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**NOTICE**

**The club meetings for October until next May will be held at Deane Hills Recreation Center on Morrell Road in Knoxville. They will be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Morrell Road is the traffic light on Kingston Pike at the east end of West Towne Mall. Go south over the hill and turn left at the bottom of the hill. First parking lot on the right.**

**FROM THE HANGER**

EVENTS!!! That was the theme of the last two great R/C flying weekends in this area!

The Harriman club (Tennessee Eagles) had their fall airshow/fly-in/swap-meet last weekend (the 20th). They had a fantastic turnout with over 70 planes on the flight line. It was a great time of relaxed flying and hanger talk with at least a dozen KCRC<sup>1</sup>ers attending and many of them flying. It's a great flying field with many new improvements and a great bunch of guys to fly with. I've been a member there for many years and I'd encourage any KCRC<sup>1</sup>ers to join as well if they're inclined to visit and fly there for any more than just a few times per year. Their membership numbers help justify their existence with the Harriman city council.

Then... THIS weekend (the 27th), KCRC hosted a Float-Fly at the boat ramp in Melton Hill Park below our flying field. The event was ably directed by Dave Dabbs who did his homework and pre event preparation in great detail. Thanks Dave! The forecast for the day was terrible but as per usual, at our field, a lot of flying takes place on days with that kind of forecast. We flew from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm and had a great time.

Blount County Modelers Association is having a Fun-Fly-In on Sat. Oct 11 (rain date the 18th). See <http://bcma.webhop.org/> for details.

The shade structure funding passed in an overwhelming way at the September meeting. Locating the shade structures will be discussed at the October meeting which, by the way, will be back at the Deane Hill Recreation Center, Tuesday, October 14th at 7:00 pm (we have the room from 6:00 to 9:00 so there's an hour for hanger talk before the meeting). We'll also be discussing a fall picnic at the field. A program

has not been set at this time.

See you at the field, and come to FLY!.....Jerel



If this picture doesn't turn you on to Float Flying, then you need a Soul Adjustment. I think this is the prettiest picture I've ever had in the newsletter. Evan Doughty, Phil Cope, and Ben Oliver setting Warrens plane in the water.

**KCRC Calendar of Events**

**KCRC will be having a spur-of-the-moment Picnic ( not sure about the menu at this point ) at KCRC field on Saturday, October 18th, 2003 starting at ~ 9:00 AM. Members are encouraged to bring their funfly models for some low key funfly events. Also, if you have anything to sell, bring it also. We'll have food and fun for free. You might bring a covered dish to contribute if you want some variety.**

# At the Field

I was at the field on Labor Day and there was a good crowd out. Several of our new members are coming out regularly now and doing quite well. There are a few of our new members who are not really new to the hobby. Like Rodney Crossno, who was a member in the past and is returning to it. Rodney was flying the Great Plains Spacewalker 1/4 scale ARF, and it looks like a very good flyer. Unfortunately, I didn't have my camera so I didn't get a picture.

Doll Thompson and Phil Cope were working on Doll's Top Flight DC-3. A gorgeous model, but there was some kind of problem with the tracking during taxi that needed some attention. Apparently they found it because it was doing very well. An excellent flyer.

Another old time member, Bob Morris, was out



with his son and showing off his electric Lancaster. I still didn't have my camera, but Larry Roberts mailed me this fine picture. I think this is the first four motor

model I've seen flying at KCRC field. Bob built the model from plans and powers it with four 400 type motors that are wired in parallel. It seems to have plenty of power and appears to be very stable. You've got a winner in this one, Bob.

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Hold the press! I just heard that a tree had reached up and grabbed Bob's beautiful bird. Damage was fairly severe, I understand. It seems that recovering them from a tree is usually fatal unless you're a good climber.

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There has been another incident where a member turned on his transmitter while another member was flying on the same frequency which resulted in a crash.

We have quite a few new members now, and one of the things that we are not paying a lot of attention to is field etiquette and safety. We might ought to include a little bit of ground school to our instructing. It is also the responsibility of every member in the club to help out new members to get acclimated to the rules at the field.

There are a few things that EVERY member needs to do when he arrives at KCRC field and intends to use his radio. The very first thing is to go to the frequency board and put his AMA card in the proper frequency slot and get the clothespin and display it on his transmitter (or the brim

of his hat). Do this before you get out the transmitter!!! If there is already a card in the slot, locate the flyer and tell him you are on the same frequency and make some kind of arrangements to share the frequency. Remember, you are responsible if you shoot down another flyer and club rules say that you are liable for replacing the broken pieces!

