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**June meeting will be held at KCRC field on Veteran's Day,  
 Tuesday, June 14th, 2005 at 7:00PM. Please try to attend.**

#### PROPWASH

Phil Spelt, KCRC President

KCRC now has a new Frequency Control Board in place, thanks to Dennis Hunt and Gene Waters. New pins were generously donated a couple of months ago (Editors note: pins were made by Craig Dieter ), so we are now set for the new era.

In the next few days, I will get together with Dennis and Gene to put up the 2005 AMA rules and regulations. The side of the box facing the parking lot has an area created for these items, where they will be "under glass ". Dennis mentioned that our Veep, Gary Lindner, and Paul Funk were there to help Gene install the new board.

All KCRCers and visitors are expected ( Ed. note: REQUIRED ) to use the frequency control system at all times. Just to review for the "old-timers" and to tell newbies: BEFORE turning on your transmitter, you should have the frequency pin which represents the particular channel you intend to fly on, and have placed a valid AMA license in the associated slot. Assuming you are a KCRC member, you should also have a current KCRC sticker on your license. If you are planning to fly on more than one frequency on any given day, you must take the pin for the frequency on which you are immediately going to fly. When you change planes/frequencies, you must return the old pin, retrieve the pin for the new frequency, and move your license to the new slot. You should have only one pin at a time!!

Do you need to use the system if you are the only one at the field? YES!!! First of all, it is a bad idea to fly alone. If your plane goes down, having a second set of eyes to spot its "premature impact with terrain" is useful. Second, if you are hurt, you need someone to help you. That said, at least one incident of someone being "shot down" by a frequency conflict happened when a new arrival got the pin of the frequency the guy already flying was on. The member flying had put his card in but failed to get the pin. If the guy who lost his plane had the pin, this would not have happened.

Finally, all pilots should know that if they shoot someone down who is using the frequency control system, the "shooter-down" is responsible for all damage done to the downed aircraft, its engine, and its radio, as necessary.

Meanwhile, this is The Wingman, turning final.....

#### NOTICE

**On June 18th, there will be a picnic at KCRC field. It is a kind of Fourth of July celebration coming a little early. It will be on the Saturday following the June meeting. All KCRC members and family are invited. KCRC will furnish the meat ( grilled hamburgers and hot dogs maybe ), plus utensils and buns, and the folks who attend will bring a covered dish ( I hope ). There will be a Flea Market and Swap Shop starting at ~9, and Paul Funk hopefully will create some fun fly events for afterfood. All AMA members from surrounding clubs are also invited and perhaps we can set up a tradition.**

On the next few pages, we have the information on some of the activities that were scheduled for May. David Dabbs ran a good Float Fly, but entries were down because of the weather. Rain on Saturday morning made the day look not so promising. Several guys made it out however and brought some very good looking planes.

Harry Cooper had a gorgeous twin engine Albatross, and here is member Tom Nelson with a beautiful Teal. He also had a huge Privateer, a big model from free flight days....



# AT THE FIELD

From the **WET Field!**

by David Dabbs

*Our Annual Spring Float Fly was quite a success. We had 10 pilots and 14 planes. The 1st day started a little rough, but the weather cleared up around 10:30 and the flying started. All went well with a few minor problems. There were mostly planes that stalled on takeoff or taxing out. A couple ran out of fuel, and at least one did a flip. But overall, it was a great day.*

*Day 2 started off slow with just one pilot in the AM.*



*By 10 they started rolling in slowly. We had a few from Saturday, and the excitement was far greater than the previous day. The most fearful incident of the day was when*

*a plane called the McGovern Monster piloted by Tom Nielson seemed to just disintegrate in mid air! Seems the wings couldn't take a tight turn and snapped off! The rest of the plane just rained into the lake.*

*Don't*

*think it's repairable. Sorry Tom. Bad Luck!!*

*We had our friend from N.C., Evan Doughty, bring his fleet in again and gave us a thrill with these water missiles of his. Also, a guest from MI. came in and brought floats he makes and sells. Ralph Smith and his wife Virginia*



*donated a set of floats that were given out in a pilot raffle. The winner was Denny Evans. Congrats Denny, and thanks a lot Ralph!*

*One last thing to mention. A great big thanks and attaboy to Mike Gross. He brought his boat to recover all the accidents or oops for both days. Without his generosity, we would have had a lot of problems and lost planes. Again, thanks Mike. Please be sure and check the website soon for pics. There will be a whole page full of them.*

Dave did a good job running the float fly. There were people flying at the dry field while the float fly was going on and I haven't heard about any problems.

