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April 2026 Newsletter

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President's Corner

By Jimmy Russell

We have had a somewhat busy month at KCRC. I hope everyone is enjoying the reduced meeting schedule. I know I am. You may have seen me assisting the UT Aerospace students lately. I'm so glad that they come to our club for assistance and help with their senior projects every year. It is so cool to talk to them about their project, the requirements and their design philosophy. When you look at their aircraft it's neat to see how they design it solely for the purpose and the tasks it must do. With our help they iterated the design and came up with a final design which flew pretty well and easily did the required tasks of carrying a payload, then deploying, and releasing a banner.

I would like to thank all the volunteers that came out for a very successful workday. We built 5 new stands and repaired many others. It was a fun day with a bunch of kind natured jokes and ribbing while we cut wood and assembled the stands. Now we have 19 good stands!!

On April 18th we had our Cubs and Coffee event. I want to thank Travis Braiser for CD'ing and arranging it for us. I also would like to thank Abe

Mathews for providing the donuts and coffee. Turnout was a little low. This was possibly due to the wind forecast. I want to remind members, if the weather app says 10-15mph wind tomorrow, look at the hourly forecast, as it often is calm in the morning, and the wind doesn't pick up till the afternoon. Most are done flying by then anyway. I've found even on "windy" days there are several calm hours before noon. So come out early on those days! When the wind picks up, go grab lunch.

I'd like to promote Alex Miller at Evergreen Landscaping (423) 536-8432. He is the guy that does the mowing at KCRC. He is going full time with his company this year. Some of my neighbors and I have hired him to do some landscaping and mowing at our houses. He has done great work and is quite reasonable on his prices. If you have some yard work, clearing, or other handyman jobs give him a call!

Let's get out and enjoy the weather before it gets too hot. Invite to your family, friends, and coworkers. Get with one of the instructors and arrange some buddy box flying for them. Let's try to grow the club and show others how much fun it is to fly models!

A few photos from the workday:

Cutting out the pieces



A finished one!



Parts all laid out



The UT airplane project – it flies!



Beginning to assemble



How many KRCers does it take to build a stand?



KCRC Meeting April 2026

By Bill Lewis

No April 2026 meeting; going to every other month during the Summer

Cubs and Coffee

On April 18th we had our Cubs and Coffee event. Travis Braiser was CD for the event. There was a bit of wind, but we saw several planes in the air, and we had a good time. Check out the pictures:



Lots of Cubs plus a few other types as well as sport planes



A nice morning sunrise



Full benches and people flying



Upcoming Events

The following events are already on the list; please pencil them in your calendar and plan to participate:

SPA, June 27–28th (Jimmy/Warren, CD)

Phil Cope Summer Fun Fly, July 12th (Jimmy, CD)

