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From The Hangar

By Jerel Zarestky.

It's been another busy month!!! The SPA contests was a great success thanks to a huge KCRC turnout of flyers and helpers. The novice class was dominated by newer KCRC members. This is really great to see and means the new flyers are increasing their skills and are having fun flying. I think there is a detailed contest report elsewhere in the news letter.

A preliminary version of a new sound rule was presented at the June meeting. Based on questions at that time, the sound committee took further measurements at the fence of planes in flight. The rule will be revised using this information and some points refined based on comments made at the meeting. We may be close to voting on this issue. At this writing it's still 20 days until the meeting; hopefully time enough for some collaborative work on finishing the rule. It looks to me like the sound rule is being distilled into a much more comprehensive and workable rule than the previous one. It should allow for KCRC'ers to try their hand at interesting and larger aircraft as long as they keep sound control as one of the important considerations in engine, muffler and prop selection.

IMPORTANT ISSUE at hand; an attorney for Knox County asked if KCRC was incorporated. We are not (yet) but it turns out we used to be until 1983 when our incorporation status became inactive. The attorney stated that the county does not normally lease to unincorporated groups. We have now applied for a charter as a not profit corporation.

This situation gives us an opportunity to address the by-laws issue. AMA has required that AMA sanctioned clubs have by-laws with certain minimum standards. Our by-laws, which were very well written, are lacking in some of these standards. Also, they are almost impossible to change; a 2/3 vote at a meeting with 50% membership attendance is required to amend the by-laws. This clause was written when KCRC was a very small club with everyone active in obtaining and building the flying field. We are now 100-120 members with many people driving 40-60 miles one way to fly at our field. There have been several instances of a need to change the by-laws but it was just not practical. With our incorporation being invalid, the Knox County Radio Control Society, Inc. doesn't exist as a legal entity. We are now in a position to vote in an amended set of by-laws which

meet the AMA standards and allow for things like a mail-in ballot. Ray LeBlanc, Phil Spelt and Ed Hartley are in the process of revising the existing by-laws. Ray has a great deal of experience in this area and is doing a great deal of the tedious work in making these revisions. We hope to have the job completed by the July meeting and possibly vote on them at that time. If you are at all interested or concerned on this matter, please make it a point to be at that meeting or otherwise inform us of your views. The previous set of by-laws lasted over 30 years. I hope this version lasts that long as well.

Knox County is still in the process of considering our lease (which Chris Luck has requested be extended to 20 years instead of 10 years as on the previous lease). The County Commission meets June 24th to decide on the lease.

The Knoxville News Sentinel gave us a pretty good write up in the Sunday paper on the 16th. They mentioned Knox County supporting our request for a 20 year lease. Anything could still happen but that sounds pretty positive to me.

I've been emailing as many KCRC'ers as I have email address for, keeping them apprised of the incorporation and by-laws issues. If you'd like to be included in this list, please send me an email at jerzee4@yahoo.com.

It is my sincere hope that the above three major issues (sound, lease, by-laws) get resolved soon and we can get back to some serious fun ... the FLYING!!! See you at the field!.....Jerel

Nearby Calendar of Events

- July 6-7...Cullman, Al. 21st Cullman Pattern Championship, 401-406(JSO)
- July 12-14..Huntsville, Al IMAA Big Birds
- July 13 Tullahoma, Tn Airfoilers RES for 460(JSO)
- July 13 Fayette County, Ga. Piper Cub Fly-in
- July 15-16 Rockwood, Tn. Society Antique Modelers. Sponsored by KCRC
- July 20 Henderson, Tn. Magic Valley A.F. Fly-in
- July 20 Lexington, Ky...3rd Annual Bluegrass Electric Fly-in
- July 20 High Point. NC....5th Annual Cub Day. Any size, any color.
- July 27 Dallas Ga. Hotlanta Senior Pattern Champs

At The Field

Saturday, June 1st, looked good from dawn on up to late Sunday afternoon, as KCRC hosted their annual two day version of the Senior Pattern Association contest.

Twenty six flyers from around the Southeast registered and flew six rounds of good competition starting at nine AM and finishing about one PM on Sunday.

Pre Senior Expert saw only Cass Underwood competing while most classes had at least two competitors, with four in Super Senior Expert, five in Senior Expert, and a whopping twelve fighting it out in Novice. KCRC had

eleven contestants in this one, which is some kind of a record. KCRC also brought home a goodly portion of the hardware.

Ed Hartley, KCRC, had another first in Super Senior Expert followed by Malcolm Ruitledge from Marietta, Georgia in second, Bill Kite from Kingsport, Tennessee in third, and Darrell Kampshor from Augusta, Georgia in fourth. Ben Oliver, KCRC, had another first place in Super Senior Sportsman followed by Ken Nix of Guntersville, Alabama in second. SPA President Bruce Underwood from Guntersville, Alabama won a first place in Senior Expert class, followed by Jerel Zarestky, KCRC, in second, Jamie Strong of Prattville, Alabama in third, and Jim Ivey of Mableton, Georgia in fourth. In Senior Sportsman, Phil Cope of KCRC won out over Bob Gaskill from Albertsville, Alabama, by a score of 3985 to 3981. WOW!!! In Novice, the fourth place score was less than three percent off the winning score. Twelve year old Joseph

Clement from McEwen, Tennessee was the winner, barely edging out Tony McVay of KCRC, with John Norris of Austell Georgia in third and Carl

Sten of KCRC in fourth.

