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October 2022 Newsletter

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President's Corner

By Rick Thompson

Our next meeting will be held at Fellowship Church on Tuesday, November 8th at 7:00 p.m. The nominating committee will be presenting names of officer and board nominees for 2023. Floor nominations will also be taken at that time so be sure and attend. The vote will be held at the December meeting, but you may also vote by email if you're unable to attend. Additional instructions for absentee voting will be sent out in December. I hope everyone will vote and let their preference for upcoming officers be known.

We've had a great year with five main events (SPA, CubFest, Fun Fly, Warbirds, and Jet Jam), various cookouts/picnics and cooperation with UT Aerospace and the Hardin Valley Academy on their projects. This of course is in addition to a lot of just *plane* old good flying. 😊 There has been a lot of flying this year and at times the field had gotten crowded, but in my observation all members have been courteous and cooperative with their fellow members. Most important, however, is safety and I believe that courtesy and cooperation goes a long way toward making us safer also. I'm very pleased to say we've had no accidents or injuries whatsoever that I'm aware of.

Last month I thanked a lot of people who contributed to the club in various ways but this month I'd like to pay a special tribute to our

instructors. They take on the responsibility and endure the stress of teaching new pilots how to fly, and yet they receive no compensation. They do a tremendous service not only for the prospective new pilot, but for the club. Without them, our membership would shrink and the club would wither away. By teaching new members to fly, our instructors are the lifeblood of our club's continuation. Thanks Phil and Brandon!

See you at the field...

Or the meeting...

Whichever comes first.

October Meeting

The October club meeting took place at the field on Saturday, October 15. Twenty-one people attended the meeting, and new member Ryan Ellison was recognized at the start of the meeting.

Brandon Drummer reported on the Jet Jam that took place on September 24. Fees at the Jam covered all expenses and returned a small profit. Turnout was modest and consisted mostly of local folks; only two pilots traveled from out of town. Brandon said that he might not apply for an AMA sanction next time since nearly all participants were KCR C members. He also plans to hold the event earlier in the year in 2023 in hopes of boosting attendance.

Rick Thompson reported in Todd Thomas' absence that there has been no change in the FAA's remote ID status.

Rick also reported that repair on the flight line benches has been completed by Mike Glasman, Bob Morris, and Phil Spelt. At the last monthly meeting, \$1,000 was approved for this project. Actual cost was just under \$200. A huge thanks to Mike, Bob, and Phil for taking this on!

Neil Malcolm, leader for a Boy Scout troop in Blaine, Tennessee, has again requested a flight demo at their campout. Phil Cope said the last time they requested this they wanted a turbine flight. It was determined that the flight path would require the jets to fly over the occupied campground, and due to the danger inherent to flying turbines, the request was rejected. Rick is going to contact Evan Turner to see if he can provide a drone demo for the troops.

A discussion was held about allowing Park Pilots to fly at the club and whether an Open membership is sufficient. A Park Pilot membership is \$48 per year (compared to \$85 for an Open membership) but only has \$500,000 liability instead of \$2,500,000 for Open members. Park Flyers are electric and under 2 pounds. Although \$500,000 was expected to be sufficient for this class, it was unknown what our lease with the county department might require. Joel Hebert agreed to check with Knox County Parks and Recreation office for clarification.

There were no entries for model of the month or crash of the month.

The rear of the aircraft was relatively undamaged, and many parts of flight 401's airframe were salvaged and reused in other aircraft. Soon after, rumors began to spread. Some crew aboard the aircraft in which the salvaged parts were used claimed to have seen ghosts – the souls of dead Flight 401 crew members. The airline tried to tamp down the stories but were mostly unsuccessful. According to some accounts, Eastern ultimately discarded all the parts salvaged from the doomed jet in an effort to stop the haunting.

Happy Halloween, everyone!



Did You Know?

It's October, and Halloween is almost upon us. Here's a ghost story of sorts that involves aviation:

In December 1972, Eastern Airlines flight 401 crashed in South Florida. 101 of 176 people on board died, including the cockpit crew. Investigation showed that the disaster was preventable. The Lockheed L-1011 TriStar went down because pilots were trying to fix a malfunctioning light bulb and did not notice that the autopilot was disconnected.