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## August 2024 Newsletter

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### President's Corner

*By Warren Oliver*

The weather has been very cooperative over the last month. I guess we are officially headed for Fall. These Tennessee Fall days of clear skies and temperatures in the mid 80s remind me of how lucky we are to live in this part of the country.

The Warbirds event went well; thanks to Brandon for organizing that. We had nice cook out organized by Tee. As I recall we did not lose any aircraft.

I also attended the SPA pattern contest in Johnson City. The event went well although the number of contestants was marginal. If you get a chance to stop in and fly with JCRC do so. Their field is just off the interstate at the exit for Johnson City. They are a great group of guys and have a very nice flying facility.

A couple of safety issues came up at the last club meeting. The first one concerns LiPo batteries that have been left out at the field. Two batteries were found in the pavillion and seemed to have been discarded there. One battery was discovered in the field below the drone course when the fellow cutting the hay hit it with his equipment. I happened to be there and went to investigate the

column of smoke. One of the cells was punctured and was burning. This could easily have caused a grass fire. The two batteries found in the pavillion could have caused a fire there. Of course if a battery is damaged it would be dangerous to drive home with it in the car with you. To this end we decided that we need a place to safely dispose of batteries at the field. We will be placing a bucket of salt water in the pavilion for this purpose. If you have a battery that is questionable you will be able to drop it in this bucket and it will discharge safely over time. The club will dispose of those batteries in the appropriate way.

The second issue is the national guard helicopter that uses the area over the lake at the east end of our runway from time to time. They are practicing various things including picking up water from the lake and dumping it, simulating fire fighting procedures. Unfortunately, the flight pattern they have used recently puts them right in the potential flight path for our models. Please remember that full scale aircraft have the right of way in ALL cases. If there is any chance you may get near these aircraft on any flight, delay flying until the coast is clear. Any sort of altercation with these folks is a good way to risk losing our flying field.

Rick Thompson took the floor to show a small device he has purchased that does two things. It takes care of the remote ID issue if you are flying at a site that is not a FRIA. It also gives out a homing signal that you can follow to find a lost plane if you go down in our jungle. We tried it out at the field with Rick at one end of the field and me at the other and the homing signal worked. It did stop when I went below the horizon and could not see Rick any longer. I think this feature would be very useful. It is completely stand alone and is quite small and light. I fly at my son's house pretty regularly so I have ordered one. It is called a Ruko and costs about \$40. It will transmit for about 5 hours on a charge. The link Rick sent me is:

[https://www.ruko.net/products/ruko-r111-remote-id-module?utm\\_source=google&utm\\_medium=cpc&utm\\_campaign=search\\_ads\\_R111&gad\\_source=1&clid=Cj0KCQjww5u2BhDeARIsALBuLnNXgObtIK2w\\_I nGLI1wdjZ6U5C\\_V9LrErf9Wq0uizxVQPcx10I2ScsaAl3eEALw\\_wcB](https://www.ruko.net/products/ruko-r111-remote-id-module?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=search_ads_R111&gad_source=1&clid=Cj0KCQjww5u2BhDeARIsALBuLnNXgObtIK2w_I nGLI1wdjZ6U5C_V9LrErf9Wq0uizxVQPcx10I2ScsaAl3eEALw_wcB)

Please come out and join us for the Jets over Knoxville event being organized by Brandon this Saturday. He has done a good job getting the word out and the weather looks good. If you have an EDF or turbine for that matter come join us.

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## August Meeting Minutes

*By James Russell*

The meeting was called to order at 7pm at the field with 18 members in attendance.

We have 2 new members; they are Abe Mathews and Rohit Kanchi.

### Treasurers Report

Notable expenses for the month were event supplies reimbursements and mowing costs.

The shelter extension project is ongoing and on budget. Steve Patterson is arranging the gravel and leveling groundwork.

### Safety Report

President Warren Oliver brought up a few safety topics that include items such as pre-flight inspection of your aircraft, air space boundaries, and safe disposal of Lipo batteries (possibly a convenient solution for us that can be accomplished at the field).

Warren plans to disseminate additional information pertaining to these subjects in a near-term email to the membership.

### Old Business

The Warbird event went well. Brandon will report at the next meeting.

Jimmy Russell passed around the Hold Harmless clause and additional members signed. This is a requirement from Knox Co Parks. So far, 19 Members have signed the form to date.

The meeting concluded at 7:55pm.

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## Warbird Photos

*By James Russell*

The Warbird event was a success and here are a few photos to get you thinking about next year.







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## Meet the New Members

Sorry, no new photos this month. Stay tuned!

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## Upcoming Events

Pencil in these event(s) for the flying season:

Aug 24<sup>th</sup> – Jet Fly

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