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## November 2024 Newsletter

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### President's Corner

*By Warren Oliver*

This month's weather has been spectacular. It seemed that day after day we had beautiful weather and great RC flying participation. It is easy to see why folks are moving to Tennessee from other parts of the country. At least a couple of those days we had every bench occupied and then some. We have had better youth representation at the field this month. It is great to see some of these younger pilots enjoying our hobby. Please remember to be courteous to other members at the field. We have a great cooperative attitude in our club and it's important to keep that going. We need to remember that different folks enjoy the hobby in varying ways. We have room for everyone from EDF flyers tearing up the sky to folks that just want to go up with a beginner airplane and cruise around. It is great to help others but be careful not to "correct" or criticize the activities of others unless there is a safety issue.

On the downside, I had to send an email to all members about some fraudulent emails being sent to some folks in the club asking them to make some financial transactions at my request. I will never ask any member to do anything involving money via an email or internet message. It seems

we have quite a few people in the world that spend their time trying to rip people off. In general, if you get an email from anyone asking about gift cards or internet payments, be very suspicious. Never respond to any email that involves granting access to your computer without a very thorough verification of the source of the request. It seems that the emails in question here involved information the thieves gained from our web site as most of the emails involved officers of our club whose contact information was on the public portion of our web site.

We should see some progress in our efforts to extend the shaded area at the field this month. Steve Patterson has been moving this along for us. We have now done the ground prep work required and will be contracting for the shade structure very soon. Thank you, Steve! I certainly hope to have this finished by the end of the year.

It is once again time for us to select new officers for the club. Phil Cope and Steve Patterson have taken on the responsibility of putting together a list of willing nominees for each of the offices. According to our bylaws we should have two nominees for each office. At this point, I know we have one willing individual for each office. If you are interested in participating as a club officer next

year let the nominating committee know. See the minutes for a current list of candidates. We will be voting at the December meeting and nominees from the floor at the meeting can still be put forward. Please come to the meeting if you have strong feelings about who we should have representing our club next year; in fact, just come! It has been a pleasure being your president the past two years and it has not been much work. This is because we have that cooperative attitude permeating our club. Let's keep that going in support of our officers next year.

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## **November Meeting Minutes**

*By Richard Love*

President Oliver opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

The meeting was held at the Deane Hill Recreation Center with 16 in attendance.

### Treasurers Report

Todd Thomas presented the treasurers report. Income for the month came from dues and proceeds from the very successful RC Day event. Expenses were for electricity, mowing, and Porta Potty.

Todd also reported that we had 5 new members last month bringing our current membership to 102. The new members are Mikael Spangberg (Drone); Bradley Dunagan, Nicholas Henry, and Randy Jones (Regular); and Evan Smith (Family). This brings the current total to: 75 Regular, 21 Family, 3 Student, and 3 Drone.

### Safety Report

Phil Cope reported that several planes went down since the last meeting but there were no safety issues involved.

### Old Business

#### **Flight line shade and station extension project**

Steve Patterson stated that he has someone scheduled for tomorrow (Nov 13<sup>th</sup>) at the field to prepare the ground for installation of the new 12' X 50' flight line covering.

Electrical outlet stations will be added after the covering is installed. The number and layout of stations is to be determined.

#### **Runway repair**

Todd has three options for runway repair. All options are about \$2000 each.

The covering we last applied to the runway surface is called *Airport Sealing*.

### New Business

#### **Alternative monthly meeting site**

Todd found out that Pellissippi State has space for meetings. He will contact them to verify the cost per meeting of a room for December, February, March, and April. By a majority vote, Todd may reserve a room if the cost is less than or equal to \$100 per meeting.

#### **Repair of rope fence in parking area**

It was agreed that the withering rope will not be replaced. Some expressed a desire to remove it for easier walking to the flight line. In either case, we will leave the posts as a visual guide for parking.

#### **Memorial Placards**

Phil Spelt is to look for placard material.

#### **Field first aid equipment**

We will check the first aid kits and add/replace needed items.

Steve Jones will investigate the possibility of obtaining a pre-owned AED for field use.

#### **New officer voting to take place at our December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting**

The current candidates are:

<i>President</i>	Jimmy Russell
<i>Vice President</i>	Richard Love
<i>Secretary</i>	Bill Lewis
<i>Treasurer</i>	Todd Thomas
<i>Safety Officer</i>	Phil Cope

Plus 3 Executive Committee Members:

Craig Dieter  
Rick Thompson

Brandon Drummer

Two candidates for each position are desired.

Candidates may be added at the next meeting before voting takes place.

### **Model of the month and adjournment**

President Oliver displayed his great restoration job on his Stinger 90 before adjourning the meeting at 7:22 PM.

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### **Meet the New Members**



Brad Dunagan is getting back into the hobby after a hiatus. He spent some time with glow engines and now wants to try his hand at EDFs after catching up with a trainer and getting his old skills back. So, all you EDF guys look for him at the field and give him a few tips.



Evan Smith is a newcomer to the hobby and is looking forward to learning flying skills. He will need some help learning the ropes, so all you experienced flyers and instructors please give him a hand.



Randy Jones is looking forward to learning about the hobby and becoming a flyer. So, give him a hand when you see him at the field and help him learn to fly with a minimum of problems.

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## Upcoming Events

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

December election

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, the field in good condition, and maintain good relations with the county.

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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**Come to our December 10<sup>th</sup>  
meeting and vote for new  
officers!**

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## 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](mailto: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, some old war stories, something to watch out for at the field, or even new ways to pack all this stuff in your car.