

**KCRC NEWSLETTER**  
**OCTOBER 2008**  
**Meeting; Tuesday, 14-Oct-2008,**  
**7:00 pm, Fellowship Church,**  
**8000 Middlebrook Pike**



## PROPWASH

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NOTICE: Beginning this month (October) our meetings will be at the Fellowship Church at 8000 Middlebrook Pike. Please go to the KCRC website ( <http://www.kcrctn.com> ) where a link to directions are on the home page.

All the pieces are in place for our Fall Float Fly at the Oak Ridge Marina. We will begin flying about 9:00 am, Saturday, October 11th. There will be rudimentary frequency control in place, but we are encouraging use of 2.4 GHz radios to minimize any radio interference problems.

Please see the article on the Marine Reserves' very successful Mud Run, held this past September 13.

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

## MINUTES: SEPTEMBER MEETING

The meeting was a wet mess. It was raining and there were only six souls who showed up. Four of them were officers. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by KCRC President, Phil Spelt.

- Minutes from August were approved as printed in the newsletter.
- Treasurer Joel Hebert gave the report on the club finances and they were approved.

### old business

- Phil got a check from Joel to send to AMA to approve insurance for the Oak Ridge Marina site which had previously been approved by the club for the Float Fly. The event has been set for nine o'clock AM on October 11th ( no home game for UT ). Phil had an oversight picture of the area and it looks like a winner. Lots of water access from docks and we will have a retriever boat for wounded ducks or dead engines. Phil mentioned that preliminary talks indicate that this could develop into an annual event which could be a real bonus in terms of scheduling.
- Phil also reminded those few present that the Marines Mud Run is scheduled for this coming weekend and that the field will be closed on Saturday morning. Phil will open the gate for them Saturday morn.

### new business

- Since there were so few in attendance, there was no effort made to promote any new business.
- The picnic will be scheduled at a later date.
- Ed Hartley mentioned that new officers will be nominated at the November meeting. This means that there will have to be a positive response at the October meeting. All officers will be elected and installed at the December meeting. There will also be a vote on the dues structure at the December meet

ing. Several of the incumbents have indicated that they will not run next year so we will need candidates.

*Model of the Month*; no action this month

*Crash of the Month*; likewise.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM  
Minutes taken by Jim Scarbrough

## THE MARINE RESERVES' 5TH ANNUAL MUD RUN PHIL SPELT

On the second Saturday in September, Delta Company of the 4th Combat Engineers, U. S. Marine Reserve Unit in Knoxville, with great help from the Marine Corps League of Knoxville, conducted their annual Mud Run. This is an event in which participants traverse a 3-mile course that now includes 3 mud pits through which they must "run".

The Marines use the bottom-most part of our flying field where the pits are dug. The fields around the runway and pit area are used for parking (see photo 1). There are also walls over which the runners must climb, and other obstacles typical of a Marine infiltration course used in basic training. All in all, it is a very taxing morning for the runners.



Photo 1.

The initial Mud Run garnered about 200 runners. Over the next 4 years, the number climbed to over 1200 people. Some of them are shown registering in photo 2. As you can see from the photo, the Marine Corps League uses our pit shelter for registration - a perk that is helpful in case of rain. They also make use of the pavilion for storage and for extra equipment for the run.

The event is a fund-raiser for the Marines, but due to a change in the rules by which military units are permitted to participate in events like this, their horizon has expanded. As you can see in photo 2, the event also is used to collect toys in the Toys for Tots program, something the Marines have been doing each season for a number of years. The bins shown in the photo were filled to overflowing, and 3 or 4 more boxes were added.

Photo 1 shows the parking in the field below the Club parking area, and there were easily as many cars parked out beyond the runway and along our hedgerow by Williams Bend Road.



Photo 2.

Photo 3 shows Sherry and Amy, two of the charming ladies who participated in the Mud Run. Taking their picture prior to the Run is one of the perks of getting up early to get to the field to "supervise", and more importantly, remembering my camera! I have no idea where Sherry and Amy finished, as I never saw them again - I hope they aren't stuck in a mud pit!



Photo 3.

All in all, the Marines had another very successful Mud Run, and I am proud that KCRC is able to help them out a bit.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**SATURDAY, 11 OCTOBER- FALL FLOAT  
FLY AT THE OAK RIDGE MARINA**

**NOVEMBER MEETING; CLUB OFFICER  
NOMINATIONS**

## AT THE FIELD JIM SCARBROUGH

The weather is getting near perfect for flying model airplanes. The last few days have been especially good. Temperatures in the seventies with a little breeze to help on landings. I have been going up for the last few Wednesdays to fly with some of the OFFA guys and it has been a blast. They get there early and have Combat with streamers tied on the back of electric Slo-Stiks. The model itself is perfect for this kind of activity because of its lightness and the fact you can replace it for less than \$40. Most of the guys have replaced the supplied brushed motors with small brushless motors to give them the extra power to do all the darting around they do to try to catch the streamers on an opponents plane. John Heard has been patching his up until the foam wing has more cracks and creases than our runway. John stays in the action though and is competitive. Gary Lindner, Larry Weston, Karl Gerth, Don Eiler, Randy Jones, and Ralph Colon keep seven or so of the models in a swarm where its hard to keep up with who's who. A midair happens on occasion and I've seen at least one where the flyer was flying the wrong plane while his made an unscheduled stop on the runway.. Looks like a lot of fun. Maybe I'll have to get me another Slo Stik.

On the 16th of September I caught a couple of new members trying their models out.



Gary Russell Had a Ugly Stick with an OS two stroke on it. I understood him to say he built it back when he was in high school. He was quite competent on the sticks.



Another newcomer was David Roberts with his Pitts electric biplane. This is one of the best flying models I've seen in a while. Very aerobatic and plenty of power. David was on a break from his job; he doesn't always dress like this to come to the field.



Raymond Curd is there every time I go. It would worry me if he wasn't there with either an Ugly Stik, A Morris the Knife, or his U-Can-Do. Raymond was saying Wednesday that he drove 826 miles recently in one day on his vacation! Wow!



Steve Bayless was there also with his Hangar 9 B-25. An awesome model. Jeff Prorise has flown one at KCRC field a few times but I was never there when he flew it, so this was the first time I'd seen this model fly and it is a great flyer. Steve was very comfortable flying it.



This picture was taken on another day, but James Vasques is another that is always there and this beautiful helicopter is one that he had put a new body on. Good looking heli and James flies it well.

Enough for today. I think I'll go to Hobby Town and get a Slo Stik.

I'll see you at the field.....Jim

## IMPROMPTU LABOR DAY FLY-IN AT KCRC

The following photos were taken by Carlos Reveiz, a professional sports photographer and friend of Jeff Prorise. Jeff has a DVD of more than 1000 photos taken by Carlos that Monday at KCRC. Contact Jeff if you are interested in getting a copy.





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