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We had a motion and vote for constructing the shade structures at the August meeting. Article II, paragraph 6 of our bylaws states: "The treasurer shall have charge of all monies, pay bills which are approved by the president or by vote of the membership, and make monthly reports to the club. There shall be a 2/3 majority of those present to appropriate monies over \$50 except for fixed expenses." There were 44 members present with 26 yea and 17 nay. So based on the bylaws, the motion failed.

As committee chairman, I am dissolving the committee. We will take no further action on this project..... Ed Hartley, Chairman

NOTICE

The meeting for September will be held on September 16th instead of September 9th at KCRC Field at 7:00 PM.

We will be having the Float Fly this year at the club. Bring your favorite floater to Melton Hill Park (east ramp) on Sept. 27th (28th rain date) from 9AM to 3PM and be prepared for a great day motion and vote

Editorial comment

One of the perks of publishing the newsletter is that sometimes I get to air some opinions about some subject or another that comes up at the club. Something that has bothered me lately is the static that I hear about the shade cover over the pit area that is talked about in the little notices printed above. As the editor of the newsletter, I hear both sides of the argument, and some of the arguments get pretty vocal. I understand that everybody has a right to his opinion and the right to defend it, but once the vote has been taken and the majority of the club has spoken, it is the responsibility of ALL members to support that opinion. It is also the right of every member to suggest something he thinks will make the club more pleasing to the membership as a whole. Then it is his right to bring it to the membership in a proper manner to be talked over and voted on.

Such is the proposal that is brought to your attention in this issue of the newsletter on page two. You will hear arguments both for and against the proposal before the meeting this month, and some of the arguments might be the " My way or the Highway " sort, but I encourage every member to give this proposal his deepest consideration and decide for himself how he feels about it, then come to the September meeting and VOTE.

Every club has these moments when a particular subject threatens the tranquility, but our club has been through this before and become a better club for it. You might hear that " it's those guys flying the electrics (or Float planes or IMAC or Pattern) that are causing the problem ", but it is a club problem, and only the club as a whole can settle the question. So come out and vote.....Jim

NOTICE

KCRC Field will be closed to flyers on Saturday, September 27th, 2003 (Sunday 28th is rain date) from 9:00 AM To 3:00 PM. There will be a second lock on the gate during this period so you won't forget. The reason is that flyers will be using the frequency pins for the KCRC club Float Fly at Melton Hill Park during these hours. If you try to fly you might crash or cause a crash by freq interference. Instead, get a float plane ready....

KCRC Calendar of Events

Sept 6,7th Nashville Tn Cane Ridge Pattern Jam for 401-406(JSO) Site: Cane Ridge.. Michael Dunphy CD...174 CR546 Corinth Ms 38834 662-462-5480 or email mdunphy@avsia.com

Sept 13,14 Huntsville Al RCRC pattern meet for 401(J)(0), 402,403,404,406(0).. Club Field.. Don Peck CD. 1311 Oster Dr NW, Huntsville Al 35816

Sept 20,21 Cullman Al..SPA Masters Championship.. Burdshaw Field.. Steve Byrum CD 1326 3rd St SE Cullman Al 35055 spbyrun@hiwaay.net

Sept 27th (Rain date Sept 28th).. KCRC Float Fly 9 till 2 site: Melton Hill Park east ramp. XClub Field will be closed during the event. David Dabbs CD phone 865-482-7084 or tntelstar@earthlink.net

At the Field

PROPOSED SAFETY AND COMFORT FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

We will make a motion at the next club meeting containing the following to see if the club wishes to go forward.

The following description of proposed field improvements is submitted for review by the membership for their consideration. Alternative suggestions of improvements will hopefully bring to a mutually satisfactory conclusion any need or desire for improvements.

The ongoing rationale for potential improvements are as follows: Little substantive change, other than extending the pavilion, has been made over the years that have impacted the safety, comfort, and environmental exposure to pilots about the pit area. While the Club Treasury has reached a more than necessary level leading to fiscal security, the treasury is basically for the enhancement of the Club's acknowledged intended purpose. The purpose as defined in the By Laws is as follows. "The purpose and objective of KCRC is to provide for the orderly environment and enjoyment for members to pursue all aspects of their hobby/sport of Radio Controlled Model Aircraft." Thus, expenditures for field improvements are certainly within the purview of the membership to exercise proper expenditures of this nature.