One of the hardest things about being a new member is becoming an old member. Sometimes the old members forget how awkward it is to be the new guy in town, and they tend to ignore anyone they don't know. That's how the little cliques get formed that tend to drive away prospective members. I was a charter member of KCRC until I dropped out of the club in the mid 70's. I decided to get back into the hobby and the club in 1990, but when I went to the field for the first time on a Saturday with all my new equipment, I was met by total indifference. There was a large crowd of strangers (to me) there and not a single one of them approached me to see what I was doing there. I didn't go back for about a year. It is very uncomfortable being ignored! Every member of the club should be an ambassador for the hobby and make every effort to make new members feel welcome and help them with the rules and field etiquette.....

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I went to the Harriman RC field last Saturday for their big flea market-fun fly event and was very impressed with the turnout and their facilities. They have a very large flat area for flying and enough room so that many folks could set up canopies and be comfortable. Even AMA VP Jim McNeill and his wife came up for the event! Saw many familiar faces from KCRC there. Several of our members belong to both clubs.....

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I saw Steve Mattison, a former KCRCer, there and he says he is mostly flying electrics now. He flew a couple of models that he got from Gary Wright Model Products in Florida ( WWW.gwmp.net ) that were VERY impressive. They had what looked like unlimited verticle and were extremely aerobatic. I checked out the website and the prices they get for the kits are very reasonable.

Poor Denny Evans had a blowout on the left main wheel on his big RadioCraft stunter and was pretty much put out of commission. When I left, he was still looking for a replacement wheel. I read Frank Tiano's article in a recent issue of RC Report magazine and he was complaining about having the same thing happen on one of his scale models. The tire rolled up on the rim and the wheel locked up on the wheel pant, causing the plane to flip and cartwheel. That could cause a lot of damage to a model and be something completely unexpected. We take wheels for granted, assuming they will always do what they are supposed to do and, just like some other things, sometimes they don't. Maybe that's one of the attractions of the hobby. If every thing always worked like we wanted it to, there'd be no challenge. Right?

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Don't forget about the big KCRC October cookout to be held on October 18th. It's a regular event of the club that got overlooked at the September meeting.....

## September Meeting Minutes

The September 16, 2003 meeting of the Knox County Radio Control Society was held at K.C.R.C. field in Knoxville, Tennessee. President Jerel Zarestky called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. The meeting minutes from the August meeting were passed as read in the newsletter. Joel Hebert gave the Treasury report. There were 37 members present at the meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS

A phone and e-mail list of all current KCRC members was sent by e-mail, with instructions on how to print it out. Jerel said that another list would be e-mailed with improved instructions on how to print a hard copy. It was also asked that you please send your current e-mail address to Joel Hebert ( ) so we can update the list. This helps us get the latest information out to you.

David Dabbs gave an update about the Float Fly that is scheduled for Saturday, September 27, 2003 and said everything was ready to go. There was a question about what they are going to do about lunch and it was decided that everybody would bring their own. Bring a plane and come out for a day of fun! A reminder was given about the Tennessee Eagles Air Show and Fly In at Harriman, Tennessee, being held on Saturday, September 20, 2003. All KCRC members were invited to attend and bring a plane.

It was announced that we had a couple of members who had surgery and couldn't attend the meeting. They were Doll Thompson and Phil Spelt. We wish them a speedy recovery!

The next order of business was the shelter / awning that will cover the pit area. There were 2 proposals for the shelters. Dennis Hunt proposed shelter "A", which was shown in the last newsletter. The other shelter was proposed by Ray LeBlanc, and is a prefabricated carport design. Dennis Hunt gave the details of the shelter that he proposed, saying that they would have 2 supports 12 feet apart for maximum ease of entry or exit with a plane. The shelters would cost around \$2500. 4 shelters would be built and it would take approximately 4~5 hours to erect each shelter. Ray then took the floor and gave the details of the carport, how much the cost was per unit (\$475) and the assembly time needed for each unit, as well as cost. He also said the we could have the shelter as high as we wanted, that the cost per additional foot of height was \$35 per shelter. Ray also stated that it all came down to

a matter of choice. Which design would best fit our need? Jerel also passed around some pictures that he took of some of the shelters that other Clubs have. A motion was made and seconded to vote on the 2 proposed shelters, to see which shelter that we wanted. It was noted that the vote did not provide funds to build, just to decide which shelter we wanted. A vote was taken and the majority of the members present wanted the design proposed by Dennis Hunt. Another motion was made and seconded to provide up to \$3000 to fund the construction of the shelter. A vote was taken and it passed. Since time was running short, as well as daylight, it was decided that the location of the shelters would be discussed at a later meeting.

