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## From the Hangar

Jerel Zarestky

It's been a busy month!!

The Float-Fly was a great success (thanks Jerry Goss .... and Denny Evans and family for the hamburgers!). Another is in the works for later this summer, maybe in August.

The Club's static display at the American Museum of Science and Energy in Oak Ridge came off very well thanks to Mike Foley and several other KCRC'ers.

Paul Funk's Fun-Fly also went very well and more Fun-Flys are being planned for the summer. Get those profile and sport planes ready for the next one!

The weather didn't quite cooperate for the Flea-Fly and the Barbecue; it was cool ( Editors note: read COLD!!) and windy. However, we still had 30 people show up for some equipment exchange and Buddy's barbecue. I think it would take at least 4" of snow for the KCRC die-hards to not turn out and even then they'd show up with skis on their planes!

Some reminders for flying at KCRC were brought up at the May meeting; since houses are being constructed at the South end of the runway, beyond the water treatment plant, we have to stay away from that area! First of all, there's a "zero line" in that direction and parallel to the safety fence. Don't make full throttle passes down that way or keep your passes angled away from the water treatment plant. Also, when flying up and down the river on the other end of the runway, please keep your flight path away from the two houses directly behind the field. It's easy to bring your passes perpendicular to the runway and end up flying at their back doors. An important point was made at the meeting; for those of us who spend one or more days during the week flying at KCRC, what would you do if you didn't have the KCRC field for flying your planes? Where would you go to fly? We have to police ourselves in regard to safety, flying etiquette and noise control. That means if you see someone else violating any of these guidelines, work with them to correct the problem. It's up to us.

Dennis Hunt is preparing for the SPA pattern contest on June 1st and 2nd and may be asking for some help. It's great fun to participate (if you can loop, roll and do a stall turn, you're qualified to fly) and it's even fun to just help with the running of the contest.

We had a great turn out of planes for show and tell

at the May meeting ... keep them coming!

Dennis Hunt gave a great program on trimming your airplane (not just pattern planes) for better performance. The key is to make the plane do all the work by proper trimming, control linkages and setup. Thanks, Dennis. We have some suggestions for future programs but we could use more. Pass on your ideas to one of the club officers.

A few other things of note; Our Airshow date has been set for Saturday September 14.

The Parks and Recreation dept. of Knox County are reviewing our lease for renewal and we hope to have that in place in the next month or so. A bylaws committee has been set up to look at the KCRC bylaws to be sure they meet the mandatory AMA requirements for 2003.

See you at the field.....Jerel

## This Just In

"There has been a RC flying fatality in Arizona. A modeler lost his plane in the sun and it came around and hit him squarely in the chest, embedding the engine in his body! He died at the field while paramedics worked on him....." Reported by AMA District X AVP Bob Reynolds and Rich Hansen, District X VP.

**BE CAREFUL OUT THERE, MODELERS**

## Field Rules and Security

It is the responsibility of each member to keep the gate combination confidential. Each member is given this combination on the address label of the newsletter each month. Members are the only folks who are supposed to have this information. If someone asks you for it, tell them to check the label on their newsletter...

### **THIS IS IMPORTANT!!!!**

Also remember the safety rules about spectators ( especially children ) at the flight line. they are not to be in the pit area or near the flight line while flying is going on. It is the responsibility of every member to maintain a safe flying field. Props and spinners are always liable to part company with the engine, and we've all seen models out of control. Children think that these models are toys and don't realize the danger involved. Some members don't seem to realize the dangers either.

Ask any old timer to show you their scars.....

## Float Fly is Huge Success

Jerry Goss Did a good job with the first Wet & Wild Float Fly held May 4th on Melton Hill Lake. Joel Hebert brought the chase boat along with his sons to help retrieve casualties. Denny Evans flew his model and his wife cooked hamburgers to feed folks, and everyone had a great time. I understand there was only one model damaged during the meet.



