

KCRC NEWSLETTER
JUNE 2008

Meeting; Tuesday, 10-Jun-2008
7:00 pm, at the Field

KCRC
KNOX COUNTY RADIO CONTROL



PROPWASH



PHIL SPELT KCRC PRESIDENT

May was an important month for KCRC, as in years past. Our Senior Pattern Association contest earned close to **\$1000.00** for the Club – the final amount will be available by the June meeting, when Joel makes his treasurer's report.

Our election was the other "Big Deal" in May. The initial balloting showed 29 in favor of adopting the ByLaws revisions concerning the Safety Coordinator and that person's duties. There were at least a couple of us who thought that bylaws revisions required a 60% participation of the Club membership. With roughly 80 active members at the time of the vote, that meant we needed 48 participating voters. As your arithmetic skills will tell you, 29 yea and 6 nay only added up to 35. So, I put out another appeal for votes on the email list, and Joel, who had all the original ballots, began calling those who had not voted. Meanwhile, the Executive Committee members scoured the current ByLaws, and could find no mention of the aforementioned 60% participation rule. The upshot of the process is that the final vote was 54 yeas and 6 nays – therefore, the ByLaws revision passed, and we now have a Safety Coordinator, whose safety efforts are spelled out in the ByLaws.

I have talked with Bill Walters, who was our Sergeant at Arms, and he will not be leaving for military duty until early next year. Therefore, Bill is our Safety Coordinator. We will talk about the new requirements for the Safety Officer, and I will appoint the Safety Committee, with consultation with Bill and his approval of the members.

In order to staff the Safety Committee, we need volunteers to step forward. This is a very important committee, and these members will be part of the safety rules enforcement "patrol" at the field. If you wish to know about the procedures for safety enforcement, please read the ByLaws. We have a process that does not permit personal antipathy to enter the process. It is a democratic system. So, PLEASE VOLUNTEER!!! We need your help.

Don't forget the KCRC Float Fly on Saturday, June 14th. It will be held at the east (right-hand) boat ramp below the KCRC field. I will make up the flyer soon. We are encouraging Spread Spectrum radios for this event, in order to reduce frequency conflicts with those flying at our field.

All you Warbirders, don't forget to support the Tennessee Eagles' Warbird fly-in on June 28th & 29th at the Harriman field.

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

2008 EVENTS CALENDAR

14-Jun....KCRC Float-Fly at boat ramp below KCRC field, 9:00 am, Spread Spectrum Rx recommended.

23-25-Jun...SAM contest, Harriman (Tennessee Eagles).

28-29-Jun...AMA sanctioned Warbird event at Tennessee Eagles field.

19-Jul...Fly-In at Tennessee Eagles field

23-24 Aug-2008....KCRC AMA contest (location to be determined)

MINUTES: MAY MEETING

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM on Tuesday May 13th, 2008 by KCRC president Phil Spelt.

Minutes from the April meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer report was given by Treasurer Joel Hebert and was approved. For those interested in the condition of the treasury, please attend the meeting.

• old business

Phil called attention to the informal cookout at the field scheduled for May 31st. Bring your own food.

Joel Hebert is making an effort to upgrade the frequency list. Members present checked and made changes on the existing list. Members not present are urged to check with Joel and make any needed changes to the list.

Phil Spelt said because of a scheduling conflict and since the persons scheduled to man the booth at the Knox County Outdoor Festival would not be able to attend, KCRC would not participate this year. He has notified the organizers.

Ed Hartley talked about the raffle to be held in conjunction with the SPA contest and tickets will be sold the same as last year.

A Float Fly is scheduled at Melton Hill Park June 14th. Spread Spectrum radios are encouraged to avoid frequency conflicts.

Harriman Warbirds get together is scheduled for June 28th and 29th.

Dennis Hunt talked about the upcoming SPA contest and the need for KCRC members to work it. By the time you read this the contest will be over so you can read about it in this newsletter and in the SPA newsletter.

The vote on the bylaws revision created a fair amount of buzz. Only 31 votes were cast and someone suggested that sixty percent of the members had to vote in order to have a valid vote. This would have dictated that 48 votes were needed. Discussion ended with the uncertain decision to make an effort to get more votes.

Secretary's note: The bylaws (2004 revision) states that members must be given at least 30 days notice on impending items that require a poll vote. Members must then be given an opportunity to vote, either online, by mail or by attending the meeting. If these conditions are met, then the votes cast constitute a legal election. People not voting are assumed to have no opinion on the subject and will abide by the results of the votes that were cast. By this definition, there is no certain number of votes required. We should not have to chase people down and force them to vote. Since the revisions were announced in the February meeting, published in the April newsletter (published on April 1st) and discussed at the April meeting, and the vote held in May, it was felt by the majority of the Executive Committee that the conditions were fulfilled and we had a valid vote.