In the pictures on the left, they show Evan Doughty in the first one, Denny Evans in the second and Harry Cooper in the third. Harry had a plane we don't usually see at our float flies. Phil Cope flew it on it's first flight and was lucky to get it back down safely. There was a CG problem. The last I saw, Harry had a big sheet of lead trying to figure a way to get it into the nose. Evan Doughty, of the Quaker models fame, did not bring his really, really big Quaker this year, or his small version. He was, however, having a good time with this modest (?) sized one.

## The Ben Oliver Memorial

Saturday, May 28th 2005, had been scheduled for months as the starting date for the KCRC hosted AMA pattern contest but a bunch of pre-registered entries decided that the weather just wasn't looking good. I imagine that was the problem because I dressed



for summertime and got downright cold while registering the sixteen hardy souls who did show. The show got underway about fifteen minutes late but then things rolled along very nicely in spite of a wind blowing directly across the runway. I think the earth has rotated or something because when the runway was laid out, the prevailing winds were down the runway seventy percent of the time. Now I think they're ninety degree crosswinds seventy percent of the time!

There were at least four states represented; Tony Stillman, AMA District V VP, drove up from Pensacola, Florida along with Ron Van Putte who lives in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida. Both these guys write up a lot of the stuff we read in the RC magazines when they are not flying. Ron Ellis and John Fiona completed the Florida contingent. Cameron Smith and Emory Schroeter came in from Georgia, and Alabama contributed favorite son Bruce Underwood, Don Peck, Jon Lowe, and Jamie Strong. Denny Evans, Dennis Hunt, Phil Spelt, Michael Stern, Jacob Maye and Ed Hartley Made up the group from KCRC and Tennessee.....Write up on page 4



## MINUTES FROM MAY MEETING

by Mike Foley, KCRC Secretary

The May 10, 2005 meeting of the Knox County Radio Control Society was held at K.C.R.C. field. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Gary Lindner at approx. 7pm, and he welcomed all members and guests to the meeting. The meeting minutes from the April meeting were passed as read. Joel Hebert presented the Treasury Report. There were 35 members present.

### OLD BUSINESS

A short update given by Scott Anderson about the Pattern Contest. He said that there were 23 folks who have signed up from various states to compete in the pattern meet. A couple of kits are to be given away at the meet, a Futaba 9C Super to raffle off, and we still need people to help with several things, like line judges, scribes and such. If you are willing to help, please see Scott. Remember ..... It's happening the 28<sup>th</sup> and the 29<sup>th</sup> of May! Dennis Hunt said that this contest will be one of the biggest contests in the Southeast, and he asked all KCRC members to help assist in the contest.

David Dabbs said that all is ready for the Spring Float Fly, which is to be held on May 14 & 15, 2005. Bring out a plane and join in on the fun and fellowship.

Phil Cope gave a short report on the Warbird Fly in on June 11 & 12, 2005 at the Harriman field. He said he had some flyers that needed to be posted at some of the other Clubs, and posted at some of the hobby shops. Spectators are welcome.

A short report was given by Dennis Hunt about the new frequency board. He said it was ready to be installed and that the only thing left to do was to bore 2 holes for the posts. So by the time you read this, it will most likely be installed and in use.

A short report was given by Jordan Foley about the upcoming picnic at KCRC field on June 18, 2005. He said there will be a swap meet from 9 am until 11am, and then a fun fly after lunch, with events provided by Paul Funk. Jordan said hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided by the Club, and members are asked to bring a covered dish to share, and to bring whatever you like to drink. Remember... no alcoholic beverages! Get you're fun fly plane ready and come join in on the fun! Sport flying will be available all day. Come out and enjoy the fun and fellowship.

Gene Waters said he had fuel for sale at \$10 a gallon. If you need some, please see Gene.

### NEW BUSINESS

Paul Funk said that he would have to go up on the price to mow the grass at the field due to the high cost of gasoline. He said the price would go up to \$95 per mowing. After a short discussion among the members present, a vote was taken and approved the raise in rates.

Condolences go out to the family of Jerel Zarestky during their time of loss.

There was a short discussion about the possibility of running electrical power to the shelter by the pit area. A motion was made to do a study and approve a maximum of \$400 to do the project. It was seconded and voted on by the members present. The results of the study will be presented at the next meeting.

## MODEL OF THE MONTH

Michael Elliot brought out his Ultra Sport 40 plane that he built from a kit and is not quite ready to make its maiden flight. It was covered in yellow and Mike said he still had to apply the black and white checkerboard to the underside of the wing. It's his first covering job and looked very nice. He said he planned to put an Evolution engine in the nose for power.