While any changes may impact the overall esthetics of the flight line from guests or public at large, the proposal seeks to give priority to the needs or desires of the KCRC Society in safely pursuing their hobby/sport. When implemented, the changes will provide for greater protection of members as well as their equipment during operating hours and from inclement weather. **Use of off-the-shelf pre-engineered equipment negates the need for permits and work party's to erect shelters, since they are installed by the manufacturer.** The proposal suggests, and is based on two parts. Each will be described below.

SHELTERS

The proposal advances the recommendation that four pre-engineered shelters be purchased and are installed by the supplier. Each shelter is 12'0" x 20' 0", open on all sides. Cost per shelter is \$495.00 with free installation and 20 year limited warranty.

The proposal is to place one to the West pit area, and three to the East (beginning at the farthest point East). Those to the East will be 6'0" apart leaving the user to exit the shelter from either open end. This will provide 60' of protective coverage East for users and 20' West. The area immediately in front of the pavilion will have clear view of the runway along with the 6'0" openings between western shelters.

The supplier allows KCRC to select the colors desired for the shelter. It is also suggested that as part of

the overall system for use is that all assembly and pre-flighting of model be accomplished within the shelters. Upon readiness to fly the user would exit the shelter and move to the pits. This will remedy the often crowding of the pits and negate the necessity of having exhausts impacting neighboring pilots and models. Pilots who want to rest between flights will be encouraged to move models from the pits to allow others to make use of the area.

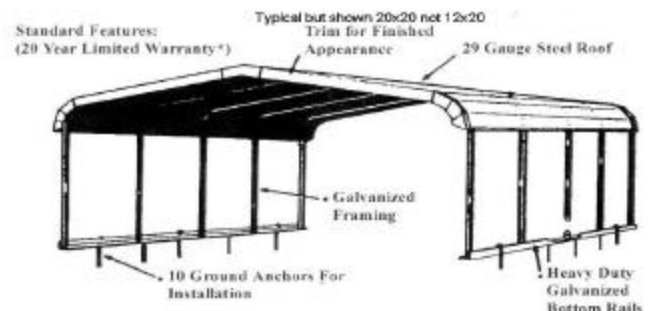
CLUB FIELD SAFETY BENCHES

The Meroke RC Club, An AMA Gold Leader Club of 125 members, designed and built some 15 benches for their use. Pictures and plans were published in Model Aviation, August 2002. Essentially, the bench allows restraint of the model while starting the engine and allows the user to work behind & alongside the model while making adjustments during the pre-flight procedure. It has provisions for holding transmitter, flight box, and fuel. It seems to be a tried & proven design that would satisfy a real need for KCRC.

This proposal recommends that we build four of such benches with one bench being assigned to each shelter initially. (See pictures/text attached). The anticipated cost is \$100.00 / bench based on their club expenditure of \$85.00/bench. (Editors note: I think the cost could be much less than this.)

GENERAL

We believe the pictures and text available adequately describes the proposed individual components. If the proposal is accepted and properly implemented the overall usefulness, safety, and professional appearance of our installation will be greatly enhanced. This cannot be accomplished without an expenditure of fiscal resources, however the resources exist for that very purpose! COST Shelters (4).....\$1,980.00 installed Benches (4)....\$ 400.00 Total.....\$2,380.00 Respectfully submitted: Ray Le Blanc - Ed Hartley



The table (bench) mentioned in the proposal is shown here with a model in place the way it would be used. I'd think everyone would want one at their station for use. It's alright to be on your knees in church, but squatting or kneeling at the field is uncomfortable..... Jim



Minutes from August Meeting

The August 12, 2003 meeting of the Knox County Radio Control Society was held at the KCRC field. Vice President Phil Cope called the meeting to order at 7pm, and welcomed all members and guests to the meeting.

The meeting minutes from the past meeting were passed as read in the newsletter. Joel Hebert presented the Treasury report. There were 44 members present

OLD BUSINESS

The first order of old business was the float fly. The details were given by David Dabbs. David said that the date and place for the float fly had been changed. He said he talked to Knox County Parks and Recreation and asked if we (the Club) could have use of one of the boat ramps down in Melton Hill Park for our float fly. They gave permission to use the boat ramp on the east end of the park. That's a nice place to fly off the water with high visibility in all directions, plus it is centrally located and easy for all Clubs to find.