Joe Parrott flew a Sig Seniorita and Jerel Zarestky, Jerry Goss, and Steve Sanders from Lafollett flew Cubs of various sizes. There were two Seamasters, one brought by Phil Cope and flown by he & Al Crandall, and one brought by Jason Russell who came down from



ET Flyers club to join the fun. There was yet another visitor whose name I didn't get. CD Martin and Joe Parrott sent the pictures...



## Museum Display On Same Day

That wasn't the only thing going on May 4th. another part of the club was busy putting on our annual display at the Oak Ridge Museum. Mike Foley took that chore on and sent some pictures. In the first picture is John Heard doing what he does best; talking up the hobby to a kid, although this lad looks a little reluctant. In the picture on the right is Ray Le



Blanc's pretty little Stagger Bee from Clancy models along with a scratch built version of what looks like a twin engine Cherokee by John Williams. Many more members and models were on display .



## Start of Fun-Fly Series Held

On a beautiful Saturday, May 11th, yet another event was hosted by KCRC. Paul Funk, CD, held the first of what is hoped to become a series of funfly events, with points to be accumulated over the coming season. Seven flyers took part in this one but I think there will be more entered in the next one.

In the first picture, Phil Cope has just wiped out the far pole on his first



try at the "Limbo". In the bottom picture, Chris Luck and Paul Funk are getting ready to engage in the "Climb and Spin" event while Charles Wilson in the background carries Denny Evans plane back to the pit area.

In the "Faint of Heart" category, Denny Evans edged out Charles Wilson. In the hotly contested "Nerves of Steel" category, Chris Luck won over Paul Funk, Phil Cope, Ben Oliver and Warren Oliver.

Paul designed some very imaginative events and the

contestants really enjoyed themselves. I think these contests might become very popular; they are worthy of the name "FUN". In addition to the events mentioned, one of the most



entertaining was the "Bomb Drop" where the competitor watching the bomb instead of the plane caused more than one ripple of excitement in the crowd.....

## May Meeting Minutes

Michael J. Foley, Recording Secretary

The May 14, 2002 meeting of the Knox County Radio Control Society was held at the KCRC Field. President Jerel Zarestky called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

The treasury report was given by Joel Hebert. The meeting minutes from the April meeting were passed as read in the newsletter. There were 30 members present.

President Zarestky said he received a letter from the AMA that contained badges for the Club officers and he proceeded to hand them out.

### OLD BUSINESS

Jerel asked the members present is anyone else was interested in purchasing a name tag with the Club logo on it from Terry's Tags. If you are interested, please see Jerel, either at the meeting or at the field, and put you're name on the sign up sheet.

President Zarestky then touched on the lease renewal, and asked Chris Luck to give a report on what was happening. Chris said everything is in the works, we are trying to get the lease for 20 years instead of 10, which they ( the Knox County Parks & Recreation Dept. ) said would be no problem and its in the legal department getting a lease written for our President to sign.

President Zarestky said the tests that the Sound Committee were going to take were called off due to the fact that the day the test were supposed to be held, the wind was blowing so hard that nobody was able to fly. Then, as many of you know, May had been filled up with many events, so it's been tough to reschedule the test. We will try to schedule a date in June to the sound measurement. Be aware that the sound rule is still in effect, which is 96dB at 3 meters.

Another thing that was brought up was combination lock on the gate. Please, don't give out the combination to the lock. And after you open the lock, give the tumblers a spin. It only takes a few extra seconds.... President Zarestky brought up some of the events that have happened in the past few weeks.

Jerry Goss was the Contest Director for the Float Fly at the lake on May 4th, and it was a huge success in spite of the weather. There were many people who stopped by to watch and there were quite a few members that flew planes. There is talk of having another one sometime in August. Special thanks went out to Denny Evans and his family who made hamburgers at the Float Fly and they were delicious. Thanks also went out to Joel Hebert for bringing out a rescue boat to retrieve the airplanes that didn't make it back to the ramp.

Another event was the Fun Fly that was held at the Club field on Saturday, May 11th, put on by Paul Funk, who did quite a bit of work tracking down or designing the fun fly events.

