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April 2024 Newsletter

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President's Corner

By Warren Oliver

I don't have a lot to say this month. I know some of you will be saying that is unusual! Between the weather, work, and my first round with Covid, I have only made it out to the field a few times this month. This month's meeting at the field was uneventful and nothing new came up except that Jimmy Russell let us know the county is having a camping event at the park and will need to use our parking area for overflow parking. This will occur on the weekend of April 27-29. It was not clear to me if this activity will require a halt of flying for the weekend or not. Stay tuned for further information.

I did get out to the field to see the latest effort by the UT aeronautics engineering student team to test their latest creation. They are a great bunch. The aircraft they are designing must perform several things well to be competitive. Craig Dieter and Phil Cope met them that morning as I was busy with my son catching Crappies on Melton Hill lake - we got 26 keepers and are having a fish fry this Saturday. Anyway, I got to the field about 2:30 pm and witnessed a couple of successful test flights, including one that came very close to terminating in the trees at the east end of the runway. I think

we gave them some helpful design advice and in general they had a successful day.

We have gained a few more members and I understand there have been a few days with all the flight benches full. I am looking forward to inching into retirement a bit further and spending more time at the field. I have been accumulating aircraft that need to see their maiden flights, so it should be a fun summer. I hope to see everyone out flying soon.

March Meeting Minutes

By Richard Love

President Oliver opened this brief meeting at 6:52 PM.

The meeting was held at the KCRC field with 16 in attendance. This included new member Brian Powers and visitor Lee Denning.

Old Business

Phil Cope reported no safety incidents for the past month.

Todd Thomas presented the Treasurers report and added that we have 7 new members so far this year bringing us to a total of 87 active members.

New Business

Jimmy Russell brought us up to date on the County Lease “Programs in the Parks” application. AMA will send our club insurance information to the county. Also, all who fly at the field must sign a “hold harmless” waiver relieving the county of any liability. Jimmy plans to post the waiver sheet in the shed for us to sign.

The Parks department told Jimmy there is going to be a “campout” event at the park April 27-29 and they want to use our field for overflow parking. He will find out if we or the county are to control the parking.

Our next meeting will be at the field on May 14. Todd will notify us of the meeting time in his monthly reminder email.

President Oliver adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.

Meet the New Member



Brain Powers is a beginning helicopter pilot who just got started this year. His major interest is in

learning to fly helicopters and then moving on up to the 3D types. His father is a 3D pilot and Brian has picked up on that interest. Say hi when you see him at the field and if you can, help him with the trials and tribulations of learning to fly helicopters. Also, a few of you might want to get together and repair the helicopter pad. Time and the elements have gotten the better of it and it needs a good bit of work. Be careful though; it is now a low rent housing project for fire ants.

So, if some of you can get together and come up with a replacement design and an estimated cost, the club will very likely support anything that is reasonable. Now is a good time to get going on this project as the Summer is going to be hot.



Upcoming Events

Pencil in these events for upcoming flying season:

May 4th – Spring Fun Fly Bash with a cookout

June 1st to 2nd – SPA contest, format the same as last year

July 6th – Cubfest with family cookout

Stay tuned for any updates or additions. Make sure you get your event in early so the club can get it on the roster.