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March 2024 Newsletter

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President's Corner

By Warren Oliver

We had our first meeting back out at the field. We will be meeting there for the summer months. Phil Cope got us a new lock for the gate and installed it. The combination has been changed and Todd Thomas sent out an email to the paid up members with the new combination for this year.

Jimmy Russel continues to work with the county to get us properly set up with their *Parks Use Program*. They no longer issue leases for our sort of club/activity. They have a bit different setup now that we will need to use. More to come on that soon, hopefully.

We continue to get new members at a rate of one or two a month. If you see someone new at the field, please introduce yourself and make sure they feel welcome. Of course, AMA membership is still required before they can fly.

Several of our club members have recently started playing with RC cars. Matt Conser talked with me about revitalizing our car track at the field. I thought it was a great idea. Hopefully, what they come up with will get used more than what was put in originally. If you have questions about what is being considered, give Matt a call and get

involved now so you can make a difference. It won't help to say what should have been done mid-Summer.

I have been out at the field a few times in the last month on days that the weather cooperated. We continue to have great participation on those few warm days that we are getting right now. Last Saturday, I think we had well over a dozen pilots using the field. As most of you know, the field is now an approved FRIA flying site so there is no need to have any special ID gear to fly at KCRC.

March Meeting Minutes

By Richard Love

President Oliver opened the meeting at 6:35 PM.

The meeting was held at the KCRC field with 15 members in attendance.

Old Business

Phil Cope reported no safety incidents for the past month.

Jimmy Russell presented the Treasurer's report for Todd Thomas. Jimmy reported that 70 members have paid their dues and that this has already

covered our 2024 budget. Today was the last day to pay 2024 dues without incurring a \$5 late fee. Unpaid members will not be given the new code to the gate lock. Paid members will receive the new code very soon by email.

New Business

2024 Field Events were updated by Jimmy Russell:

Spring Fun Fly: Saturday May 4. Jimmy plans some events in the morning, wrapping up by lunchtime, and open field flying afterwards. Event cover charge/lunch is expected to be in the \$5 to \$10 range.

SPA Contest: June 8 & 9. Same format as always. Entry fee is \$30.

July 6: CubFest/Cookout

All events are sanctioned.

County Lease "Programs in the Parks"

We have satisfied two major provisions in our application: our insurance coverage and waiver of liability. Jimmy is still working with the county for completion of our submittal.

Training for Drone Flying at KCRC

Warren recently met with a potential new member interested in learning drone flying ultimately for commercial application. Rick Thompson volunteered his support for flight training.

Field Maintenance

Our flight line gravel driveway is holding up well and no other projects were identified except for fire ant hill eradication.

President Oliver adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM

everyone out at the field. Plus, we want to see all those new projects you have been working on over the Winter!



Ready for Spring?

The brave souls who have been coming out to the field all Winter have been enjoying a few Spring-like days the last couple of weeks. Now is the time to get all your equipment ready to go and the junk cleaned out of your car to make room for hauling airplane stuff. The good weather is just around the corner, and we are looking forward to seeing