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## June 2024 Newsletter

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### President's Corner

*By Warren Oliver*

Well as many of you know, I forgot the meeting this month. It was a Freudian slip. I was actually at my son's house flying and waiting for him to finish making fish tacos from the fish he had caught that morning when Jimmy Russel called me to ask if I had forgotten the meeting. Of course Jimmy did a good job running things in my absence which makes me wonder what I should do next month!

Jimmy Russel also ran a great SPA contest this month. I believe there were about 15 registered flyers and we only lost a couple of planes. One was repairable, the other went into the lake. It was later rescued by some friendly boaters. Jimmy was poised to win expert until he did the wrong maneuver after both he and the caller called the right one. Truly a brain fart. I struggled to come in 3<sup>rd</sup> in the master class. Dan Toombs was another flyer from the club and he placed first in his class. He managed to come away from the raffle with a nice Kwik Fly mark 4 kit that I had donated so he has the right plane to continue to climb the SPA score board. I am sure we did well financially but I don't know if Jimmy reported in on it yet as I was

not at the meeting. We had great weather and a good time.

Another interesting thing happened on Saturday 6/18/2024. We had 20 active flyers at the field that morning! We are a growing club with lots of active flyers. We even have a few folks that don't have grey hair! Benches were shared and everybody did a great job of making sure everyone enjoyed themselves. Our club field is a really fun place to spend the morning.

I have dragged out the glider a couple of times recently and had fun soaring around looking for lift. It's a different kind of flying but challenging in it's own way. If you have a glider, dust it off and have some fun. This is another class of aircraft that has benefitted greatly from electric power. Put a small electric motor in the nose with a folding prop and getting up to the lift becomes easy.

Several of us have been kicking around what further improvements we could make to the field. One possibility that looks interesting would be to extend our shade structure west to the end of the concrete strip. On the the Saturday that we had 20 flyers, some were stuck out in the sun. We also ran short of benches. If we extended the shaded area about 50 feet west we could have about eight more benches and shade over them all. To this end

I asked Steve Paterson looked into what a metal carport sort of structure would cost. He found some folks that would fix us up with a 12 ft wide, 10 ft high, 50 foot long metal carport structure (top but no sides) installed for \$5,000. That seems like a reasonable deal to me but let's all bring it up at the next meeting and discuss options. We can certainly afford it and I think it's worth doing.

The weather is getting pretty warm so make sure you are careful not to get overheated. Particularly if you are alone at the field. Remember we have cold drinks in the frdge at the field. Stay hydrated and enjoy.



*Pattern plane turned seaplane*

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## Tree Feeding

At last count we had 4 planes in various trees around the field. It can be pretty tough to get a plane out of a tree without destroying it or hurting yourself, so be careful in this situation. A visit to

the emergency room will probably cost more than a plane and healing will take longer than building a new plane so think about the rescue plan first.

Tree growth plays havoc with your depth perception and your habits from last year, so fly a bit high and stay in the open runway corridors to avoid feeding the trees. They are tall enough already!

If you have spoilers or flaps on your planes, now is a good time to get used to them. They will benefit you in the long run.



*A couple of victims*

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## **June Meeting Minutes**

*By Richard Love*

Vice-President Jimmy Russell opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was held at the KCRC field with 11 in attendance.

### Old Business

Phil Cope reported that there were no safety incidents for the past month.

Todd Thomas presented the Treasurers report, and it was approved. He added that we now have 92 members.

### *SPA Contest:*

Jimmy gave an overview of the contest. There were 15 contestants (5 in Masters, 2 in Expert, 2 in Advanced, 4 in Sportsman, and 2 in Basic). In addition to local attendees, there were others from several states (Kentucky, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, and Texas). The event was profitable.

### *Funfly:*

The Funfly was finally held on Saturday May 18. Phil Cope won Limbo, VP Russell won Spot Landing, and Matt Conser won Smooth Landing. All reported that it really was a fun event.

### *Programs in the Parks:*

The KCRC application has finally been approved. Jimmy will draft the "hold harmless" clause and have it posted for flying members to sign. Rick Thompson led our meeting members in expressing our gratitude for Jimmy and Todd's work getting our club approved.

### Cubfest:

The Cubfest is still scheduled for Saturday July 6. Fixed wing planes other than Cubs will be allowed. The landing fee, including lunch, is \$10.

### New Business

Interest continued as discussions were held again for two new events: Float Fly and RC Day.

Float Fly: A boat will be required for a Float Fly. Rick Thompson will look for leads on this.

RC Day: The scope of an RC Day is to encompass all aspects of RC: drones, jets, cars, and include a candy drop, the flying witch, and buddy box flying for the kids.

Our next meeting will be at the field on Tuesday, July 9.

VP Russell adjourned the meeting at 7:57 PM.

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## **Meet the New Members**

Sorry, nothing new this month. Stay tuned!

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## **Upcoming Events**

Pencil in these events for the flying season:

July 6<sup>th</sup> – 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.

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## **If you Bring It, Take It with You**

Please remember to take all your trash home with you. Help us keep the field looking great and impressive to all who come. Thank you.

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