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Congradulations go out to Jordan Foley, the KCRC Sergeant At Arms. Jordan graduates from ITT Technical School on June 15th, 2004. The graduation ceremony is being held at The Foundry at 7:00 PM.

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FROM THE WET FIELD!

Well Folks, we did it again!

Another very successful Float fly was had on the 15th. There were 12 pilots and 15 planes.

All went well with the weather and the flying. I had my Mariner there again, and she proved to be as reliable as ever. Walt Keene gave a good performance of his Laker with the help of Phil Cope. Roger Luebke's Seamaster didn't fare so well. Something happened, and it took the Big Splash! Phil Cope did a great job with his Seamaster and Butterfly, although it was a bit windy for the butterfly. Jeff Prosisie had his Seamaster there, and did wonderfully.

*Evan Doughty came up again from North Carolina with his Quaker, Northstar, and Skeeter. For those of you who missed them, **THEY ARE FAST!!!** Doll Thompson had his DRI, and did fine out there. Jim Casey came over from Crossville (Tampa, Florida?) again and has his Yellow Flying Boat. The YFB had a problem on one flight, and went in. Sorry Jim.*

George Schindel came down from Sevierville with his Telemaster. That plane is a beautiful flyer. Mark Humes, or newest pilot, flew his Avistar, aka Deathstar. He was a little reluctant, but did fine after all.

Mike Foley had his new Sealane there, and flew it for the first time. What a plane!

It flies like a dream, and Mike showed real talent with his takeoffs and landings. Way to go Mike! And finally, Larry Roberts. Here is a guy with guts. He had several problems taking off, but never gave up. After a rebuild or two, he gave a great demonstration. Way to hang in there Larry!!

Thanks to all who showed up and put on a terrific show. We all appreciate it.

On a personal note, I want to thank Larry for all the help he gives me setting things up and getting the area prepared. Also, Thanks goes out to Walt Keene. Without his recovery boat, we would all be hurting (especially Larry hahaha)

Again, thanks to all!

Dave Dabbs VP

Here is Mike Foley and his new Sealane. David says it flew very well. In the next picture, Larry Roberts is struggling to get something



going right. In the next, a model on a VERY steep landing approach! Mike Foley sent a series of



pictures showing the nose digging deep when it gets to the water, but then it bobs right back up and is still floating when things settle down. Apparently, Gene Waters flew Walt Keene's to a real splashdown.

There are no events planned for the month of June listed for KCRC

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At the Field

You can almost smell the sweat just by looking at this short photographic history of the work that went on at KCRC field during the month of May. The raising of the



shelter over the pit area got started at the field. There had been a fair amount of work prior to this at Paul Funk's place off Rutledge Pike building the framework out of the free steel. In the first shot, Phil

Spelt is watching Gene Waters as he adjusts the concrete frame before pouring of the cement. Then we had to line things up so things would fit when we raised it up. Of course, the dirt had to be moved



around so the string would lie flat. Bob Morris brought his son to help do the heavy shoveling. Speaking of heavy work, there was a lot of "lifting that barge" and

toting that bale", as seen in the next picture. The framework was VERY heavy and it took a bunch of guys to lift it and move it around. When it gets fastened together, I don't think it is going to move. This activity took place just before the May meeting, so there was plenty of help to get the roof frame in place for fastening



the wooden roof joists in place. A couple of templates were fastened to each end of the steel frame and then the roof joists were bolted to the frame.

The pads had to be marked and drilled for the heavy bolts which would hold the uprights in place. A lot of measuring was done before club members started using



the hammer drill to drill out holes for the epoxy bolts in the concrete pads. Things are beginning to show some results

from all the effort and sweat that was expended.

This picture is of the guys working at the field while the Float Fly was going on. Here is the way it looked on



Monday, May 17th. The posts are up and waiting for the crane. Gary Lindner says those suckers are heavy!

On Tuesday May 18th, the crane showed up and things

moved fast. Putting it together was the most dangerous part since the frames were so heavy, but it looked like we had some pro's in the club.



There are a lot of guys who put in a lot of hours, and a few who just outdid themselves. Here's one who never quit. He's in the picture above. I hope to list some "Attaboys" later. CONTINUED on PG 4

Minutes from May Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6.57 PM with about 36 members present. First order of business was moving a couple of the heavy steel roof assemblies to the pit area for construction during the next week.

Minutes from the April meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's report was given by Joel Hebert, Treasurer, and covered a lot of the expenses dealing with the ongoing shelter materials, as well as usual club expenses. The report was approved as given. The club is solvent and doing well, thank you.

Officers Report

President Phil Spelt reported on the recent KCRC and EAA project concerning the EAA's Young Eagles program. KCRC was invited to conduct a ground school as the EAA conducted flight demos for the children from the Tennessee School for the Deaf who missed out on an earlier outing. Our efforts were most appreciated by the school and also the EAA organization and Pres. Phil has received letters from both groups thanking us for our efforts. There is another event planned for June 12th and 13th and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Old Business

Ray LeBlanc reported on the ongoing efforts to upgrade the KCRC bylaws. Karl Gerth asked about the changes being considered and was told that no significant changes were being considered so much as just simplifying and rewording to make them more legally applicable. At any rate, when they are completed, the club will have a chance to hear them and approve them.

