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May 2024 Newsletter

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President's Corner

By Warren Oliver

It has been an interesting month. I managed to destroy my favorite pattern airplane by making a mistake and then finding the top of a tree. Pretty much a complete loss but I recovered all the important reusable bits. As I always say, they are all going to turn into automatic post hole diggers at some point!

Jimmy Russel ran a good fun fly for the club this month. It was weather delayed one week and then the weather was threatening on the day of the event. In any case, we had a few fliers from other clubs, and we had a good cook out along with the spot landing and limbo events. We have had a few younger folks out at the field recently. Getting some younger active members would be a great addition to our club. If you see younger folks at the field, please try to encourage them in any way possible.

Randy, Rick, Craig and I took a day trip down to the Joe Nall event at the Triple Tree Aerodrome near Woodruff, SC. As you can see in the background of the picture of the F14 their flying field is spectacular. It serves as a full-scale airport and is all nicely groomed grass. No trouble hitting the

runway there! As Usual there were some spectacular aircraft flown as well as some extreme flying demonstrations. Some of these team pilots do some impressive highspeed maneuvers literally inches off the ground. Thankfully, there were no spectacular wrecks this year. The most impressive bird was the F14 Tomcat. Twin turbines, an effective smoke system, working swing wings and incredible scale detail made this large (about 10 feet long) model the star of the show for me. If you have never attended the Joe Nall event it is worth the 3.5-hour drive down to have a look at the most advanced RC aircraft being flown from around the world. The vendors' tents are also worth visiting. Some good deals are available, but one can spend a considerable amount of money if you are not careful!

This month we will be hosting the Knoxville SPA pattern contest. Please be aware that the beginner's class is a great way to have fun trying to get your aircraft to behave. It is lots of fun having a set of judges have a look at your flight and give you some feedback. You can fly any aircraft in the beginner's class and the maneuvers are not difficult, a single roll or a single loop sort of thing. So please come out and give it a try. I believe you will enjoy it.



Old Business

Although trees around the field have claimed two more planes, Phil Cope reported no safety incidents for the past month.

Todd Thomas presented the Treasurers report and added that we now have 91 members (67 regulars, 20 family, 2 student, and 2 drone only). Last year our membership was 64.

Reminder for events scheduled at the field:

Funfly: Following two postponements, the Funfly will be held this Saturday (18th). Contests include Limbo, smoothest landing, spot landing, and maybe more. Event cover charge with lunch is \$10.

SPA contest and lunch are still scheduled for June 8 and 9 (Saturday and Sunday).

Cubfest is Saturday July 6.

Programs in the Parks: When our application is approved, Jimmy will post the "hold harmless" waiver sheet members must sign before flying.

New Business

Interest is growing in KCRC and people are contacting us for information. Currently, all requests are being referred to Brandon Drummer for response. Warren will discuss with Brandon to see if additional help is needed.

To bring additional attention to our club, Todd suggested that we might consider holding an RC Day event that includes all RC opportunities at the same time (Prop planes, jets, drones, and cars).

Model of the month:

Warren displayed his 90 mm EDF "Switchblade" made with a 3D printer.

Our next meeting will be at the field on Tuesday, June 11.

President Oliver adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM.

March Meeting Minutes

By Richard Love

President Oliver opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was held at the KCRC field with 16 in attendance. This included new members Jim Lux, Joseph "SAGE" Brashears, and Charles Wang.

Meet the New Members



Charles Wang is a competitive drone pilot when he is not working on an advanced computer science degree at UT. He has some background with planes, but like drones the best. If you like drones and competition, look for him at the field drone course. Even if you don't say hi when you see him.

Jim Lux has been flying for a couple of years and is intent on practicing some of his maneuvers so you should be seeing him out at the field. Say hi and help him get into the swing of things at the field.



Sage Brashears has rejoined the club after a 20 year or so hiatus. He is brushing up on his skills and should be well on his way in a few weeks. He likes to build and you may see a new plane or two out at the field. Say hi and help him over the hump of getting the old skills back.



Upcoming Events

Pencil in these events for upcoming flying season:

June 8th and 9th – 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.