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RESULTS OF 2006 BEN OLIVER MEMORIAL

KNOXVILLE, Tn -- KCRC put on another successful contest this past weekend. My recognition and thanks go to CDs Dennis Hunt and Ed Hartley, who made all the arrangements and ran the contest. Also most deserving of special thanks are:

Mike Miller -- ran the flight order board and PA with great skill. Joel Hebert -- did the computer scoring with is usual skill and accuracy -- rounds were posted in a most timely manner, as always. Gary Lindner (Sat) and Skip Dishner (Sun) -- running score sheets and doing other necessary but not always obvious things to keep the event running smoothly. Hal Travis -- ably ran registration, and wouldn't let me fill in the "Place" column by my name with a "1st" Harry Hogan -- handled lunch on Saturday, going to Simms Market to pickup and pay for our lunches -- everyone got what they wanted. Jerel Zarestly and Paul Funk -- helped with judging in Sportsman and Expert classes.

Finally, my sincere thanks to all the SPA pilots and families who made the trip to Knoxville and are THE REASON for the contest in the first place.

I even won one of Cass's BEAUTIFUL Tennessee-shaped trophies -- first trophy I've won in YEARS...

Following Bruce's lead, I guess I'm the "krcr pio"...(for now).

A good flight is the second-best thing known to man -- a good landing is the first!!
 Phil Spelt, President, Knox County Radio Control Society, Inc.

RESULTS

Senior Expert

1. Bruce Underwood (4000) Guntersville AL
2. Ed Hartley (3856) Knoxville TN
3. Dennis Hunt (3513) Oak Ridge TN
4. Mickey Walker (2901) Kennesaw GA

Expert

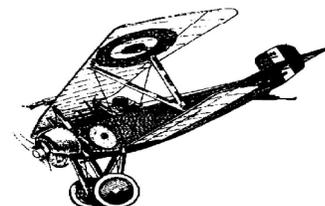
1. Eric Nessler (4000) Dublin OH
2. John Nessler (3892) Dublin OH
3. Jamie Strong (3680) Prattville AL
4. Jerry Black (3675) Johnson Ciry TN
5. Steve Byrum (3469) Cullman AL

Sportsman

1. Scott Sappington (4000) Dallas GA
2. John Baxter (3907) Dallas GA
3. Philip Spelt (3690) Oliver Springs TN
4. Scott Anderson (3621) Knoxville TN
5. Bob Bixby (3544) Ackworth GA
6. Warren Oliver (2825) Knoxville TN

Novice

1. Don Eilor (3975) Knoxville TN
2. Rhea Starnes (3915) Kingsport TN
3. Mark Sobolewski (3706) Knoxville TN
4. Karl Gerth (3616) Oak Ridge TN
5. Vic Koenig (3418) Johnson City TN
6. Duane Wilson (2066) Ashville NC
7. John Johnson (1000) Sale Creek TN (flew one round!)
8. David Johnson (912) Sale Creek TN (flew one round!)



AT THE FIELD

Lots of activity now at KCRC field and the field looks beautiful. We are getting ready for the SPA pattern contest as I write this, and by the time you get it, the contest will be history. Dennis Hunt and Phil Spelt are spending evenings at the field giving lessons in model setup and flying. Several folks are taking advantage of their efforts. The lessons will also help those members planning to fly in the AMA contest later..

Here is a picture of one of the prettiest kit-built models I've ever seen. Charles Wilson (on the left) entered his Gold Edition P-51 in May's Model of the Month contest and collected the gallon of fuel. Charles loves P-51s and this is his third or fourth currently active model of it. Denny Evans did the beautiful cover job. Charles loves speed and the Saito 150 does the job. The



model has most of the niceties, including pneumatic retracts and working flaps. In the picture, Bill Dodge in the center is lusting after the model and Dennis Hunt on the



right likes it too.

In the next picture, Jim Freels shows off his Hangar 9 trainer P-51. This model has received many rave reviews and Jim heartily agrees with them. Jim has not been flying all that long but has progressed fairly fast through several types of models. He says this P-51 has been a true joy. He started out with all the drag attachments that it came with and he has been removing them as he went along and got more familiar with the flying characteristics. He now is down to the basics. You can tell by the smile that he thinks he got a winner. The model not only looks great, but it flies great too.



This seems to be the issue for P-51s. In the picture above we see Larry Simmons getting his Miss America version by Hangar 9 ready for another flight. Larry has had this one for a little while and likes it fine. There are one or two other Miss Americas among the membership and I think everyone who flies it is happy with it.

The P-51 Mustang provided one of the most colorful stories coming out of WWII. In 1939, England was fighting for it's life and was desperately trying to get fighters from the U.S. to supply the RAF.

The United States, still two years from entering the war, was underfunded in its aviation program. Curtis Aircraft company was busy producing the P-40 and couldn't handle any new business, so in early 1940 North American Aviation, then building trainer aircraft, agreed to supply a new fighter and from the order to the prototype took only a little more than three months. The name Mustang was given to the plane by the British. The early versions were powered by Allison engines but the P-51 reached its greatest potential after replacing the Allison with the Rolls-Royce Merlin engine then being produced under contract by the Packard company in the U.S. and a legend was born. The powerful plane dominated in just about every theater of war. In all its configurations, over 15,000 of the planes were built.

It seems that the good flying qualities of the big one carried over to the little one.....Jim

MINUTES FROM MAY ,2006

Meeting called to order by President Phil Spelt with 21 members present at 7:00 PM on May 9th.

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

Joel Hebert, club treasurer, gave the treasury report which was approved. It was good seeing Joel back.