The winning entry was brought out by Craig Dieter. Craig had a Top Flight DC-3 kit that was built as a C-47 transport. It's powered by twin LA 40's, Robart retracts, flaps, an 1800 maH battery pack in the nose and 7 servos. He said the plane weighs a bit over 11 pounds and that's with a pound and a quarter of lead in the nose! He said he had 3 flights on it already and it flies very scale like. The plane is sheeted and painted with KRYLON paint, coated with Great Planes Lustercoat flat clear. Craig said he likes the plane a lot and hopes it's around for quite a while. This is his 3<sup>rd</sup> Top Flight kit that he built and has another one on the way.

### CRASH OF THE MONTH

Winner Dave Gowey told his tale of his Avistar that crashed because he forgot to plug in the ailerons into the receiver. He said the damage was it tore the tail off the plane and took the wing off. The damage was repaired and the plane has flown again since.

The meeting was adjourned.

Michael J. Foley, KCRC Secretary

Thanks, Mike. Good job as usual.

Here is the pictures of the Model of the Month entries for the May meeting. In the top picture, you see Craig Dieter



with his very nice Top Flight Gold Edition DC-3 done up in the C-47 colors from WWII. He says it flies very well. In the second pic, Michael Elliot shows his as yet undone model of a Great Planes

Ultra Sport. Check out that fantastic job of Monocote trimming. It is Mike's first try at covering with Monocote and I think he's got it whipped! How about you?



Scott Anderson, CD for the Ben Oliver Memorial pattern contest, say's that he brought a channel monitor to the field to check for interference. He says he found some on Channel 14. If you happen to be using this channel, you might want to watch your model closely before taking off.

# THIS 'N THAT

## THE BEN OLIVER MEMORIAL

by Scott Anderson

Well another Ben Oliver Memorial Pattern Meet is over and we had great weather and saw competitors from Deep South Florida and the surrounding states.

Saturday morning brought some light drizzle and registration started around 8:00 am and by the first flight was at 9:25am. The final count was 16 contestants in all of the classes with several KCRC members representing KCRC. Phil Cope ran frequency control and was the one that found the issue with channel 14 ( see info else were ) By mid morning the skies cleared and weather was great until the afternoon we had several gusts of wind come thru that did test the pilots skills. The lunch spread was very good and "Thank You" to the kitchen staff.

We completed five rounds we finished up with some flight demos from Dennis's grandson (Michael) who is the current British National hand launch glider champion, and several broke out the foamy planes. Gary Phillips owner of HobbyTown and his wife came out to see the activities.

Sunday was cooler and overcast, but the very little wind and the pilots that need to finish a 6<sup>th</sup> round proceeded and then the awards and other prizes were given out then the Futaba 9C Super radio raffle was done and Bill Collins won the radio.

I would like to say "Thank You" to all of the KCRC club members that came out to help, A special Thanks to Ed Miller, Paul Funk and Jerel Zarestky for coming out to help with some of the judging chores.

The following companies generously donated prizes for the contest: **HobbyTown - Knoxville, Castle Creations, Great Planes, Performance Model Aviation, Micro Fastners, Fox, FMA, SR Batteries, SIG, Performance Specialties, APC, Lone Star, McCoy, Radio South, BSI and Fliton USA.**

Results for the Ben Oliver Pattern meet are as follows:

### Sportsman:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jake May (KCRC)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Denny Evans (KCRC)

### Intermediate:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jamie Strong
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jon Lowe
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Michael Stern

### Advanced:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dennis Hunt (KCRC)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Peck

### Masters:

- 1<sup>st</sup> John Fuqua
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Cameron Smith
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bruce Underwood

### FAI

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tony Stillman
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ron Ellis



Here are a couple of pictures of some of the activities. In the first, Scott Anderson, event CD, is doing



the raffle with some of the great prizes. In the next, Dennis Hunt has a winning ticket. In the next, Ron Van Putte and Jerel Zarestky are slaving away at judging the flying. In the last one, AMA District V VP Tony Stillman is discussing something with Ed Hartley.

Altogether, in spite of the no shows, it was a good event and everyone had a good time, and that's the name of this game!

The write up for the event this



year is a hurry up job and Scott rushed it to me so that I could get it in this month's newsletter. However, Scott did a very good job on short notice! there may be other information that I will have to report to you next month.

In the meantime, have a good time at the field and fly safely.....



