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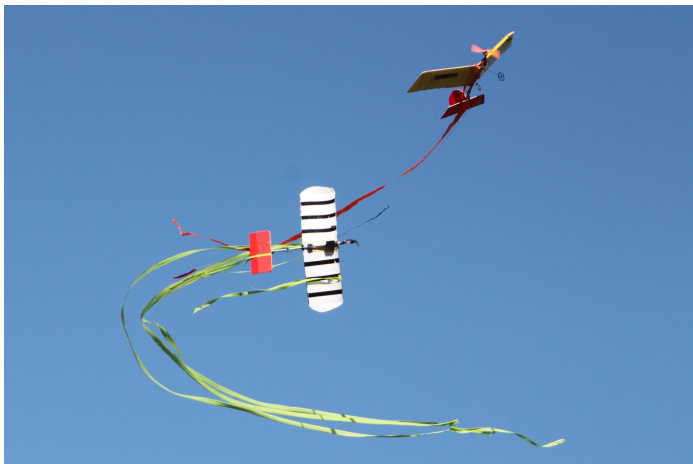
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AT THE FIELD

One activity that is going great at KCRC field is Combat, Slo Stik Style! The simple inexpensive GWS foam model has struck a chord in the hearts of several members and you can find them plying their trade most every Wednesday and Sunday morning. Don Eiler, John Heard, Jeff Cody, Larry Weston, Craig Dieter, James Vasques and Phil Cope flying Charles Wilson's Stik were there on a recent Sunday morning and Jeff Prosize was there to catch some of the action with the camera he says he bought for his



wife. He takes a good picture with it. Don says that there were seven models in the air at the same time on several occasions but Jeff couldn't catch them all. I think Jeff caught some great pictures of the action and makes me want to get my Stik ready to join in.. I don't know who is who in the pictures but someone definitely has cut some streamers. The last picture



shows that sometimes the models suffer some midair collisions and damage and you have to go into the weeds to retrieve them. This is Larry Weston after a



midair with Phil Cope. As you can see, the models hold up very well....■

More field activity is seen here as Phil Cope (right) buddy boxes with KCRC Emeritus member George Campbell. George gets to about all meetings and gets to fly when he can. Nice to have instructors who take the time and interest to help those whose reflexes (like mine) are not as good as they used to be. ■



THIS AND THAT

■ Good to see our friends in Harriman got their lease renewed. Things tend to get tense anytime your field is threatened because the fairly large area needed for a field is becoming hard to find..

■ Speaking of threatened fields, our own suffered recently when a huge crowd of vehicles messed up the ground at KCRC. The Marine Mud Run, which we have helped out the last seven years by allowing them to use the field for parking and registering (and closing the field to our own members), seemed to extend all the way across the KCRC area because of soft ground due to recent rain. Until it is repaired, be careful about running off the west end of the runway. The ruts can tear off the landing gear. Hopefully it'll be fixed by Masters time..

■ While our own field was being trashed, several clubs around here were having fun flies. House Mountain, Harriman, Morristown and Franklyn, NC had contests in the last month, as well as our own Float Fly at Oak Ridge Marina. September was a very good month for local flyers.

CLUB CORNER

by Jim Wallen, AMA Insider Club Editor

How involved are you in your local club? Perhaps you just want to pay your dues and go fly your planes when you want. Maybe you volunteer to cut the weeds on a tidy-up day at the field but you don't want to do much more. **Maybe you seldom go to a club meeting** or perhaps you make it a point to attend all of them.

Have you ever submitted an article for your club newsletter? Do you go to some of the club social functions? Have you ever cornered your club field marshal to share with him or her some ideas you would like to see implemented? Do you show up for your training night at the field to help out? Keep in mind that all skill levels can find a role to help out with the new guys and kids!

Have you ever had the urge to put together a fund-raiser for the club? Can you find a way to show up early for club meetings and help with setting up refreshments? Have you ever thought about setting up a Valentine Day Fun-Fly to get some of the

ladies involved? Did you ever think about becoming a club officer?

You get the point. The list goes on and on.

You will find that the clubs that have more people involved tend to prosper and those that don't tend to stagnate and even fail. We all know that 10% of the members do 90% of the work. It doesn't have to be

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 9th, 10th .. The SPA Masters

Knoxville TN CD Dennis Hunt

October 9th Volunteer Aeromodelers Fall Fun Fly

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Oct 23rd ...KCRC Helicopter Fly in @KCRC field

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*****NOTICE*****

Don't forget that the October meeting will

held at the Friendship Church, 8000

Middlebrook Pike, Tuesday Oct 12th 7PM

that way!

If you are in any sort of leadership role in your club, think about ways to motivate some folks and change that ratio. Things do not just happen by themselves. It takes you to initiate change. Take that first step and watch how your club benefits. ■

The article above was in the most recent AMA Insider and certainly applies to all clubs. Our president Dennis Drone is pleading for members to come to meetings and make their opinions heard. Especially in the coming months when important decisions will have to be made ■

MINUTES, September 2010

President Dennis Drone called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, September 14 at the KCRC field. There were 17 members and two guests present.