In the Novice class, every KCRC member who competed did well. They are all fairly new to the game, but second place winner Tony McVay almost exceeded all expectations. He only soloed about a month ago! In addition to those mentioned above, Mike Foley, Jordan Foley, Jamie Evans and Denny Evans flew in the Novice class and acquitted themselves well.

Contest Director Dennis Hunt saw to it that things ran smoothly. In addition, several members of KCRC contributed their time and energy toward making it a success. Among them was Joel Hebert who operated the computer and scoring table along with Charles

Wilson on Saturday, and June Cope on Sunday. Rod Godwin operated the public address system and kept the flight line busy. Don Martin was a blur as he speeded along the flight line picking up scoring sheets and taking them to the computer. Harry Hogan and Jerry Goss worked hard at everything plus helping me do the registration Saturday morning. Denny Evans and his wife cooked hamburgers and hot dogs for the crowd and Karen Foley pitched in where needed.



Mike Foley sent some good pictures. No.1 is Cass Underwood talking 12 year old Joe Clements into the winning spot in Novice, No 2 is SPA President Bruce Underwood calling for son Cass. No 3 is Dennis Hunt and Jerry Goss taking a turn at judging. No 4 is Novice 2nd place winner Tony

McVay, and No 5 is KCRC Pres Jerel Zarestky and Carl Sten. relaxing between rounds. A successful contest and a good time..Jim



Minutes from June Meeting

The June 11, 2002 meeting of the Knox County Radio Control Society was held at the KCRC Field. President Jerel Zarestky called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The treasury report was given by Joel Hebert. The meeting minutes from the May meeting were passed as read in the newsletter. There were 30 members present. President Zarestky welcomed all new members to the Club and to the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

President Zarestky gave a quick update on the lease. He said there was nothing to report as of yet, the County has a meeting scheduled and we are on the agenda. Jerel talked about the past events that were held at the field. One of them being the Flea Market / Fun Fly / Bar -b- Que that was held on Saturday, May 18th, and didn't go over too well because of the cold weather we had that day. Another was the SPA contest, which was held on June 1st and 2nd, which really went over very well. There were 26 entries, which included 12 who flew in novice class. Dennis Hunt said a vast majority were KCRC members. Dennis also said "thank you" to all the KCRC members that came out to help during the event.

President Zarestky said that he got the sanction for the airshow, which will be held on September 14, 2002. Jerel said to be thinking about what you can fly at the airshow, or any act that you might have. President Zarestky said that somebody else was going to do the mowing of the big field for hay, and Ed Hartley and Rod Godwin are coordinating, they've got 2 people that are interested in mowing the field.

] President Zarestky touched on the By Laws, which Ray LeBlanc has been doing a lot of work on that for the Club. Jerel said he did have something to report on from the Sound Committee. Measurements were taken at the field on May 19th. Some of the bigger engines were tested at 2 different distances (at 10 feet and at 25 feet). Dennis Hunt drafted a proposed rule, which Jerel read to the group. There are 5 points to the proposal. Number 1 - The maximum noise of any motor shall not exceed 92dB at 25 feet, and /or 57db at the southern boundary (which is the fence behind the Clubhouse). Number 2 - All members are required to have their aircraft checked and for this purpose, the Club shall maintain and have available the necessary testing equipment. Number 3 - The Club shall provide a suitable sticker, which the member will attach to the approved aircraft. Number 4 - Any member whose aircraft that exceeds the 92dB and/or 57db limit at the boundary shall have 1 month to make the aircraft comply with these regulations. Number 5 - Any member who continues to fly an offending model beyond this period shall be suspended. Jerel said the he would like to make sure that all the aircraft that had been previously tested and read 92 dB or less, be retested to make sure they meet the limit of 57db set at the fence. The floor was then opened up for discussion. A question was asked if the check was made from the muffler side or the non-muffler side, and the reply was from the muffler side. A recommendation was made that this be turned back over to the Sound Committee for further study.

President Zarestky asked if anyone else was interested in getting a name tag from Terry's Tags. Jerel still has a sign up sheet available. If you'd like to put you're name on the list and get one of these nice looking name tags, please see Jerel either at the field or at the meeting.

New Business

President Zarestky told the members present that Michael Silence, who is a reporter with the Knoxville News-Sentinel, was going to come out to the field Wednesday, June 12th with a photographer and observe, take pictures, take notes and do a story on the Club. He got our name from Doug Battaille, who is with Knox County Parks and Recreation.

