMA club of the month. Watch Model Aviation in the next few months for his coverage of our club and the contest. Jim has since mailed me Club of the Month AMA patches for the entire membership. I'll bring them to the field and the next club meeting for distribution.

The rains have been coming hard and frequently the last couple of months. The amazing thing about this is how many times it's raining at my house in Oak Ridge when it's perfectly dry and everyone is flying at KCRC. This is so often the case that it must be out of the statistical error for a random event (just a subjective observation, of course). The rain patterns apparently repeat themselves due to the ridges in this area. The bottom line is that there are a lot more flying days available than the weather forecasts would indicate. Now if I could only get away from work to enjoy them!

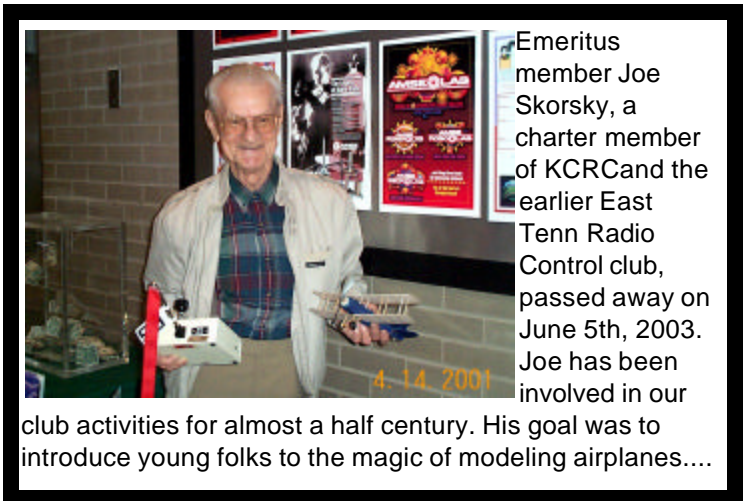
A note on "club fuel".... it's not really club fuel! We have several people in the club that are willing to go to the trouble to order a drum of fuel (53-55 gals.) with money out of their own pocket initially and man handling the drum in order to decant individual gallon containers of fuel. KCRC in no way finances, sells or manages these deals. You must contact the individuals privately if you want in on this fuel. Without knowing the exact details at right now, I'd suggest you contact Gene Waters or Dennis Hunt on this matter. I am also sure that the local hobby shop is not involved with bulk fuel as well so don't go to them asking for cheap fuel! ...not that I heard anything about anyone doing that.

The subject of a covered pit area has been brought up again. Since the financial situation of city and county governments is not all that good right now, it's unlikely that Knox County will do anything soon regarding the proposed move of our field down into Melton Hill park. If you have any ideas on this subject please let them be known. Maybe they could be of a type that is easily relocated.

I've been asked to mention this again and it bears repeating; please, remember that drink can or bottle that you finished off earlier in the afternoon and left on the bench or in the shelter... people are still leaving them behind. We tried having a garbage can at the field and it just dosen't work out because no

wants to empty it on a regular basis. Until that person steps forward and can be counted on the best solution is that we operate like a National Park; you bring it, you take it home.

Enough of that. Let's go fly!.....Jerel



Emeritus member Joe Skorsky, a charter member of KCRC and the earlier East Tenn Radio Control club, passed away on June 5th, 2003. Joe has been involved in our club activities for almost a half century. His goal was to introduce young folks to the magic of modeling airplanes....

Sanctioned Events of Interest to KCRC
 see Aviation Modeler for other events and details

July 5,6...Cullman, Al. 22nd Annual Cullman Pattern Championships for 401, 402, 403 404, 406(JSO). site is Burdeshaw Field. Steve Byrum CD email spbyrum@hiwaay.net

July 19..Cookeville Tn. Annual Electric FunFly. site Old Putnam Airport. Ronald Hankins CD phone 931-537-6004

July 22,23 .. Rockwood Tn. SAM in Tennessee. site Rockwood Muni Airport. George Shacklett CD. email tneureka@aol.com 1/2A Tex,elec Tex, Tex scale, Texaco, C LER Glo, Antique, AB LER (comb), Fox a Coy. Sponsor: KCRC

July 24,25.. Lebanon Tn. Heart of Tennessee SAM. site Newman Field. L.A. Johnson CD email la\$johns@aol.com

July 26,27.. Dallas, Ga. Hotlanta Senior Pattern Champs. All SPA events except antiques. site Club Field. Mickey Walker CD. AMA and SPA rules apply.

July 26... Nashville, Tn. Wings Over Music City. Dick Tonan CD email dtonan@compuserve.com

At the Field

The Annual KCRC version of the Senior Pattern Association contest took place on the last day of May and the first day of June. The most disappointing aspect of the event was the afternoon of the first day of flying. Saturday started out pretty nice; a little cloudy but not really threatening, and a pretty good breeze blowing mostly from the west. The breeze was not unmanageable during the first round of flying. Although not very comfortable, it allowed some fairly good flying. We stopped around noon for a lunch break, and during the timeout, the breeze became a gale and changed directions so that the flying and landing was east-west, and the wind was north-south! It made for a couple of very entertaining flights. Scott Anderson's sport type plane that he was flying in the Novice class was angled 45 degrees away from the direction of flight in order to align with the runway, and the three loops had to be seen to be appreciated. Young Joe Clemons suffered the only damage to his plane that I saw in two days flying, when he tried to land with that gale blowing under his right wing tip.