Jordan Foley was not in attendance, but the Safety committee report was given by Scott Anderson. He reported that KCRC Field now has an official 911 Emergency address. This should help in the event of another life threatening event at the field such as the tragic heart attack suffered by a member in the not too distant past. Scott also commented on the lock box containing the emergency supplies at the field. It will use the gate combination so that all members can get into it.

Scott Anderson, CD of the upcoming AMA Pattern contest to be held the last weekend of May, reported that things were well in hand for the event with trophies and all other necessary software and hardware items completed, but that more workers will be needed for all sorts of jobs at the contest. Phil Spelt will send out a call for help during the last week on email. Scott said that present pre-registration entries indicates that there will be more than twenty flyers competing.

Ed Hartley mentioned the planned Senior Pattern Association Masters tournament which will be held at KCRC field in September. This promises to be a very good event and to be well attended.

Dennis Hunt reported on the shelter construction that is at present occupying a goodly amount of time and effort from a fairly large number of KCRC members. Since the actual assembly started at the field, there has been more members contributing sweat and things are moving forward at a promising rate of speed. With only three weeks

remaining before the AMA pattern contest, there is a lot of work which has to be done if we want the field to continue to be, as Bruce Underwood named it, The Most Scenic Site in the South. The plans now are that the crane will be there on Tuesday, May 18th, to lift the roof structures onto the uprights, so all the posts need to be bolted down, and all the roof sections need to be completed. Very do-able at the present rate of work. Larry Roberts, who came up with the assembly process, will help the workers that can be there in the next few days in assembling the roof (wood) structures onto the steel crosspieces and getting them ready to lift into place. (Ed. Note: since I am writing this a few days later, the word I get is that this work is going to be ready in time for the crane to lift on Tuesday.)

Dave Dabbs reported on the KCRC Float Fly to be held on Saturday, May 15th, at the upper ramp of Melton Hill Lake below KCRC field. Discussed possible problems which might arise because of the construction work at the field. The field is supposed to be closed for flying because the frequency pins will be at the float fly.

David also reported on the instructor program. He said that there are four approved instructors at the present time but that more are needed.

Phil Spelt gave a report on the Mayor's Day at the Parks which will occur on Saturday, May 22nd. There will be flying as usual for the edification of all visitors, and a need for members who will act as hosts and greeters, as well as static displays, to visitors at the field. Please remember that flyers must be safety conscious at all times when they have an engine running, both on the ground and in the air. We don't want any unsafe act to result in an injury or property damage, and with visitors who might not realise the danger, the possibility exists.

Phil also reminded members about the upcoming East Tennessee Model Expo at the Air Museum at Sevier-Gatlinburg airport.

New Business

No new business.

Pres. Phil commented on the members who are doing so much work on the shelter program. There is no way to know the names of all the folks who have contributed, and so as not to skip any one, every one is commended. There is a couple, however, who have gone way above the bar in their efforts; Gene Waters and Dennis Hunt deserve special mention and at least ten "Attaboys" apiece.

Crash/Save of the Month

No entries

Model of the Month

Phil Cope was the only entry. He entered his gorgeous ARF P-38. This model sports two Saito .72 engines and two receivers as well as two power packs. I understood him to say that there is fourteen servos handling the control functions. The model has been flown and Phil says the control is very good and the model is a smooth flyer. It is certainly an impressive model.

Phil won the fuel.

The meeting was adjourned at about eight o'clock.
Minutes taken by Jim Scarbrough for Mike Foley, Secretary

This'n That

The KCRC members who attended the EAA Young Eagles are shown in the first picture and the children from the Tennessee School for the Deaf are shown in the second picture. (See minutes for details)
 This is an effort that is brought to the club each year by Bill



Lofgren, who is a member of KCRC as well as an active member of the local EAA group. The Young Eagles event was held at Island Home Airport. As you can see, it was well attended. KCRC members shown are Bill Lofgren, Mike Rogers, Ray LeBlanc, Carl Sten, Phil Spelt and Walt Keene.



Harry Hogan. Above is the result of all that sweat! Something the whole club can use and be proud of. It'll also be nice in June, July, and August. Now if we just had a cold water fountain.....



We also had a Mayor's Day at the Parks on Saturday May 22nd. A few visitors showed up, but KCRC had a ball! A great turnout with static displays and flying all day long. KCRC also took advantage of the new shade.

The Hard Luck trophy for the day had to

be the folks who own the cement truck that started out Friday night to pour the extensions to the pit area. It went off the road and broke an axle, so the replacement truck came out Saturday to do the job but had a screwed up pouring nozzle and had to abort also, so as of May 24th, we still don't have the pit extensions .



Here is the Model of the Month contest winner by Phil Cope described in the club minutes. It is a truly beautiful model.....

Don't forget the next meeting of KCRC. It will be on June 8th, 2004, at 7:00 PM at KCRC field on Williams Road.



Continued from Page 2..... In the picture on the left, " Iron Man " Gene Waters doing his monkey act. Actually he is lining up the first sheet of roofing so the rest will line up OK. Assisting is Gary Lindner, Charlie Wilson, Denny Evans and