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## April 2022 Newsletter

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### President's Corner

By Rick Thompson

We're finally getting some nice flying weather and every pretty day is resulting in lots of folks coming out to the field for a good time – so come out and enjoy the fun!

As I mentioned last month, we will be having the SPA contest, CubFest, and a Fun Fly on May 21-22, June 11<sup>th</sup>, and July 30<sup>th</sup>, respectively. Thanks to Jimmy Russell, Phil Spelt, and Brandon Drummer for CDing these events. Additionally, Kevin and Evan Turner will be hosting a drone "Freedom Spec Racing" event, tentatively planned for June 25<sup>th</sup>. This will not interfere with normal flying at the field since it only involves the drone course, so there are no restrictions to other flyers on that date. These drones are super fast and amazing to watch, so you may want to mark your calendar to come and see this event. Here's an excerpt from Kevin's email explaining what Freedom Spec Racing is all about:

*Basically it takes high speed open class 6-cell quads and runs them on 3-cell batteries. The overall concept is to slow down the racing which accomplishes a few things. It does make the racing closer so pilots have to focus more on the race line paths they take. It also tends to be more affordable as less things tend to break at lower speeds and lower voltage including frames and electronics.*

Hope to see everybody at the field soon.

### April Meeting

The April club meeting was held on April 12<sup>th</sup> at Fellowship Church in Knoxville. Total attendance was 15 members, including officers and members of the Executive Committee.

The annual SPA event is set for Saturday and Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. During the event, flying will be for contestants only. Food and drinks will be available. The club needs volunteers to help with the event. If you're interested, contact Jimmy Russell.

Jimmy Russell will CD a Fun Fly and will obtain a sanction for the event on Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, with a backup rain date of August 6th.

Phil Spelt obtained a sanction for the Cub Fest to be held Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. Warren Oliver volunteered as a CD. Craig Dieter was mentioned as another possibility.

Phil Spelt stated the Mud Run is set for Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> and commented that mowing should be scheduled prior to the event to accommodate parking.

No crash-of-the-month or model-of-the-month was presented.

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### Did You Know?

One of the most famous aircraft in aviation history, the Douglas DC-3, first flew on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 1935. It

was originally called the Douglas Sleeper Transport (DST) because it was designed for American Airlines, which wanted a wider version of the DC-2 that could accommodate bunks for sleeping on long flights. DC-3 was the designation given to the version of the plane that had seats rather than bunks.



More than 16,000 DC-3s were produced. Approximately 10,000 of those were the military variants known as the C-47 and the C-53. Production ended in 1945, although DC-3s were built under license in the Soviet Union until 1950. More than 300 DC-3s are still flying today – a testament to the design and versatility of the aircraft that made commercial aviation possible.