The lunch was served by KCRC. Bruce Pyatt made

a visit to Buddy's BBQ and brought back BBQed chicken and pork and buns, as well as beans, potato salad, and slaw. It was a good meal and I heard no complaints.

Some lady KCRCers helped with the lunch but I didn't get their names, unfortunately. Joel Hebert took care of the scoring computer (furnished and assisted by Ed Hartley) and kept the records accurate and up to date for both days. Karl Gerth, Harry Hogan, and myself took care of the menial labor jobs, and Dennis Hunt ran a good contest as CD.

Paul Funk brought the PA system and with the help of Denny Evans got it set up and working.

There was a wide assortment of



model types flying. Denny Evans tried a Cap 232, Scott Anderson ably flew what looked a little like an RC Trainer on the first day because he hadn't finished his pattern plane. One of the visitors flew a Big Stik. The rest were mostly A-6 Intruders, Daddy Rabbits in various models, and one King Altair. There might have been a couple of SuperKaos's also. What was amazing was that all of them looked good during some pretty unkind conditions.

On Sunday, we had a visit from AMA District V VP Jim McNeill and his lovely wife, Lucy. They got a good look at KCRC field on a nice sunny day, and seemed to enjoy the visit. I know that KCRC enjoyed having them there.

Bruce Underwood, the present president of the

SPA was there as a contestant. Seen here accepting the first place trophy in Super Senior Expert from Jerel Zarestky, President of KCRC.

Results were; Super Senior Expert was won by Bruce Underwood, second place was Ed Hartley, and third place was Ben Oliver.



Pre-Senior Expert was won by Cass Underwood, second place was Sid Austen, and third place was Jamie Strong.

Super Senior Sportsman was won by Phil Spelt, second was Ken Nix. Senior Sportsman was won by Ken Hardin, second was Phil Cope, and third was Joe Holton. Pre-Senior Sportsman was won by Joe Clemons. Novice was won by Robbie Walker, second was Jake May, and third was Carl Sten. See SPA website for more details.

Dennis Hunt sent me a note he received from Joe Holton, who won third place in Senior Sportsman class; "Dennis;

Thank you so much for hosting a wonderful contest this past weekend. I really enjoyed being there, seeing so many old friends and making a few new ones. Please extend my thanks to the other members of KCRC when you see them.... Joe "

That was nice of Joe and I can think of nothing to add. I also think that KCRC did a pretty good job, and the only sour moment was the wild wind that came up Saturday afternoon. You know what they say; "Into each life some wind must blow ". Somehow that doesn't sound right....

Minutes of June 10 meeting

(Ed. note: I was supposed to pick up Mike Foley's tape recorder to tape the meeting (since Mike was going to be on vacation this week) and Mike would transcribe them. I forgot to get it so now I'm trying to decipher my notes. Please bear with me!Jim)

The meeting was called to order by President Jerel Zarestky at 7:00 PM and with 38 members present.

The May meeting minutes were accepted and approved as printed in the newsletter.

Joel Hebert, club Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's report and it was accepted and approved. The treasurer's report will not be printed in the newsletter. Come to the meetings to get the financial condition of the club.

OLD BUSINESS

Jerel brought up the facts about the First Annual Great Smoky Mountain/Southeast Regional Aircraft Modeling Expo which is scheduled to take place at the Tennessee Museum of Aviation in Sevierville, Tennessee, on June 14th and 15th. There was some discussion but no motion was made for KCRC to take part. Gene Waters described the full size planes at the Museum and said it was worth the trip to see.

John Heard mentioned the fact that the hay was getting high in the area around KCRC field. Ed Hartley said that the fellow who is going to take it probably doesn't have the gate combination. Ed will check. Could be too wet!

Dennis Hunt gave a report on the SPA contest we had on the first of the month. It was a fair financial success, but was less than usual because we did not have any drink or food concessions. Dennis was disappointed in the membership turnout to help out in running the event, but said the contest ran smoothly and everyone seemed to have a good time.

Someone asked about the move of the runway and facilities that were talked about last year, but nothing has been said on an official level.

There was also a question about the Cross Country races that were held last year in our flying area. There has been no official word on that either. Everyone agreed that no news is good news about that subject.

NEW BUSINESS

Jerel had no new business on his calendar.

Joel Hebert mentioned that Emeritus Member Joe Skorsky had passed away. Joe is one of the charter members of the club, and although he had physical problems that might be common to a lot of us older guys, he still managed to make all of our New Year Banquets. Joe always supported the club in any way that he could in some of our special events. A memorial gift will be made.

Joel Hebert has received Thank You notes for the club's memorial gifts to the designated organizations from the John Kimbrough family, and from the family of Virginia Dick Parrott.