The date has been moved to Saturday, September 27, 2003 with a rain date of September 28th from 9am until 3pm. The field will be closed during that time to prevent any frequency conflicts that could arise. The field will re-open at 3pm for normal operations.

David also asked the Harriman and Knoxville Clubs to join us. Fred Heddleson said that he contacted the Director of Parks in Kingston and asked about the use of the park there. Fred said he got the okay to use it. However, it was decided to use the east boat ramp down in Melton Hill Park due to the concern about the amount of boat traffic and flying so close to the hillside across the lake at Fred's place in Kingston.

It was also announced that the Harriman Club is having a fun fly on September 20, 2003, and they said that if we would like to participate, we should come down and have a good time with them. They are expecting some dignitaries from Nashville coming in for this event.

The next order of business was the awnings over the pit area. The meeting was turned over to Dennis Hunt. A sketch was passed around showing the design and construction of the unit, as well as where the proposed building site.

The proposed building site would be at the east end of the field, starting at the safety fence and would extend 96 feet west, would be 8 feet high on the lowest side and would cost approximately \$580 per unit.

A question was asked about how they would be mounted in the ground. The reply was they would be mounted on concrete pads and be bolted to the top of the pads for easy removal at a later date and time, if needed.

The decision to erect the shelters on the east end of the field was a compromise for the members who were concerned about spoiling the view at our field.

A total of 4 units would be built and they would be fabricated so we could remove them in case we were to move down into the lower end of the park. A question was asked, "What if we have to take them down?" The reply was that everything bolted together and it would be very easy to take it apart and then reassemble it at another location if needed.

A question was asked about just building one unit, but it was said to be counter-productive.

There was quite a spirited discussion about the awnings,

and quite a few different points made for, and against the proposed shelters. Someone asked if anyone had looked at the final plans to see if the structures would withstand the weather. Tony Wylie said he would look at the drawings and see if the structure meets code.

After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made to build 4 units.

A counter or substitute motion was made, and seconded to delay building the structures for one month until we get the results from Tony. The members present took a vote on the substitute motion first. It was defeated.

A vote was taken on the main proposal to build the shelters, subject to engineering approval. It was approved by the members present. (Ed. note:: See page 1 for further info.)

Thanks and a big round of applause went out to Larry Weston, who took orders for the new tee shirts, caps and such for the Club.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss at this meeting.

There seems to be a lot of new faces at the field on Saturdays and Sundays. If you see a new face, introduce yourself, and make them feel welcome! It was announced that Glenn Valentine soloed. Atta boy, Glenn!

CRASH OF THE MONTH

Steve Bayless told the group about his misfortune with his PC-9. He was making a landing from the east end of the field and got too close to the safety fence. He tried to bank his plane away from the fence but a crosswind caught the plane and "pushed" it into the fence. The bottom of the plane suffered quite a bit of damage, but the top of the plane wasn't touched! Since Steve was the only entry, he won a bottle of glue.

MODEL OF THE MONTH

Bill Lofgren showed off his beautiful PT-19, which is covered in 21st Century fabric. Power comes from a Quatra with a self starter, which Bill said he hadn't got to work yet. Bill had been working on the plane for a year and a half.

Warren Oliver showed off his Seamaster kit with a fiberglassed fuselage. What a nice looking plane! Warren said the plane is powered by an OS 46FX 2 stroke and the plane is painted in water based urethane by Nelson Hobby. He said the stuff is a pleasure to work with. Decals were done by Rusty at Racing Innovations. Warren said he hasn't flown it yet.

Craig Dieter showed off a Top Flight DC-3 that he bought from a fellow for \$100. He said he couldn't pass up the deal! It has 2 OS 40LA 2 strokes, flaps, and retracts. He plans to finish it with WW2 markings.

A vote was taken and Warren Oliver won this event and a gallon of fuel. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm

Michael J. Foley, Secretary KCRC

Editors Note::: Good job, Mike.

Unfortunately, there was some confusion about whether the vote required a 2/3rds majority, and the committee has ruled that the motion to build failed. See page 1 for details.

There is no doubt that the motion for building some kind of shade passed. Therefore, we will do something!