Another event, that was spur of the moment, was the Flights of Fancy held at the American Museum of Science and Energy in Oak Ridge. Mike Foley was in charge of getting the display ready and was helped by many of the Club members.

President Zarestky reminded everybody present about the Bar-B-Que / Flea Market / Fun Fly that is to be held on Saturday, May 18th at the field. Joe Bolinsky said he would go by Buddy's Bar-B-Que and pick up the food. He said he was getting enough for 60 people. A question was raised about drinks, and it was decided that everybody would bring their own drinks plus some extras, however there would be coolers filled with ice.

President Zarestky then brought up the subject of the airshow. Mike Foley told the members present that there were 2 dates available that were open that wouldn't conflict with the Tennessee football schedule. Those dates are Saturday, September 14th and Saturday, October 19th. After a short discussion, it was decided to hold the airshow on September 14th. It was decided to do it on a Saturday so we could get a better turn out that we would if the show was held on a Sunday. Jerel reminded everyone to be working on your act and not to break your airplane before the show.

Jerel then turned the meeting over to Dennis Hunt, who is the Contest Director for the Senior Pattern Contest that is being held at KCRC

Field on June 1st and 2nd. Dennis said he was looking for some help on the registration desk on Saturday morning, the scoring and someone to assist on the scoring. Dennis said the major job would be catering, both Saturday and Sunday. Denny Evans offered his services to cook during the contest.

### NEW BUSINESS

President Zarestky then brought up the subject of the By-Laws, were we've wanted to do something and the By-Laws prevented us from doing it. Jerel said he got a letter from the AMA and they are requiring Clubs to have By-Laws in place, and the AMA has minimum standards for By-Laws. There has been a discussion about dues, when they are due, when they are considered late and the fine or penalty. We really can't do anything because the By-Laws are written a certain way and it's really hard to change it. President Zarestky said that he wanted to appoint a committee, and he had a couple of people that expressed an interest in being involved, they are Ray LeBlanc and Phil Spelt. President Zarestky said he needed a couple more people who are interested in this, to go through our existing By-Laws, look at what the AMA expects of us as a Club and put something together in the next few months, so that we have something ready for next year. Then we have to put it before the members, vote on it and have it approved, which Jerel said would prove to be a big task.

Gene Waters said he had 10 gallons of Club fuel left. If you need any fuel, please contact Gene either at the field or at home.

President Zarestky welcomed a new member to our Club. His name is Bruce Pyatt.

### MODEL OF THE MONTH

Joel Cate brought out a Great Planes PT-40, built up from a kit, all done up in John Deer green and yellow, powered by a OS 46LA 2 stroke engine. He said he hasn't flown it yet. He said it weighs about 5 pounds.

Paul Ross brought out a plane that he designed himself and built from scratch out of balsa, basswood, covered in Monocote and powered by a Saito 56 four stroke. The airplane has flown twice on wheels and he put a set of floats that are made of balsa and basswood and sheeted with balsa. The floats are about 37 inches long.

Clarence King Showed off a beautiful Pica Zero that he built from a kit. The plane is powered by a Magnum 30 four stroke and guided by standard size radio equipment. Clarence said it was the best 1/12 scale kit he ever built. He said it has never flown.

Joel Hebert brought out a new bird from his stable. It was a New Era III. Joel said he refurbished it and put in dual servos in the wings and a new OS 28 FSR engine. He said it flies kinda fast. ( He was flying it when I arrived at the meeting and it looked like it flew very well.....)

A vote was taken for the Model of the Month and Paul Ross won it and a gallon of fuel.

### Crash of the Month

Karl Gerth told the members present about him losing his Avistar in the sun at the far side of the field. He said it went down and he heard it crack through the trees. He went to find it and looked for an hour before he gave up and went home. The next day he came back and looked for it for 5 hours and finally found it out by the road. He said it destroyed one wing panel and he's going to replace it.

