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KCRC Meeting Minutes – June 11, 2019

President Ed Dumas began the meeting at the KCRC flying field at 7:04 p.m. Tuesday June 11. There were 33 members attending. Bill Lewis, who is a new member from Wisconsin, introduced himself and was welcomed into the club.

Joe Bryan presented some planes for sale that his deceased brother had started building. Gene Waters said that he has a Pitts Special for sale that is 1/3 scale.

There were no corrections to the March minutes, which were approved by unanimous voice vote.

2019 Elected Officers

Pres.....Ed Dumas.....ed@eddumas.com
 Vpres.....Paul Funk.....paulfunk24@gmail.com
 Secretary.....Roger Kroodsma.....rogkroods@att.net
 TreasurerMike Catlin.....catlimi2000@gmail.com

Executive Board

Randy Philipps.....randy@accessolutionsinc.com
 John Basalone.....jrbfarm@yahoo.com

Safety Officer

Denny Evansevans9633@bellsouth.net

Michael Catlin gave his Treasurer’s report. Sources of income included the SPA contest and the Cub Fest, and various expenses included the \$120.00 annual dues to the AMA. His report was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Field Officer John Basalone reported that Michael Marshall has donated a total of \$900 for the car track. John thanked all the volunteers who helped with building the track and John Partridge for helping with field maintenance and the building of the driver platform. John B. had a feather flag made that shows “KCRC Car Track” and he will also add a feather flag for the drone course.

The flags will be posted where they will be seen by people driving up the driveway. He has treated the field for fire ants and stated that the pesticide is kept in the pavilion where anyone can use it as needed. With the addition of the car track and drone course, it now takes John 3 hours to mow the entire field rather than the prior 1.5 hours. Grass killer is now being used in certain places rather than weed-eating everything. John also replaced the helicopter/drone pad. He installed grass sod around the pad and brought in a water tank so the sod could be watered to insure its survival. John also installed a metal pole framework on the car track driver platform in preparation for the installation of a canopy. The members of KCRC are obviously benefiting greatly from John's extensive fine work and he was given a round of applause.

Safety Officer Denny Evans stated that he has neither seen any safety violations nor received reports of any. He said that repairs John Basalone made to the floor and steps of the pavilion has made the facility safer.

OLD BUSINESS

Jimmy Russell reported on the SPA contest May 18 and 19 for which he was the contest director. He thanked the club for its support including, among other things, the allocation of a weekend for the contest. There were 17 entrants and everyone seemed to enjoy the event. Jimmy and Phil Spelt competed, and John Basalone and Phil Cope retrieved a plane from a tree. Bill Dodge

entered but was ill at the time of the contest. Jimmy provided additional detail that he will submit to Michael for the monthly newsletter.

Phil Spelt, who has directed many SPA contests at KCRC in the past, stated that Jimmy did a great job as Contest Director and that the club is fortunate to have a new, young CD.

Ed Dumas reported on the June 1 Cub Fest, for which there were 15 entrants plus some others for a total of about 25 persons. Charles Wilson did a great job cooking for lunch and received a round of applause.

NEW BUSINESS—UPCOMING EVENTS

Paul Funk reported that he was contacted by a representative of Monroe County Airport about an event for kids Monday, July 1. KCRC was invited to bring RC planes.

Ed stated that he is looking for a volunteer to direct KCRC participation in the August 17 National Model Aviation Day, the purpose of which is to introduce the public to our RC hobby. Phil Spelt handled this participation in the past but cannot this year. Usually, 3 or 4 canopies showing RC planes and a few RC simulators were set up at the flying field.

The Marine Mud Run is September 28. Phil Spelt has not yet heard from a representative of this event.

He will contact them and inform them of the new parking situation caused by the new car track and drone course.

Paul Funk gave an update on the Float Fly, which may be held in October. Although it would be convenient to have it on the September 28 date of the Marine Mud Run, it cannot be held at the boat ramp near KCRC at that time because of Mud Run activities. Paul also reported that the Fun Fly at the KCRC field is being tentatively planned for August.