There is a couple of proposals included in this issue. Please look them over and come to the September meeting prepared to VOTE for one of them!!!!!!

This'n That

I recently received this from Dan Lewis of the Tennessee Takeoffs.

Hello KCRC,

I just read your newsletter and I would like to take the time to thank our fellow radio control community for offering the Tennessee Takeoffs an invitation to fly at your field. I found this invitation to be a really nice gesture.

Currently our field is under negotiations for a housing development. We still have our lease, but a house is under construction a few hundred yards away. The house is not the problem, but the power lines that are going to provide power to the house extends across the east end of the runway. Our club members are still able to fly, but some choose not to. We are in the process of locating another site.

Again, I thank you for the invitation and I will hopefully see you at the KCRC field one weekend soon. I am marking this as a new beginning for a brotherly friendship. I will keep you posted on the flying site location. Any information you have on any potential sites would be greatly appreciated. If anyone would like to contact me, please call 865-522-7032.

Thanks, Dan Lewis, Club President

Notice

The September meeting will be held on the third Tuesday of September at KCRC field. On September 16th at 7 PM

FROM THE HANGAR

I first want to apologize for not making it to the August meeting. The facility I work at is a somewhat unpredictable beast. Things were supposed to be up and running the Thursday before the meeting. That date was changed to Friday and then the Monday before the meeting. On Monday the prediction was for a Wednesday startup and things looked good for making it to the meeting Tuesday night. Tuesday afternoon it was announced that they might try to start that afternoon and we got the word at 5:00 that they were starting up! Best laid plans. I want to thank Phil Cope for stepping in on such short notice and conducting the meeting. Thanks again Phil!

It sounds like things are going for the Float fly in September at the (east) boat ramp below the KCRC flying field. We'll see how that site works for these events and proceed from there. Many thanks to Dave for all his work in preparing and advertising this event. He may have even bigger plans for next spring's float-fly; Stay Tuned!

The canopy for the pit area is still up in the air, no pun intended. Recapping the events: at the July meeting a majority voted on putting up a shade structure over part of

the pit area and a design and budget was to be voted on at the August meeting, and it was. However, it was later pointed out that a 2/3 majority vote of the members in attendance is required to pass a motion allocating more than \$50. I'm afraid I didn't have that point of the by-laws committed to memory. (As an aside this looks to be something that should be changed in the by-laws. We routinely vote on appropriating more than \$50 for many of our expenditures. I think the \$50 figure is a number that was appropriate when the club was formed 30 some years ago). Never the less, the vote did not quite get the 2/3 majority and therefore no money was properly appropriated. This does not change the results of the motion and vote of the July meeting. It just means that the funding provided for in the August motion did not pass. I intentionally stood back from the discussion for quite some time in order to try to stay objective. I listened to every argument put forth and I tried also to get a gist of those offered up at the August meeting from those who attended. There were good arguments both against and for the project and the disagreements were for the most part beneficial, forcing some rethinking and possibly resulting in a better solution.

The thing about democracy, beloveds, is that it is not neat, orderly, or quiet. It requires a certain relish for confusion. (Molly Ivins).

I had originally planned on addressing many or all of the arguments for and against building the shade structure over the pit area at this point. Well, I'm not. We've all heard them and I think it's best to move on to the next step. (If you happened to miss any, I'll be glad to go over them in private.) The "majority" wants it and voted that way (twice actually). The questions before us now are what design to build and appropriating the money.

Please note the date for the September meeting; Tuesday, Sept. 16th, 7:00pm at the field.

See you at the field.....Jerel

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE THE THIRD TUESDAY IN SEPTEMBER, NOT THE SECOND. COME TO KCRC FIELD ON SEPTEMBER 16TH AT 7:00 PM PREPARED TO VOTE ON A SHADE STRUCTURE.....

FOR SALE

Super Chipmunk by World Models w/ OS 90.....\$250
Goldberg Extra 300 w/ OS 120.....\$300
Sig Ultimate Bipe w/ OS 52.....\$150
Kangke Super Kraft Sport 2000 w/ ProABC36.....\$125
GP Super Sportster 46 w/ ThunderTiger 46.....\$70
2 Futaba T6XA PCM/PPM radios.....Each.....\$125
Airtronics Quasar 6A/6H radio.....\$75
MVVS .40 engine.....\$20
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