Gene Waters told the group about him losing his new P-51 Mustang. He said the entire flight lasted about 30 seconds. He said he took off toward the water treatment plant and made a right turn. The plane went straight up and he rolled it over and got it leveled out and made a pass across the field about 60 feet high and was going to land. He got out over the grass out by the woods and the plane snap rolled and stuck it in the ground.

A vote was taken and Gene Waters won the Crash of the Month and a bottle of glue.

President Zarestky then turned the meeting over to Dennis Hunt, who gave a really interesting presentation on making a model fly better. Dennis talked about many subjects, from correctly balancing a plane, both at the center of gravity and laterally, to setting up the control throws.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm



# At the Field

## KCRC SPA CONTEST

By the time you get this newsletter, the KCRC contest ( June 1st-2nd ) will be ready to get under way. I hope you have volunteered your services to help make this one of the best. I think we will have more of our members competing than ever.....

## Flying Violations

It was mentioned at the last meeting that there are modelers flying in the no-fly zone south of the runway. Remember that the no fly zone is south of a line extending east and west along the southern edge of the runway. **Do not fly over the water plant or subdivision.**

It is permissible to fly over the lake on the east side and to make a turnaround over the woods on the east side, but stay well east of the runway. Do not fly over the pit area or the spectator stands.....

## Sound Measurements Continue

President Jerel Zarestky said at the May meeting that the period for debating and measuring engine noise levels would continue for a time. The club has a noise level requirement in effect at this time of 96 db at 3 meters, which is about the national standard. The goal is to check all engines that operate at KCRC field for conformance. Almost all engines checked so far are within this limit.....

## Flea Fun Fli and picnic

The annual Flea Market and Fun Fli was combined with a bar-b-que for this year and was expected to be a huge success. The weather, however, had other ideas; Saturday morning dawned with heavy clouds and brisk north winds that brought temperatures down to very uncomfortable levels. The sun struggled through the clouds in the afternoon, but too late to save the day for about thirty members and guests who stuck it out and enjoyed some delicious Buddy's BBQ and all the trimmings. There were very few folks who brought items for sale in the flea market, and even fewer who brought money apparently, judging by the amount of activity I saw. I managed to take home more than I brought again, since I can never resist what looks like a bargain.

It is unfortunate that the weather was so uncomfortable. The event itself should be a winner, since all modelers have items they are tired of, or that they want to upgrade (or downgrade as the case might be ), and they are willing to trade or sell at a reasonable price, but the last few Flea Markets have not been all that successful. The December Auctions were discontinued last year, so I guess the Flea Markets will go next year. Now how am I going to get rid of my junk ( or find a bargain )?.....

**Don't forget that the June meeting will be held at KCRC field on the 2nd Tuesday, June 11th, 2002, at 7:00 PM.**

## Calendar of Events for June

June 1,2----- KCRC SPA contest. Start 9:00 AM Saturday morning. Registration begins at 8:00 AM  
June 8----- June Fun-fly.....Huntsville, Al.  
June 8-- -----Scale Fly-in... Cookeville, Tn  
June 8-- -----GMA Pattern,401,402,403,404,406(JSO).. Cummins, Ga.  
June 8----- Electric Fly.....Tulahoma, Tn  
June 22,23-- SPA contest. All events except Antique... Bowling Green, Ky  
June 22,23---River City Shootout. 511,512,520,522.. Decatur, Al  
June 22-----HelicopterChamionship.431, 432,433,434 .....Nashville Tn

**Check AMA list in American Modeler for further details**

## Contest News

Ed Hartley sent me news of the results of the SPA contest at Huntsville on May 18,19. He said the winds were ferocious ( up to 35 mph ) on both days. Carl Sten had some bad luck when a transmitter failure caused the loss of his Daddy Rabbit, but that the KCRC contingent did pretty well.

1st place in Super Senior Expert.....Ed Hartley  
1st place in Super Senior Sportsman..... Ben Oliver  
2nd place in Super Senior Expert.....Dennis Hunt  
A very good showing, and Ed said all had a very



This will give you an idea of the temperature on May 18th, 2002, at 10 AM. We should have put walls up in our patio for days like this! I don't know any of these people, do you?