Ed discussed the October 19 Scout Fest at Blaine, TN, which is a large event held every other year or so. KCRC has been invited to have a display of RC planes there and, depending on safety, may be able to do some demonstration flights.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Randy Philipps gave an update on the car track. He is exploring the possibility of getting insurance for car drivers that is cheaper than AMA insurance and has asked other members to explore this option with their insurance companies. Fliers advertising the car track will not be handed out at HobbyTown until the insurance question is settled.

Ed stated that there has been little response from the members to the poll vote on the revisions to the bylaws that were published in an earlier newsletter.

Voting forms were passed out to meeting attendees and everyone was given a chance to vote. All completed forms were collected.

Allan Valeo brought up the need to post an updated AMA safety code at the KCRC field. The safety code was apparently revised in 2018 according to Ed and he will check further about posting it.

Denny Evans stated that he and John Basalone have discussed the possibility of enclosing the pavilion to make it more comfortable during weather extremes and for protection from mosquitoes. They are wondering what club members think. Windows and an air conditioning unit would be included.

There were some complaints about the wind sock obstructing the view of planes, such as during final approaches. Moving it was approved by voice vote with two persons opposed.

Bill Dodge reported that the supply of club fuel is gone and that he will purchase some more.

Crash of the Month. Michael Catlin reported that he and John Seuss had a mid-air collision. Bill Dodge said a pattern plane he was flying went down in the field after a malfunction and was destroyed. Frank Allemand lost two malfunctioning planes, one of which went down in the lake and was retrieved by a fisherman. Michael and John won the award by voice vote.

No one presented a Model of the Month.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Roger Kroodsma, KCRC
Secretary.....--Roger

SPA Contest

Thursday afternoon had several SPA'ers already showing up to the field to set up camp and start practicing. Jimmy showed up to get some more trim flights on his new electric UFO. As the peanut gallery ohh and ahhed. he attempted a 4 point roll. During the inverted portion the motor died and controls froze. He said he was holding full down and full right as it flew a perfectly straight line in the trees. Jimmy emerged from the woods with what was left of the UFO. He kept his sense of humor saying to Jim Johns and Phil Spelt "you think it's still legal? I just clipped the wings a bit." Then on Friday Les Smith came all the way down from Michigan to fly with us again. Those same trees grabbed his Astrohog during a dead stick attempt. Both the UFO and Astrohog were retrieved by wonderful KCRC members and will fly another day. Saturday morning rolled around and we had 16 registered pilots. A couple regulars were unable to make it. Bruce Underwood had to call off his first KCRC contest ever. We hope you get to feeling better Bruce! The real treat of the weekend was watching Jamie Strong coach Norm Bonnette flying a 47 year

old Lou Andrews Aeromaster. Jamie would take the Aeromaster up, hand the controls to Norm and calmly talk him through every maneuver. Norm hailed from central Kentucky and had a smile on his face the entire weekend. We had 2 novice's, 6 Sportsman, 3 Advanced, 3 Expert and 2 Sr Expert. Judges were at a premium due to large Sportsman class and few in the others. CD Jimmy Russell even stepped in to judge several rounds. A big thanks to Keith Watson who drove up from Atlanta and judged several rounds for us as well. We kept the flights going till about 4pm. We managed 4 rounds in each class on Saturday.



The only casualty during the contest was had by Dave Phillips with his new Killer Kaos. He experienced a dead stick and overshot the runway. His pretty yellow and black Kaos cartwheeled. He assured us it will be fixed soon.

Since Advanced and Sr Expert were sewed up Sat. we opted not to fly those classes Sunday. The forecast was supposed to be pretty windy around 11. Jimmy had both flight lines back in the air a tick past 9. We flew back to back expert rounds while Novices flew back to back on the other flight line to get their 6 in. Then he sent sportsman to the expert flight line for their 5th and 6th rounds. We cruised through the remaining rounds before noon.

