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## September 2023 Newsletter

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### President's Corner

*By Warren Oliver*

Yet another month has zoomed past. We have accomplished a few things this last month. Thanks to Steve Patterson we now have a gravel path up to the flightline to prevent it from turning into a bigger mud hole than it already is. We also got our FRIA thanks to Tod Thompson's hard work. Speaking of mud, the Marine mud run went off last weekend as planned. While the marines were running in the mud, I was in Warner-Robins Georgia at an SPA contest.

Greg Hoke CDed the contest quite effectively. We had about 20 active flyers and no aircraft crashed. Everyone had a great time. I went down the Thursday before to get in a little practice; the club there has a great flying field that was a joy to fly from. On Friday, I flew at least 15 times. Others were practicing just as hard. I thought I would come in second in expert at the end of flying on Saturday, but I managed to pull it out for KCRC by winning the two rounds on Sunday. I really encourage other members to give pattern flying a try. Nothing will improve your skills faster than trying to make the airplane do what you want where and when you want it.

The folks involved in SPA are a great bunch that will help new pattern flyers in every way they can. The competition is real but relaxed. If you want to give

it a try, I would be happy to talk you through whatever class of pattern flying you would like to experiment with.

In any case, the season is over for me as I will be out of the country for a few weeks in October which is when the final events of the season will be held. Stay tuned for information about upcoming events; they will be low keyed to get everyone out. Time to drag out the trainers, fun fly planes, war birds, EDFs, and whatever you got and have some fun with them as Fall usually has some pleasant days with cool mornings and warm afternoons. Happy flying and be safe.

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### September Meeting

*By Richard Love*

President Oliver opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was held at the flying field with 21 members in attendance. Three new members were added to KCRC this month. They are William Lysett, Mark Smith and his 10-year-old son Aidan.

The August meeting minutes were approved.

The August Treasurer's Report was approved.

Safety Officer's report – Phil Cope said there were no incidents to report.

## Old Business:

The field will be closed for flying this Saturday (16<sup>th</sup>) for the annual Marine Mud Run. Ooh-rah!

The gravel driveway to the flight line was installed last Saturday morning. The project budget was \$1,600 and the actual cost was \$1,250. When using the driveway, Warren asked members to unload and then promptly move your vehicle to the parking area. Also, when going uphill entering the drive, have sufficient speed so you don't lose traction and spray gravel.

Todd (Thomas) reported that our FRIA status was approved Thursday, September 7 (see attached letter). It is good for 4 years. Renewal applications must be submitted at least 180 days prior to expiration.

Brandon (Drummer) will add the KCRC FRIA status to our website.

Warren reported that the SPA event brought in \$626 profit. Brandon reported that the JET event brought in \$210 and Warbird added \$185.

## New Business:

There are no more scheduled events this year. Warren would like another cookout and a Float Fly if possible. A vote to have the cookout was approved. No date was set.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

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## **FCC Recognized Identification Area**

Well, we got our FRIA status, so we meet the regulations for drone operations. No need for any new electronic gadgets for your planes if you fly at KCRC. A big thanks to Todd Thomas for chasing this down and wading through all the paperwork. Also, thanks to the AMA folks who helped us walk through the bureaucratic maze.

Stay tuned for any updates and what you might need if you fly in a non-FRIA area. The actual

hardware is in short supply and the enforcement date has just been pushed back to March 16, 2024. The overall situation is still murky at the present time so bear with us if you plan to fly at a non-approved field.

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## **Meet the New Members**



Mark and Aidan Smith have recently joined KCRC. Mark has an interest in building planes and is working on some scale projects. His son, Aidan, is just beginning to learn to fly; he has some time on the simulator so some of the basics have been worked through. Say hi when you see them at the field and encourage them along.

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## **Upcoming Events**

Mark your calendar for the following events:

**Cubfest** – Doesn't look like it will go this season.

**Float Fly** – Maybe?

**Club Cookout** – In the works; stay tuned.



## Federal Aviation Administration FAADroneZone

# Hi Ilona Maine,

The status for your FAA-Recognized Identification Area (FRIA) application 2023-CBO-01808-FRIA - Knox County RC Society #594 - Williams Bend Rd has been updated.

**FRIA Application Status:** Approved

Click the link below to log in to FRIA to see the FAA response.

<https://faadronezone-fria.faa.gov>

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For general inquiries or to request support with your account, please contact the [UAS Support Center](#).

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***Dear Todd Thomas,***

**Congratulations!**

The flying site located at/near 3204 Williams Bend Road that you submitted on behalf of Knox County RC Society has been approved as a FAA Recognized Identification Area (FRIA). This designation will satisfy the remote ID requirement for anyone flying at your club's site beginning September 16, 2023.

The email you received from the FAA DroneZone serves as your official notification. Please keep a copy of this for your records. If you did not see the email in your inbox, please check your email's spam folder. If you accidentally deleted it, please contact us at [Fria@modelaircraft.org](mailto:Fria@modelaircraft.org) and we can resend the email. Please allow for some extra time, as we are still busy submitting applications on behalf of other clubs.

Please disregard the link at the bottom of the FAA email notification. This link will only work for the AMA team member who submitted the application on your behalf.

Your FRIA will be in effect until 09/07/2027, and AMA will request a renewal for this location when possible. In the meantime, please contact AMA at [Fria@modelaircraft.org](mailto:Fria@modelaircraft.org) with any FRIA related questions.

Sincerely,

***AMA Clubs Department***