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October 2024 Newsletter

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President's Corner

By Warren Oliver

We just had a great RC day at the KCRC flying field. The weather was superb, and participation was great. There were more folks than I have seen at our field in years. The members had a great time and so did the spectators. We had quite a few young children that really enjoyed seeing our hobby in action. Jimmy Russel did a great job organizing the event. We had Jets, pattern, 3D, fun fly airplanes and a witch flying. There was a candy drop for the kids. Also, Charles Wang did a drone racing demo.

Here are a few pictures:





The cookout went well, and everyone seemed satisfied at the end of the day. I am really enthusiastic about this event. I think we should have two of them next year. One in the Spring and one in the Fall. Jimmy did just a little work publicizing the event, and it worked well. A big thanks to everyone! After the event I went home and watched Tennessee beat Alabama. What a day!!!

We have not made much progress on our additional shelter activity, but we are looking to break ground this week. The RC day reinforced the need for a little additional shade for busy days at the field.

I am afraid it is getting to be the time of year to decide who our officers will be next year. Steve Patterson and Phil Cope have graciously volunteered to be our nominating committee this year. Todd Thomas has indicated that he is willing to continue as treasurer next year. I think this would be a great to give us continuity for that position. We will take nominations from the floor at the next meeting. If you have strong feelings about nominations, contact Steve or Phil. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage folks to run for the required offices. We have a great group of members that work together to get things done so none of the individual actions take much time. I am proud to say that we never had an executive committee meeting during the last two years because things were just easy. We do need fresh blood in these officer and committee positions so please volunteer. I have had fun serving as

president for the last two years and can honestly say that I never spent more than a couple of hours a month getting it done.

Open flying will be from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Brandon will organize jet flying events to take place between 11:00 AM and lunch

Some drone members will video the event.

September Meeting Minutes

By Richard Love

Vice-President Jimmy Russell opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

The meeting was held at the KCRC field with 18 in attendance including the new member, Charlie Holbrook.

Treasurers Report

Todd Thomas presented the treasurers report. Income came from dues and proceeds from the Fun fly and SPA events. Expenses were for electricity, mowing, and Porta Potty.

Todd also brought the Hold Harmless document for those who have not yet signed.

Safety Report

Phil Cope reported that several crashes and downed planes have occurred since the last meeting but there were no safety issues involved.

Old Business

No new information was available on the flight line shade and station extension project.

Clay Snell, a producer with East Tennessee PBS working on their lifestyle/human interest show "Tennessee Life" visited with us recently to video flights, flight line activity, and conduct interviews with a few of our members. An approximate 10-minute segment of this event is planned to air later this month. Todd will send a notification and post on Facebook the date and time of the program.

VP Russell provided additional information on the RC Day scheduled for October 19. The scope of RC Day is to encompass all aspects of RC: drones, jets, cars, and include a candy drop, the flying witch, buddy box flying, and runway availability for RC car activity for the kids.

Tentative schedule:

Field to open at 8:30 AM

New Business

A decision on runway improvement was deferred to a spring meeting. Meanwhile, Phil Spelt will try to find out the covering we used at the last repair session.

Brandon to provide a guide document for a Try Out Flight for new jet flyers.

It was discussed that President Oliver needs to:

- Secure an indoor meeting place for our November through April meetings
- Appoint a committee to obtain a list of candidates for officers for 2025. A list of candidates is required for dissemination at our next meeting (November 12).

New officer voting takes place at our December 10 meeting.

VP Russell adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Building Board

I decided to make a new building board and was interested in something that took pins well. I finally decided to go with a cork-covered pine board.

First, I obtained a flat board and added some 1½" stiffeners on the bottom so it would stay flat:

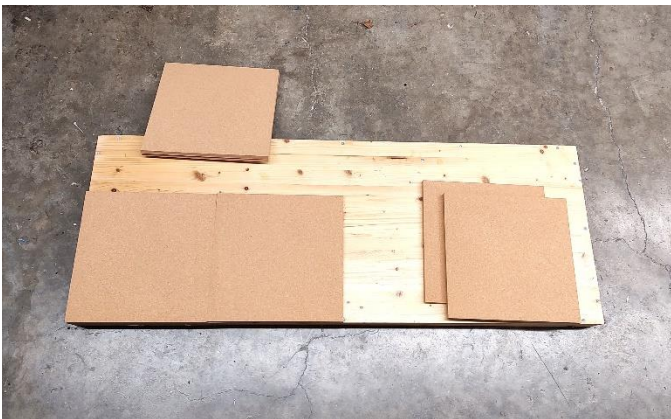




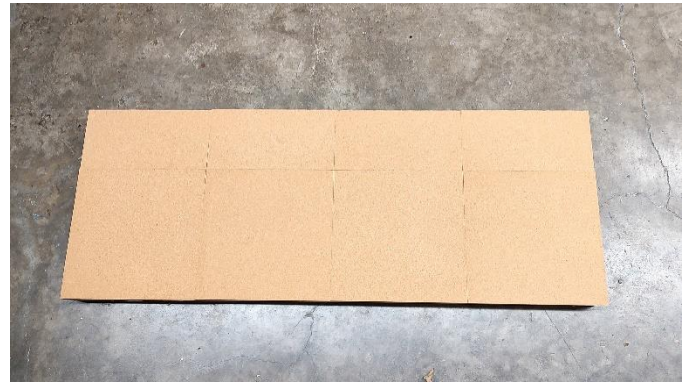
Next, I bought six 12" by 12", ½" thick self-adhesive cork panels like this:



Since the board was 48" by 18" I placed 4 panels on the bottom:



Finally, I cut the remaining two panels in half and completed the board. Take care to align the edges so there are no gaps:



If you decide to build one, make sure you get ½" thick cork panels; the thinner ones are just not deep enough for a good grip on the pins. You can also make one out of 2 layers of ¼" cork sheet which you can glue together with contact cement. I think the panel route is easier, but you may have some materials at home you can use. You may not need the stiffeners on a small board.

So, depending on what you have on hand or what size you need you can make a building board quickly out of some cork and some flat boards.

Saran wrap works well to cover the plans, and glue does not seem to stick to it. It can be a bit fussy to work with, but it is easy to get and cheap.

Meet the New Member



Our new member is actually an old member; Charlie Holbrook was a member from 2001-2005 and finally decided to retire and devote more time to his hobbies. He has some experience with glow engines but is interested in learning about electrics. It has been a while, so he is back on the learning curve relearning some of the basics. When you see him at the field say Hi and help him get back into the hobby.

Upcoming Events

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

Slate of Candidates for December election

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

Finally, consider running for a club office and help spread the workload of running the club around. It is important that we keep the club strong and the field in good condition.

Fall Days

Take some time to enjoy the nice Fall weather. There are still some good days ahead and all too soon the cold and rainy weather will be here. Then it is time to start building for next year!

Articles and Photos

If you have any articles or photos you would like to see in the newsletter, please send them to rmorris126@comcast.net. I would like to include more material from the members. You don't need a long report or perfect pictures, just things that would be of interest to the club such as workbench fixtures and tips, a new trick for your plane, or even new ways to pack all this stuff in your car.