



KNOX COUNTY RADIO CONTROL

September 2020 Newsletter

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2020 Elected Officers

President.....Frank Allemmand
 Vice president.....John Basalone
 Secretary.....Richard Love
 TreasurerMike Catlin

Executive Board

Jeff Prosisie
 Allan Valeo
 Ed Dumas

Safety Officer

Jim Maines

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Some good positive things happened during August:



- To help meet the club’s financial obligations, a vote was taken at the August meeting that reaffirmed the dues increase for 2021 from \$72/year to \$84/year. This was previously approved at the July meeting, but members were notified by email and given a chance to vote again to make sure a majority were really in agreement.
- Combined with the proposal that officers and flying emeritus members no longer receive a free membership, the financial requirements of the club should be satisfied.
- Barton Smith gave a presentation on the KCRC youth flight school summer training camp to be hosted next summer. Benefits to KCRC include income, excellent publicity, and

- new member possibilities. An opinion vote of club members showed unanimous support.
- New ideas were discussed for the drone club, including getting survey and mapping company flyers to join our club and use KCRC for required drone certification flights.
- The Executive Committee is reviewing lawn mowing options. The EC is looking at the pros and cons of purchasing a club mower and using club volunteers versus having a commercial mowing contract. In the meantime, the EC voted to reimburse John’s actual incurred costs for the mowing he has done for free in 2020. This has been approved in the amount of \$1000.

KCRC MEETING MINUTES: AUGUST 11, 2020

- The car track is not being used, and the membership voted to remove it to eliminate mowing and related maintenance. A request for volunteers to help remove the track was put out by John. The next day George Simpson volunteered and took apart the whole track. Once he got started, he stuck with it until he was done. THANK YOU GEORGE SIMPSON.
- The sign at the club’s entrance was broken, and a request for volunteers was put out to fix it. Jerel Zarestky volunteered, and the sign is now fixed. THANK YOU JEREL ZARESTKY.
- Bill Dodge began working on repair of the runway. The current problems are the places where the runway foundation is cracked and broken. We will let you know details as work progresses. BILL DODGE, THANK YOU FOR KEEPING THE RUNWAY REPAIRED AND IN FLYABLE SHAPE.
- The Bylaws are being updated for a number of small changes so the club can be in full compliance. We are hoping to vote on this at the October meeting, and would like members to receive copies of the proposed changes by email at least 30 days in advance.

The one negative thing I should also address is the obvious problems that occurred in the last several meetings when a few individuals were discourteous. These kinds of issues are beyond the authority of the President alone, and are now being addressed by the Executive Committee.

Frank

Attendees:

Officers:

- PresidentFrank Allemand
- Vice President.....John Basalone
- Secretary.....Richard Love
- Treasurer.....Mike Catlin

Executive Committee Members:

- Jeff Prosis
- Allan Valeo
- Ed Dumas

Safety Officer:

- Jim Maines

President Allemand called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

In his opening remarks, he had two comments pertaining to the club, one positive and one negative.

On the positive side, the results of the opinion polls taken at the last meeting indicated that the membership was generally in agreement with our club goals and direction.

On the negative side, we have a reputation. It was reported that the Maryville club told one of our prospective new members that our club was unfriendly to new people. Even within our club, business is sometimes conducted in an argumentative tone, not on the issues but on a personal level.

The president stated that it is his responsibility to make the meetings friendly and the member’s responsibility to help him. Asked if they would, the show of hands was unanimous.

- **Introduction of any new members**

There were 25 members in attendance for the meeting.

Barton Smith and Bob Monday were recognized as new members.

- **Approval of Prior Minutes**

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

- **Treasurer's Report**

Beginning balance.....\$14,169.67
Dues.....+197.77
Fuel Proceeds..... +176.00
Expenses.....-1,222.04
Ending balance.....\$13,321.40

Expenses:

Portapotty.....\$87.40
Trainer Purchase.....620.50
Signs.....76.48
Field supplies.....343.08
LCUB.....49.58
Flight Instructor Signs....45.00

The treasurer's report was approved.

- **Safety Officer's Report**

Jim Maines reported 3 items:

1) An out of control jet crossed over the fence narrowly missing pilots and spectators. Stay alert and watch over our visitors.

2). Propeller incidents: a few fingers hurt recently. Also propellers can suck in loose clothing. Be alert.

3). A hornet nest was discovered (and removed) from the toolbox. Watch out for bees.

- **Field report**

1). Our sign at the entrance has been damaged.

Phil Cope and Jerel Zeresky volunteered to repair the sign.

2). Do we still have a warranty on the last runway repair.

Randy Phillips will contact the contractor to find out.

3). The car track has almost no usage whatsoever. A motion was made to get rid of the car track so John will not have to maintain it.

The vote was unanimously in favor of removing it.

- **Drone Club: New Ideas at the Field**

Several new ideas were discussed for drones to grow membership.

First, try building a drone club with members like Steve Kandilakis and Eric Kniefer that like to fly drones regularly, share information, and help each other.

And second, work with survey and mapping companies to make the field available to do certification flights for companies with professional drone pilots.

This could raise our visibility and provide a service to businesses that could help save our field.

An opinion vote was unanimously favorable to pursue this potential opportunity.

