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March 2025 Newsletter

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President's Corner

By Jimmy Russell

Hello all, Spring is finally here. I've made it to the field out a couple times this month and it was nice to get a plane back in the air. We had a nice March meeting, and the membership approved of the proposed budget. I want to thank Phil Spelt for doing a lot of research and groundwork for the runway work we need to do. Currently the plan is to fill the cracks once the nighttime temperatures get above 50 deg. Then, do the sealing coat sometime in mid-summer. Keep a lookout for emails requesting volunteers. We will likely have a couple of workdays and really need people to come out and help with this task. We have a wonderful field to enjoy our hobby and with a little work we can keep it that way or even make it a little nicer. We'll likely provide a free cookout for the volunteers, so stay tuned.

I have been working with the Oak Ridge/Anderson County Civil Air Patrol. They are wanting to have their field day at our site. The tentative date is March 29th. I know this is very short notice, but it doesn't require anything from the members. That day will be a normal flying day for us. Let's just be courteous and use this time to showcase what we

do and the good attitudes we possess. Possibly Craig Dieter and I will provide training flights for the kids; feel free to provide other assistance if you are available.

Lastly, Warren Oliver and I have been discussing holding an informal pattern/aerobatics showcase day. Our idea is to share the techniques and knowledge about how to fly precision maneuvers and show what it's like to fly in a SPA contest. I want to remind the club members; you don't need a special airplane to fly in a contest. The Basic and Sportsman classes have simple maneuvers most pilots can do. KRCRC's SPA contest is May 3rd and 4th. It would be great to see some KRCRC'ers flying in that. I plan to have a reduced contest fee for 1st time KRCRC'ers.

Let's all keep the runway under the wheels and air under the wings! Watch out for the trees at the ends of the runway!

KCRC Meeting March 11, 2025

By Bill Lewis

The president Jimmy Russell opened the meeting at 6:30 pm at Pellissippi State College Building #2749.

Todd Thomas read the treasure's report, and it was accepted by the attending membership.

There were a few members that paid the yearly dues at the meeting. It was determined that last year's budget was good enough to use in 2025. The budget was approved by the attending membership by a showing of hands.

Old Business

The executive board made recommendations for the upcoming year's events.

March 29th - A possible Air Civil Patrol activity at the field, although this may not happen as the leader of the air patrol had not yet responded back to the president at this time.

April 19th or April 26th - Proposed work on the runway to resurface the runway as there are several cracks that have opened up; a definite date had not been determined at this time.

May 3-4th - SPA Pattern contest.

May 24th - RC Day. Spectators' invitation day with men, women, children, and families to check out their possible interest in RC. We will NOT be hosting free food; maybe free for kids. But we will have a flying fee and if someone doesn't want to fly but eat, perhaps a \$5 fee or something - to be determined.

Oct 27th - RC Candy drop day. Great for future fliers and families to come out and enjoy the Fall and RC flying, of course. Candy will be dropped from airplanes while the children can scramble onto the runway to pick up some Halloween Candy (Safely). Hopefully the flying witch will make an appearance.

Jet Day is yet to be determined.

New Business

It was brought up that there have been several nails found in the gravel near the main shelter entrance. Dieter, Rick, and others have been doing

their best to eliminate the problem, but nails keep showing up. Be careful!

It was also mentioned that whenever we get more gravel some should be placed at the field entrance to help eliminate the "mud hole" and the radiuses on the turns should be made longer to help cars from being driven on the grass.

Some members think something should be done about the turn going up to the unloading area as it is too tight and many worry that the corner of the new airplane shelter might be struck. It was mentioned that instead of entering from left to right, perhaps entering from right to left might temporarily help with the problem.

With the club trying to expand membership and with more women and children participating at our club events I suggested that a second porta potty for the women might be needed. Todd, the treasurer, said that he will check into pricing.

The April meeting will be held at Pellissippi State College, and for May hopefully we will be holding the meetings at the field for the rest of the summer.

Crash of the Month

There were a few contestants, but no winners were determined.

Model of the month

Warren Oliver brought a new smaller scale model plane, a Miles Gemini, that he had bought online as a kit. It has twin electric motors and he said that all the balsa was of good quality and went together without any problems. Oliver said the plane is very light and runs on a small lithium-ion battery.

New Members

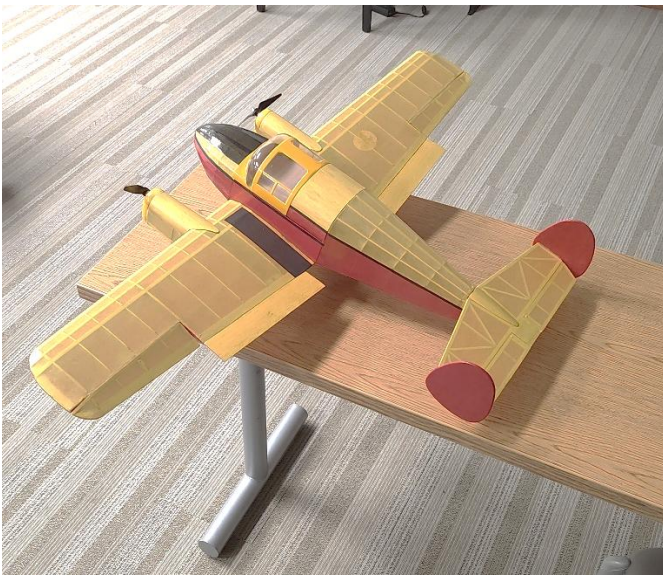
No new members were present at the meeting.

Closing

A Motion was made to close the meeting and President Jimmy Russell closed the meeting at 7:15.



Warren Oliver's Miles Gemini.



Meet the New Member

Stay tuned for the Spring! We will be seeing some new folks soon and take some time to renew your acquaintances with some of the old folks. In the meantime, finish up those back burner projects – not much time left!

Upcoming Events

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

Civil Air Patrol - March 29th

Runway Work - April 19th or April 26th

SPA contest weekend - May 3-4th

Spring RC Day - May 24th

Fall RC Day - Oct 27th

Get your event in as soon as possible so we can get it on the list. Tell your ideas to the officers or email them if you can't make the meeting.