It was noted that the next meeting would be held at the Dean Hill Recreation Center in Knoxville. Gene Waters asked if anyone needed any fuel and passed around a sign up sheet for those who need some. If you need some fuel, please contact Gene and let him know how many gallons you need.

Also, Karl Gerth said if you need a KCRC nametag; please contact him at the field.

### CRASH OF THE MONTH

There was no entry for Crash of the Month.

### MODEL OF THE MONTH

There were 2 entries this month. Jim Scarbrough brought out a beautiful 60 sized Great Planes J-3 Cub on Great planes floats. Both plane and floats were covered in Cub yellow. The plane is powered by a Saito 91 four stroke and the plane has a 90 inch wingspan. Jim said he's never flown the plane on water but he has flown it on wheels.

The second entry was submitted by Steve Bayless. Steve brought out a Combat Models ducted fan jet. It was done up the Thunderbirds theme of red, white and blue and features retractable landing gear. It's powered by an OS 46 FX.

A vote was taken and Jim Scarbrough won Model of the Month and a gallon of fuel for his effort.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.

Michael J. Foley, Secretary KCRC

Just a note on the Model of The Month and the Crash of the Month contest we have at every meeting. Originally, the rules were that a member could win each contest once a year. That was to give every member a better chance to win at least once. This should not discourage members from bringing something for show and tell, as we all like to look at pretty models .....

# This'n That

The following writeup on the KCRC Float Fly held on September 27th at the park ramp at KCRC field is sent from David Dabbs, who organised the event.....Jim

## From the WET Field!

And I do mean WET! We started this year's event off a little late due to rain. I thought we might have to reschedule our float fly till Sunday, but the weather seemed to break up about 9:45 and Phil Cope lead us off to a great day. We had about 10 pilots with 14 planes. About the same as last year despite the weather. As a added bonus, Steve Bayless brought out a great electric model of a destroyer that really caught everybody's attention!



Warren Oliver had his new Seamaster that he glassed, and it looked great. Phil had his Seamaster and Butterfly. Both did really well.



Joel Hebert and Walt Keene both had Lakers that preformed just fine, but Joel had his engine quit out in the lake and had to be retrieved.

Jerel Zarestky's Giant Cub looked like the real thing flying around. Spectators said they loved the sound of a 4 cylinder engine. Nice job as always Jerel. Larry Roberts had a ScatCat and said this was his first time on floats. Way to go Larry. Nice job!!



Jerry Goss brought his Cub and Wet-N-Wild also and gave a very nice performance. (Can't beat those Cubs!) Evan Doughty came up from

Charlotte, NC with a Quaker that seemed to float forever. A modified Outlaw that is an absolute screamer, and a Northstar that amazed everybody. That Outlaw was so fast it was hard to take pics of, but I got them anyway. And the Northstar was super the way it could take off and land in hardly any room. And, I had my Mariner that seems to be a crowd pleaser also. All in all, I think we had a good time with little problems weather aside. Nobody had an involuntary landing that needed emergency retrieval, and only one frequency conflict that was no problem for either pilot.



I would like to thank Doug Batielle of Knox County Parks for reserving the park to us for the day, and the club members who didn't join us to allow the field to remain closed thru the event. Also, I would like to give a special thanks to Jerry Goss and Larry Roberts for helping me mow and straighten up the area the day before so we could all enjoy it! That is the true meaning of a club. TEAMWORK!! And I would like to thank all the participants and spectators who joined us for making this such a fun event to attend. Thank You all.

So, now is the time to think of the Spring Float fly and get ready for more fun to come. Hope to see everyone again soon..... Dave Dabbs

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Good job, Dave.

I attended the event above with the intention of flying. I figured I had procrastinated long enough, but I raced the rain to the field and when I got there, there wasn't room to park close to the water because of several vehicles belonging to some teenagers who were camping across the lake and lots of spectators there to see the float planes. I could have unloaded and then taken my car up the road, but the weather made me want to stay close to the car (excuses,excuses). The place is an excellent place to fly, but there is a premium on parking. The next time we do one of these events we need to think a little about where and how to arrange the pit area.

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David mentioned the destroyer brought by Steve Bayless. This was a scratch built boat that he built some time ago. A beautiful effort. He used a 12 volt gel cell for power. He wondered about entering it in the Model of the Month contest. Could be there will be more boats brought up to the field. It's a good place to float them. We would have to use the boat frequencies, however.....Jim

## NOTICE

**Don't forget that the October meeting will be held at Deane Hills Recreation Center off Morrell Road on October 14th, 2003, at 7:00 PM.**

**Please attend the next two meeting, as they will pertain to the election of officers in December.**