OLD BUSINESS

Dennis Hunt, CD, called for help in the upcoming SPA pattern contest to be held on May 20th and 21st. There has not been many volunteers. Dennis said that so far he has fifteen preregistered flyers. Mike Miller will operate the flight line again. Dennis asked for someone to handle registration and the catering for lunches on Saturday, the 20th. He said that we lost money on the lunches last year. There was much discussion but there is still a need for some volunteers.

Scott Anderson, CD, reported that things were looking good for the AMA pattern contest scheduled for August 5th, 6th. He again reminded KCRC contestants of the great prize he is offering for the highest KCRC scorer in the Sportsman class. It is the Hangar 9 .90 size Showtime ARF. The winner doesn't have to be in the top three in scoring, just the best of the KCRC members. This is Scott's effort at getting more KCRC members involved in trying the pattern competition.

Scott says that as the contest nears he will be actively recruiting help.

There was some discussion of the already approved work of installing electricity at the pit covered area. Five hundred dollars has been approved for the work and materials. Scott Anderson has a partner who is an electrician and it is planned that he will check out our plans and make sure we are safe. The plan at the present time is for a work day on Friday, May 12th. We also plan to have paint for doing the maintenance work on the exposed wood on the pit cover and the frequency box. Several people said they would be there ready to work.

NEW BUSINESS

Gene Waters, who has taken it upon himself to procure fuel by the barrel and sell it to club members at no profit to himself, said that the price of fuel (15% nitro) will be going up by about a hundred dollars a barrel. He said he thinks he could still keep the cost to us at twelve dollars a gallon. (Ed note: This is not connected to club business but is a service that Gene does for the club.)

Gary Lindner said that he had talked to Paul Funk while Paul was mowing last week and Paul said he could get gravel and would haul it to the field to use around the benches. Because of the foot traffic, grass will not grow around the benches and the pit area. We have talked in the past about buying pea gravel for this and it has been approved in the past. Gary says that the gravel Paul is proposing is not pea gravel but is finer than a crusher run.

Paul will bring it out and thus we would save the cost of delivery. Much discussion but Joel made a motion that we approve a hundred dollars for this. The motion was seconded and passed.

A club picnic was proposed and after much discussion, the third Saturday of June (June 17th) was proposed by Raymond Curd, seconded and passed. There will be plans made later about menu. It was proposed that, in addition to the feed, we also have a swap meet and a fun fly. Should be a lot of fun.

One proposal was that people bring their own meat and we get out our grills that we acquired last year and grill hamburgers and hot dogs. This sounds like a winner to me and probably will be agreed on at the June meeting. An email will be sent out for suggestions.

MODEL OF THE MONTH

There was only one entry in the model of the month contest. I had planned to bring one of my own but after seeing the lone entry, I'm glad I didn't!

Charles Wilson entered his Top Flight Gold Edition P-51. Charles built the model and did a superb job. He prevailed upon Denny Evans to do the covering and after seeing it, I could understand his thinking. It was done up in the colors of the Tuskegee Airmen fighter group and Denny did an awesome job. It is powered by a Saito 150 and is equipped with pneumatic retracts and working flaps. Eight servos do the honors on the control surfaces. It has been flown once to check it out. This is one of about four P-51s that Charles flies. Do you get the idea that Charlie likes P-51s?

Oh, yes. He also won the gallon of fuel.

CRASH OF THE MONTH

One entry in this event also. Mike Gross told of his misadventures with his Me-109, last month's winner of the MODEL OF THE MONTH contest. Mike told last month of some of the problems he was having with flying the model because of the high wing loading, and he said that during it's last flight, he was really struggling to get the plane down when he suddenly realized he had practically no control at all and was in danger of losing it in the lake or in the woods. He said that when it got over the open field north of the runway, it suddenly went into a death spiral and was rekkited

Mike won the glue.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM

Minutes taken by KCRC Secretary Jim Scarbrough.



This'n That

You recall I mentioned in the minutes that we had a workday scheduled for Friday the 12th? Well, I got up and got ready to go up to paint. The temperature was 55 degrees and windy. I wasn't looking forward to the cold experience, frankly, but I grabbed my bucket and some paint brushes and lit out. I got there at ~10 o'clock and met Gary Lindner coming out the gate. We chatted for a second and Gary informed me that the job was already done! He, Harry Hogan and Mike Miller had started at 8 and were already finished. Mike said that Harry was slapping paint like a pro and he and Gary had to run to keep up. The place looked real good because they did a great job.

I was fussing recently about guys not contributing to work days and I'm just as guilty as anybody. Well, my intentions were good anyhow, and if they hadn't been so fast I'da helped out.....

As I am writing this, the SPA pattern contest is history for 2006. I was not able to get to this one, but it sounds like everything went pretty smooth without me. Phil Spelt, KCRC pres, sent me the results and a short write up that you will find on page 1. Thanks, Phil. Also Congratulations! Sounds like you did OK. Looking at the list, I see that Don Eiler has profited by all the work he did practicing. He won the Novice class! There were other first time contestants in the Novice class from KCRC; Mark Sobolewsky and Karl Gerth took the plunge. Both did good, so they also have been practicing. Ed Hartley, Phil Spelt, Scott Anderson, Dennis Hunt and Warren Oliver also competed well.

The weather so far this spring has not been very cooperative. Wind, rain and thunderstorms are not so few and not so far between. Hopefully it will improve.....



Here are a few scenes from the activity at KCRC field during the SPA contest from Gary Lindner. More on pg 5