• new business

Dennis Hunt suggested that we need a new membership booklet. We haven't had one since 2005 so maybe he's right. Phil said he would mention it to Jerel Z. at the newsletter.

Model of the Month

There were two entries in the contest this month.

First was John Williams showing a modified SportAir;



He has fitted the scratch built model with twin OS .55 AX engines and did a good job of it.

Second was Jim Maines with a very good looking Sonic 500;



It was designed to be a pylon racer and he's powered it with an OS .25FX.

John Williams won the fuel.

Crash of the Month

Jim Maines told of his difficulties trying to fly a wingless Pro-tege. He said that probably because of several less than perfect landings the wing bolts were weakened to the point that they gave up the ghost during his last flight on the bird and the wing came off. He found the wing, but the rest of the plane is still buried somewhere in the northeast end of the jungle. Jim won the glue.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM

Minutes by Jim Scarbrough

photos by Jim Scarbrough

AT THE FIELD

Memorial day was a busy day at KCRC! As the following photos by Gary Lindner show, there was a huge contingent of pilots and aircraft of many types. The impromptu cookout was also a great success!



The starting stands were all full for a good part of the day!



Airplanes, airplanes, airplanes!



Pilots, pilots, pilots!

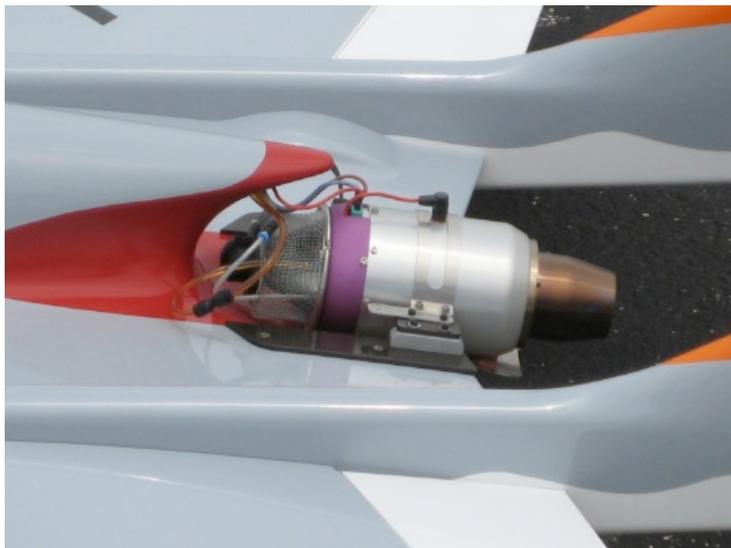


The same day, Jeff Prosize provided further excitement at the field by bringing out his BobCat Turbine powered airplane he was prepping for the Bluegrass Jet Jam in Kentucky the following weekend. Jeff didn't attempt a flight on the "carrier deck" KCRC runway but we all got a first hand demonstration of what turbine power sounds like! It was AWSOME!



Airplanes, pilots and cooking!a great combination!





The business end of the BobCat. Lots of thrust in a small package!



Flight crew discusses taxi test plans.



Bud Weiser, our distinguished retired airline pilot, is offered some stick time again on a jet. He respectfully declined.

AT THE FIELD BUT NOT OURS!

Yeah, we love those "below ground" events at the field. We had a classic with a plank flier last summer. "Frank" was flying a brand new airplane and it was ALL OVER the place as soon as he took off.

There's a quarry at the end of our airfield which has now become a pond and is about 100 ft below ground level. The airplane disappeared into this void in an attitude that said, "it's a goner." After seeing this, Frank dejectedly collapsed his antenna, switched off the Tx and slowly marched off towards the quarry to pick up the pieces.

A bunch of guys sitting on the porch of the shelter saw Franks's airplane suddenly zoom up out of the quarry, and started yelling at him and pointing to the aircraft. He thought they were just doing the usual "it's over that way you idiot" dance, so he waved back. A couple of seconds later he saw the airplane for himself, hurriedly switched the Tx back on and pulled out the antenna...then promptly stuffed the airplane into the ground.

This wonderful event gave rise to a now classic phrase at our field:

"Why don't you turn the damn transmitter off and give the poor airplane a chance?"

ANONYMOUS

FOR SALE / WANT TO BUY

For Sale: NOTHING! We all like what we have!

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