Once all the dust settled Dan Jackson took first with 4k in Novice followed by Norman Bonnette with 3365. Sportsman was a real tight race with Scott Anderson squeaking out the win with 3940 followed closely by Ken VandenBosch with 3827 and Terry Boston in 3rd with 3758. Advance had Jim Strong showing that he has it, and all that practicing really shows with 3k. Jimmy Russell wasn't far behind with 2960 and Phil Spelt back competing was having trouble keeping the canopy on his new Kaos and brought in 1564. In Expert it was Jerry Black putting on a clinic with 4k. Jamie Strong was close behind at 3914 with Steve Drake getting used to that new reverse point roll keeping them honest slightly behind at 3691 for 3rd. In Sr Expert Jeff Owens cruised to 1st with 3k. Dave Phillips was having engine and radio issues most of the contest but still put in a good showing.

Jimmy Russell had nice pile of goodies sponsors donated for the raffle. APC, Sullivan, Sig, Balsa USA, Performance Model Aviation and CCK/HobbyExpress all donated items. Lets keep these company's in mind and support them. They are all American and trying to keep our hobby alive. Just about everyone walked away with something. The grand prizes were 2 Killer/Ultimate Kaos short kits designed by Jimmy and cut by Mark Ackerman at CCK. These were won by Jim Johns and Ken Vandenbosch. Thanks to everyone that came out to help.

Upcoming Events

Kids Event at Monroe County Airport, Monday July 1st

Warbird Fly-In

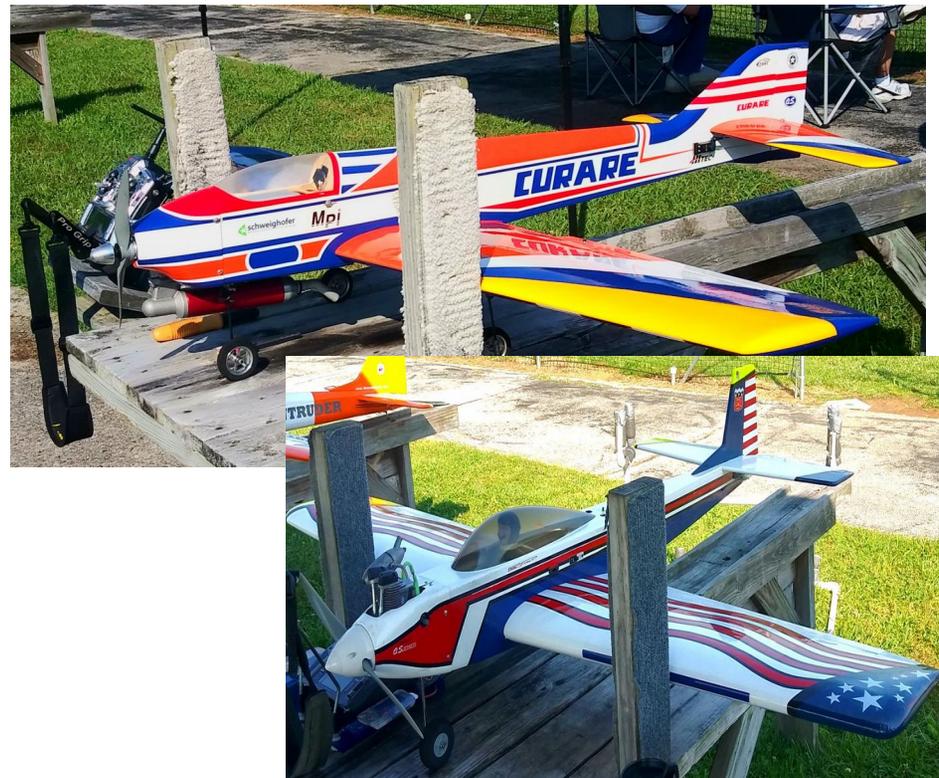
Saturday June 29 9am-4pm

Harriman RC Park www.tneagles.com

AMA Fly-A Thon

August 17 amafoundation.modelaircraft.org/2019-fly-a-thon

Next meeting September 10 7:00pm At the field.





Don't forget to visit KCRC Knox County Radio Control on Facebook! 170 members strong.



Cub Fest Photos