Jerel mentioned the visit of AMA District V Vice President Jim McNeill at our SPA contest. Mr. McNeill said he was going to try to get KCRC nominated as a Leader Club, and that he intended to send a patch for the

members. Look for the pictures in "Model Aviation" in the District V page in about three months. He also said he'd like to have a resume for each member who has been an AMA member for more than ten years to put into a Who's Who for the district. If you are interested, let Jerel know. (Jerel will like that.)

The bugaboo about a cover over the pit area has come up again. There was some discussion both pro and con, and Ed Hartley was appointed as chairman of a committee to look into it yet again.

Karl Gerth reminded members about the name tags. See him about one if interested.

There was a fair amount of discussion about inviting the membership of other local clubs to come fly with us. Since the Tennessee Takeoffs lost their field recently, its the neighborly thing to do. AMA cards are mandatory, of course, and all KCRC field safety rules are in effect.

There was some talk about our instructor program and whether there should be some sort of qualifying test. It was suggested that if you felt you were capable of instructing, and the student trusted you enough to allow you to fly his plane, go for it. There will be more on this subject.

Crash of the Month

No entries. Tough to beat Fred's talk last month!

Model of the Month

Ray LeBlanc entered his Edge 540. Scratch built over winter on his wife's sewing table. Conventional four stroke .90 engine. Good job of building and a pretty model.

Roger Luebke entered his scratch built pattern type model that he had crashed during our recent float fly. Beautifully rebuilt.

Steve Bayless entered his scratch built F-86 SabreJet model. Powered by a conventional engine and prop and retracts. Very fast model.

Craig Dieter entered his electric P-51 built from a kit imported by Hobby-Lobby. Beautiful model and a good flyer.

Model of the Month was Steve Bayless' F-86 and he wins a gallon of fuel.

There was no program this month and the meeting was adjourned about 8 PM.....Jim

Here is Emeritus member Joe Skorsky at a recent Science Museum KCRC display with KCRC member Fred Heddleson, doing what Joe liked to do; introduce kids to model airplanes.



This'n That



Larry Roberts brought his big Balsa USA Cub to the meeting before last and entered it in the Model of the Month contest. What made it entertaining was that he also brought his co-pilot to help show it off. If you look closely, you might be able to see the co-pilot peeking out of Larry's left front pocket. It's the cutest, tiniest puppy and loves riding around in Larry's pocket. I hope Larry doesn't decide to give him a ride in the Cub!

“HOST Wid-da MOST ! K C R C

The field to be flyin' on this week-end was indeed---

“The most Scenic Flying Sight in the South”.

The tornadic winds of Saturday afternoon shut-down the action for awhile....not however, til most all had completed two full rounds of SPA aerobatic maneuvering in the skies above Melton Hill Park in Knoxville, TN.

11 Novice competitors were “nip & tuck” all week-end... 3 of the four rounds for some classes completed on Sunday with just light breezes from the North.

As always, congenial CD Dennis Hunt and his team of KCRC members saw to every need expidited with efficiency. Highlight of the awards ceremony was the special tribute to Lou Bixby and John Gausby who are celebrating birthdays at or near this contest date....and wedding anniversaries of Phil and June Cope and Mama Jane and myself. (48 for us)....don't recall how many for the Copes but they were married at the field at a past contest.

Hunt and KCRC overlooks nothing....knowing the wind was gonna be light from the North this morning....resulting in much cooler temps....the CD furnished piping hot coffee for the contestants plus cookies and sweets as a breakfast condiment.

Whatta good bunch.

Like an old F---ch, er uh, California wine, KCRC's annual SPA Precision Aerobatic contest just improves each year.

Gosh, it was so good seeing so many happy faces, fellowshipping and doing what we all enjoy....most of all....making smooth passes this weekend in Knoxville.

Can you believe, there was a Georgia pilot (5th in Novice) clad in an orange and white shirt and bright orange cap with a huge “T” right on the front of it? I've heard of “apple-polishers” before...but this one must have fallen off a crab (apple)-tree!

KCRC.....as contest hosts, you've retained your A+ rating.

Like 100 year old comedian and entertainer, Bob Hope said again this past week.....

“thanks for the memories”.

(Ed. note: I thought you might enjoy reading SPA President Bruce Underwood's assessment of our SPA contest we held on the first weekend of June. Reprinted from the SPA newsletter. Very good PR for KCRC.)

Here is something that should grab your attention.

Larry Weston is getting up an order for some of the fancy white T-shirts and collared polo shirts as well as sweat shirts and caps with the KCRC logo on them. The caps are a hi-grade cotton twill and adjustable size. The shirts are the Jerzee brand with 50-50 cotton and polyester. These prices are based on an order for at least 50 items and include tax.

T shirts.....\$8.93

polo shirts.....\$14.39

Sweat shirt....\$12.86

Caps.....\$6.69

Call Larry at 865-457-4571 or email him at lwweston@earthlink.net if you are interested. He will close the offer at the July meeting. If you order, it will be a firm commitment. Larry doesn't want to eat these shirts...

Here is Jim Kerns with his beautiful Ercoupe



The next meeting of KCRC will be held on the second Tuesday in July (July 8th) at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held at KCRC field on Williams Bend Road. Please attend.