President Zarestky then turned the meeting over to Rod Godwin. Rod suggested that we make some minor changes to our building. One thing we need to do is "electrify" our Clubhouse by installing an outlet box on each of the 3 posts inside the shed, which would keep us from running a drop cord out to the meter box, like we have to do during contests. The other thing that needs to be done is to fabricate some speaker platforms so they are not trip hazards, and mount them up high on the outside posts. Question was asked about the cost, and the total cost would be around \$100. A motion was put before the members present. Ed Hartley seconded the motion and a vote was cast and approved.

A question was raised about buying some canopies for use during the contests, and other outings that the Club has during the year. After a short discussion among the members present, someone asked where they would be stored? It was suggested that the Club look into it and decide on what to do at a later date and time.

President Zarestky turned the meeting over to Doll Thompson, who brought up the subject of the Club being incorporated or not. He suggested that the Club be incorporated, to protect the Club and it's members. He said he talked to his lawyer and he suggested that we look into doing this. President Zarestky asked if Doll would look into this for the Club and Doll replied that he would be happy to do so.

CRASH of the MONTH

Ed Hartley told the story about Ben Oliver's airplane. He said Ben took off and bumped his trim up, the plane went straight up. Ben bumped the trim down, the plane was all over the place. While Ben was looking at his transmitter, the plane went straight down towards the lake. Ed said it took at least 15 seconds before it (the plane) came back up. He said it couldn't have missed the river by 20 feet. Ben finally got the plane trimmed and it flew. Not to well..... a little shaky.

Denny Evans got up and told the group about his mishap during the SPA contest. He broke his Sport Aire in half that Saturday. He put it back together. Was flying it and he said it flew better than it ever flew. He said the first flight the next Saturday morning, he hit a tree branch at the edge of the woods and scattered his airplane all over the field. He said he lost perception as to where the plane was and he didn't realize that the plane was below the tree line until it was too late. He said there was not one piece of the plane in the tree, it was all over the ground.

Joel Hebert told the group about his mishap with his New Era III (that he had out at the last meeting). He said he was flying the plane and it was flying great. He made a pass and got down low, flew into the sun. He said the last thing he remembers thinking was how did my landing gear get on top of the plane, and he pulled up..... and the plane slammed into the ground. A vote was taken and Denny won a bottle of glue.

MODEL of the MONTH

Shane Shubert showed off his Great Planes Stuka ARF powered by an OS 65LA 2 stroke and working flaps. He said he has about 35 flights on it. The plane has a 70-inch wingspan and weighs about 8 pounds. He said it's a real stable airplane.

Phil Cope showed off his Morris the Knife(which belongs to Clarence King); a scratch built that he got from Denny Evans. It's powered by a Saito 56 four stroke and weighs about 6 pounds. Phil said this was a replacement for the one crashed during the limbo. He said he liked the color scheme that was on this plane. He said the plane has pull - pull rudder and elevator. A vote was taken and Shane Shubert won a gallon of Club fuel.

The meeting was adjourned at 8pm.
Michael J. Foley, Recording Secretary

(Ed. Note:) Good job, Mike. You do a great job with the minutes!!

This and That

Bob Dilworth continues to entertain us with new and unusual efforts in the area of small electric's. This time he has designed and built a small twin which is a far cry from



his " All Two Yards ". This one is powered by a couple of 280 electric motors wired in parallel to 10 nicad cells . The model is very fast and highly maneuverable. I can't wait to see what he will come up with next.

John Williams is hung up on a plane he was very familiar with back in the forties. Here is his latest version of the B-26. He

scratch built it and brought it out recently to see would it fly. Unfortunately, it didn't survive the trim flight, according to my picture taker, John Heard. Too



bad because it was a beauty, John.

We had a little excitement at KCRC field on June 12th when News Sentinel reporter Michael Silence and



photographer Mike Patrick came out to see what we have. They were doing an article on the care and use of county parks and since we lease some

of the county park land, we qualified. We had a good turnout of modelers and models to show off our stuff and they seemed to appreciate our efforts and the flying. Here is

President Jerel Zarestky (center) Talking about something to Mike Patrick (right) and Michael Silence (left). Mike took many pictures of planes flying, sitting still and modelers talking. A very nice



article appeared in the following Sunday's edition. One thing that was said was that Doug Batteile and the county park commission is talking about a 20 year lease instead of the usual 10 year lease. Jerel mentioned in his column that the county attorney said that we need to get the incorporation updated. Seems that at some point in 1983, the charter was allowed to lapse and we became unincorporated. ...

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Please attend the upcoming meeting on Tuesday, July 9th, at 7:00 PM. It will be held at the KCRC Pavillion. The Sound Committee is working hard on a recommendation, and you need to be there to offer your ideas before it will be finalized. It will be too late after it is passed to argue.

There is another reason for your being regular in your attendance at the meetings. The AMA has decreed that all sanctioned clubs must have a set of approved bylaws in effect soon. Read Jerel's notes on page 1. Since our charter of incorporation has expired and we are no longer a legal entity, it gives us a very good opportunity to update our by-laws in order to crack some very hard nuts which were in our old set of by-laws. Things like dues and penalty's for not getting them paid on time and changing or modifying safety rules to fit changing circumstances. Every member should make an effort to attend as many meetings as he can because that is what makes a club stronger.....Jim