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March 2022 Newsletter

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President's Corner

By Rick Thompson

Spring is upon us and KCRC International Airport is starting to get busy again. It is great to see the old crowd and some new faces too, so put the finishing touches on your winter plane project and come on out.

At the March meeting, we began planning three main events for the summer season. Jimmy Russell has again graciously agreed to CD the regular KCRC SPA pattern contest. Jimmy has already applied for and received the AMA sanction for May 21st and 22nd. Likewise, Phil Spelt has been equally gracious in agreeing to CD this year's CubFest. I believe Phil has received an AMA sanction for Saturday June 11th. Phil has been CDing events practically every year for longer than I can remember. And last but not least, Brandon Drummer has stepped up to the plate to organize an old time fun-fly event for us this year. These events are a lot of fun, bring in visitors, and often contribute to the club's treasury. Thanks to all the organizers (Jimmy, Phil, and Brandon) and helpers who make these events possible.

Kevin and Evan Turner have refurbished the drone course and it looks really good. They furnish and maintain this course and it makes a fantastic looking entrance to KCRC. There will likely be a couple of events at KCRC this year of which dates are yet to be determined. Drone events are an

asset to our club and in no way interfere with fixed wing flying. Speaking of drone flying, Evan is one of the best, if not THE BEST in the world. He did a drone video tour of Maryville College that is some of the most fantastic flying you will ever see. The amazing thing is that it was done all in one take – no video splicing or editing. If you haven't seen it, please click on the link below. It is well worth your time:

<https://youtu.be/KkXAs8Z4H8Q>

See you at the field!

March Meeting

KCRC's March club meeting was held at Fellowship Church on Tuesday, March 8th. KCRC officers in attendance included Rick Thompson, Richard Love, Joel Hebert, and Phil Cope. Executive Committee attendance included Jimmy Russell and Brandon Drummer. Twelve other members attended the meeting.



President Thompson introduced Rudi Heibert as a new member.

Joel Hebert delivered the treasurer's report and noted that the club had \$14,965 in the bank at the end of February. The club received \$1,272 in dues in February and the only expense was \$87 for the porta-potty.

Safety Officer Phil Cope reported that there were no safety incidents in February. He also reminded members lay chairs on their side before leaving the field to keep bird droppings off of the seats.

Phil Spelt announced that the annual Mud Run will be held on Saturday, Sept. 17th. The club approved the even by unanimous vote.

Jimmy Russell has the sanction for the SPA contest scheduled for May 21st and 22nd. Phil Spelt applied for a sanction for Cub Fest and received it on March 11th. The proposed date for the event on Saturday, June 11th was unanimously approved.

Brandon Drummer volunteered to obtain a sanction for a Fun Fly. Jimmy Russell will assist with the CD/EM (Contest Director/Event Manager) process to obtain the sanction. An event date has not yet been proposed.

Bill Dodge showed his .60-size GP Trainer powered by an OS 91 4-stroke engine. Modifications included an air scoop to help cool the engine and a reduced dihedral to facilitate roll. The original ailerons were full wing-length controlled by a single servo. He shortened the ailerons to add smaller outboard ailerons with individual servos to aid roll.



Blast from the Past

I was going through some old pictures and came across a few from KCRC's 2008 fall float fly. Look closely at the first one and you might see a few people you know.



If you've never participated in a float fly, you should consider building a seaplane or putting an existing plane on floats. Float flying is a blast, and you have unlimited runway!



When I was a new member 20 years ago, Joel Hebert educated me about the three rules of float flying:

- Make sure you have a boat
- You really, really need a boat
- Don't even think about it without a boat

Over the years, Joel's rules have proven to be very wise. 😊