- **Review Options for the Future Financial Viability of the KCRC Club/
Review of the Dues Increase**

At the last meeting it was stated that we need \$6500 in dues to operate without loss.

Currently, we have 68 members at \$72 in dues (\$4,900).

If we can increase the number of dues payers to 78 (10 more than now) and increase dues to \$84, this will give us the needed \$6500.

The vote to increase dues to \$84 was passed with no objection.

- **First Committee Report: Youth Flight Training Summer Camp**

Barton Smith distributed a Planning and Overview sheet for the KCRC Summer Flight School.

This will be a STEM educational program that would take place in the summer of 2021.

Some benefits to the club include publicity, potential membership growth, and a modest return on our investment.

To hold this event will require participation by many club members. The question put to the members (should we go through with this program) was also passed unanimously.

- **Randy Phillips: Proposal for KCRC Buying a Mower and Using Volunteers for Field Maintenance**

The stated purpose for this proposal is to relieve John Baselone of the burden and provide for a contingency should he not be able to continue some day.

It was estimated that an appropriate size mid-grade mower would cost about \$3700, a storage shed for about \$1,000 and about \$40 to transport to a repair shop if required.

With mower just described, it will take about 3 hours to mow our field.

Main objection to this plan is the perceived difficulty in obtaining sufficient volunteers to do the mowing and associated field maintenance work.

Another plan is to get a quote from a mowing company.

The Executive Committee will discuss.

- **Randy Phillips: Proposal for Stricter KCRC Control of Handicap Documentation/ New Business**

Randy made a motion for the club to collect copies of handicap registrations and placards, verify that they are valid, and for the Secretary to keep these on file.

There were 7 votes for and 8 against. The motion failed.

- **Bylaws Changes**

The Executive Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, August 26, to discuss bylaw changes drafted by Frank Allemand and Allan Valeo.

There are really no major changes, but rather a number of smaller ones so that the club can be in full compliance with all of the bylaws.

Members will be able view the proposed changes through a link on our website. Member comments are also welcome.

- **Cub Fest Event Planned for August 15**

The event is still on for this date.

No food or beverages will be provided.

This event was not advertised outside of the club but guest pilots will be welcome.

- **Model of the Month**

Went to Bill Dodge and his Astro Hog biplane.



- **Crash of the Month**

Went to David Cooper and his P39 Air Cobra. It was restored and looked great.



Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

FASTEST PLANE AT KCRC

By Frank Allemand

There were several speed runs during the month, but nobody has yet gone faster than 113mph. It seems the faster planes have been afraid of the heat.

Anyway the 113mph contest record still stands for now. Fast planes: where are you?

FASTEST PLANE AT KCRC

Habu 32 EDF Jet
June 14, 2020
113 mph
Pilot: Frank Allemand
Owner: Frank Allemand

Videos Of the Month

DW Eagle II build

Andrew Norton is a very prolific YouTube contributor and covers a wide range of topics



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u_gM61Mq0-k
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Zcrq_3OGfc

How to Fly Your Radio Control Model in the Wind

Cliff Harvey is another very prolific “YouTuber” with many mini model builds.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GEODJF0vLQI>

ARMIN WING CONSTRUCTION

Experimental Airlines Has many build videos on working with foamboard.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=karr67ZYho4>

High Power lighter weight

Short video about the Duke 4 stroke axial engine. Took me several watchings to understand just how it works.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-bny77SEefQ>

Membership

If you need more than one sticker simply ask. Since we are now getting Drone members, be on the lookout for Drone stickers which have a drone image on a blue background. After February there is a \$5 penalty (\$77). I am accepting mail in renewals. Send checks to (no cash please)

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The gate combination will be emailed to current members only and only current members will receive email notices and newsletters. Newsletters will still be posted on the clubs website <http://www.kcrctn.com>. However, this may change in the future and only newsletters from previous years will be available to non-members.

Remember, only those with current AMA membership will be allowed to fly at the field and do not tell anyone the gate combination without checking for membership. If there is a question about membership there is a membership roster in the lock box with the applications. Non-members do not receive email notifications about club events or newsletters.

Upcoming Events

(Notice events may be canceled)

Extreme Flight Pop Up Event September 4th and 5th
McMinn County Radio Control Association
126 County Road 876 Etowah, TN 37331

County Cross Country Meet (Field Closed) September 19 (might
be a good day to go to Harriman)
Tennessee Eagles Charity Event Saturday September 19
Tennessee Eagles R/C Club, Harriman TN

House Mountain Sept 25 -27. Warbirds

**Don't forget to visit KCRC Knox County Radio
Control on Facebook!**



236 members strong.
Daily 3 day weather predictions
Daily aviation photos
Event advertisement from other area clubs
Items for sale.
Articles, information and aviation related videos.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/817242841697766/>

See pages below for pictures

Photos of the Month



Phil Cope

Randy Philips

Cub Fest Participants
Michael Catlin

Ed Dumas

Gary Swigart



Cub Scout Rocket Launching at KCRC

**Launch preparations underway.
Five, Four, Three, Two, One...**





OV-10 Bronco
John Basalone



**40+ Year Old Gyrocopter
John Walkling**



**Flying Lawnmower
Phil Cope**



For when the grass is really, really tall...



**Glider
Craig Dieter
Any bigger and it would need an "N"
number...**