Minutes for the August meeting were approved as printed in the September newsletter.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

The Treasurer's Report was given by Joel Hebert and approved. A copy of the report is available from Joel or the other officers. Joel reported that we have four new members.

Newsletter Editor Jim Scarbrough reported that he had received an e-mail from the Knox County Library requesting that we no longer send them a copy of the newsletter. They are no longer cataloging them.

OLD BUSINESS

Dennis Hunt passed around a sign-up sheet for assisting with the SPA Masters pattern contest, Oct. 9-10. If you can help, contact Dennis. There was discussion of how to cater a Saturday lunch. The entry fee will include a meal at the Super China Buffet in Oak Ridge Saturday evening. Dennis reported that some very nice prizes have been procured by Ed Hartley for the pilot's raffle. Polish up your pattern and enter the contest!

A motion was made, seconded, and approved for the club to provide the "up front" money to buy a barrel of 15% fuel. Bill Dodge will continue to distribute the fuel. Estimated price will be \$13/gal. If you need fuel, contact Bill.

The Float-Fly at the Oak Ridge Marina is set for Sept. 25 starting at 9 AM.

NEW BUSINESS

George Campbell brought another pan of his excellent peanut brittle for all to sample. George also had KCRC logos for anyone who wanted one.

Phil Spelt passed out copies of the KCRC Field Repair Plan that resulted from the damage done to the field by automobiles at the Sept. 11 Marine Mud Run. Extensive damage has been done to the driveway and parts of the field. Phil, Ed Hartley, and Aaron Ellison, who mows the hay, prepared the plan. The estimated cost for Aaron to do the repairs is \$8,500. Dennis Drone and Phil are to meet with Marine Corps League and Knox County Parks representatives Wed. Sept. 15 on repairs.

Dennis Drone reviewed some Lessons Learned from the Mud Run while they were fresh on his mind – more members needed to look after our interests (crowd control), trash bags, padlocks, etc.

There will be a Knox County Schools cross country event on Th., Sept. 16. The field will be closed during the races.

The meeting place will change to the Fellowship Church in Oct.

NEW MEMBERS

Daren Martin and his son Gabriel were new members attending the meeting. They are learning to fly with electrics and are looking for help.

Other new members are (four families, seven total, by my count):

Daniel & Ricky Bustamante

Glenn & Ethan Gardner

Ray Thompson, Jr.

Please make these folks welcome.

MODEL OF THE MONTH

None.

CRASH OF THE MONTH

Tim Cox won the glue with a tearful tale of the loss of his Seagull Yak-55, powered by a Thunder Tiger 1.30 4-stroke. Tim didn't get the message from the first two or three dead-sticks. The last one, trying to land perpendicular to the main runway at the east end due to obstructions on the runway (yield the right-of-way!) went long with a snap into the south field. The autopsy revealed a split fuel line in the tank.

Phil Spelt and Joel Hebert related landing their Avistars in the same poplar tree west of the field. Members of the Dishner clan retrieved the weathered models – a twofer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Don Eiler, KCRC Secretary.■

=====NOTICE=====

DON'T FORGET THAT THE OCTOBER MEETING IS AT THE FRIENDSHIP CHURCH ON MIDDLEBROOK PIKE

SEPTEMBER FLOAT FLY

by Phil Spelt

Saturday, September 25th dawned gray and rainy. When we arrived at the Oak Ridge Marina, the rain had stopped, but the Clinch River was covered in



fog about 2 meters deep. However, as the first 45 minutes passed, the fog disappeared and seven pilots were ready to commit aviation off the water. With gray skies hovering over us all morning, the winds were very light, making takeoff and landing a “breeze” – any direction being entirely acceptable. With little boat traffic all morning, we were free to fly as we wished.

The usual KCRCers were there, joined by Tom Aldridge from the Crossville club with his giant Short Sunderland flying boat, and Jason Russell of

the House Mountain Club, with an electric Cub and a similarly powered giant Seamaster. John Walkling of the Tennessee Eagles kindly provided the retrieval boat, which was called on 4 times for “sea rescue”. Steve Bayless was there with his beautiful R/C electric destroyer, which he ran only once all morning. All the pilots got in at least 2 flights, except for the Short Sunderland, which only went airborne once.



KCRC is now firmly established with the Oak Ridge Recreation and Parks Department, and we will be welcome to fly there each fall. Hopefully, in years to come, we can build this event into a larger event. If numbers grow, it could become a 2-day event, with



help from KCRC to put on the event. In the future, we would need to provide food on site, and get more publicity out to surrounding clubs well in advance. All in all, the event was a success, although the turnout was disappointingly small. Maybe next year...

(Pictures sent by Joel Hebert)■