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THIS AND THAT

Good grief!! Is it October already?

I'm sitting here watching the rain come down and waiting for some glue to dry and it occurs to me that club elections are coming up in a couple of months. **That means that a nominating committee has to be assembled and arms twisted to obtain candidates. The slate is supposed to be printed in the November newsletter.**

The glue drying I mentioned is on a resurrection of a StevensAero G300 model that I built some time back and demolished. It was a very good flyer, but with my slow response time, it didn't last long. I doubt it'll last any longer this time (if I ever get out flying again).

At the September meeting, Bill Dodge brought up a point that ought to merit some thought for the membership. There has been some discussion among the club leadership about a possible move of KCRC from our present site to a site in the same area near the point where we have our float flies. **The question is whether this move would be mandated by the Knox County Parks and Recreation Department, or whether it would be as a result of club preference.** A poll will be conducted to determine how the membership feels about it if the move is optional. Please give it some thought. Many factors need to be considered..

Thought you might be interested in this "**Blast from the Past**". Anthony Stevens sent me this photo of the contestants in a KCRC contest held in the 80's. The contest was called "**Triathlon of Model Aviation**" and consisted of events with hand launched rubber powered models, control line and an RC funfly. The front row from left are Paul Funk, Anthony Stevens and Bruce Ragon. Back Row from left is Joe Leonard, Terry Young, Scott Black, Bob Morris, Ray Funk, Phil Cope and Mike Osborne. If you've been around here for a while, you might recognize some of the names. Check



out the helicopter at the extreme right front!

I appreciate any and all contributions of this type for the newsletter. In fact, I appreciate **all** contributions to the newsletter!.....Jim ■

MINUTES SEPTEMBER 2011

President Phil Spelt called the meeting to order at 7:13 PM on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at the KCRC field. There were 17 members present. There were also about 80 people associated with the Cub Scouts using the runway as a launch area for model rockets.

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.

Secretary Bill Leonard is recovering more slowly than expected from surgery.

OLD BUSINESS

Phil Spelt reported that the Fall Float-Fly will be held Sept. 24 and 25. He also reported that the Tennessee Eagles will be holding an air show also on

Sept. 24 to benefit the Shriners' Hospital.

Update (Sept. 15, 2011) – Phil reports that the Tennessee Eagles event has been changed to Oct. 1.

The Heli Fly-In was a big success with 19 pilots and a big crowd of spectators. Videos are on westknoxrc.com.

Phil Spelt reported that he and the Board met with Doug Bataille and Rebekah Jane Justice of Knox County Parks and Recreation and presented conceptual drawings for a flying site at the north end of Melton Hill Park. The information was positively received. **At the request of membership, a poll is to be taken to get club members' interest in an optional move. It was noted that our lease will be up for renewal next year.**

The Mud Run was smaller this year, but still well attended. Field damage was very minor. The Marines cleaned up trash after the event, but Phil Spelt reported that he still found some Sunday afternoon.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to meet at Fellowship Church (8000 Middlebrook Pike) again for the indoor meetings with Joel to pay the required fees.

Phil Spelt reported that the field will be closed for cross country track meets on Sept. 19 (Monday) and Sept. 20 (Tuesday) in the afternoons. Phil is coordinating with county officials for help in controlling parking in our part of the park.

MODEL OF THE MONTH

None.

CRASH OF THE MONTH

Frank Allemand won the glue with a report of the loss of his ParkZone model off the west end of the runway. A change of pilots was made in an attempt to save it, but all was in vain. (Where have I heard that before? Rick Hampton's P-51 COM last month?)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Minutes submitted by Don Eiler on behalf of Bill Leonard, KCRC Secretary.

KCRC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 1st....Tenn Eagles Air Show.

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KCRC Meeting... Oct 11th, 7:00PM

Fellowship Church, 8000 Middlebrook Pike

AT THE FIELD

As you might have noticed in the minutes, we had the boy scouts at the field on our meeting night. In a bit of questionable scheduling, we agreed to let them use the field for their meeting. They also were going to fire off some rocket models. They were supposed to be pretty near finished by our meeting time, but they were just getting started good. What with the young ones shouting and running in and out of the pavillion during the meeting, and the noise of the rockets going off, the meeting was a real effort in

concentration. I thought Phil was going to lose it a couple of times.



In spite of the problems holding the meeting, it was a lot of fun seeing the efforts the Scouts put into the construction of the rockets. There were some





real beauties on display, and they were pretty impressive going up

KCRC contributed to the scouts meeting by putting on some demonstrations. Phil Spelt flew a nitro powered model, Jeff Prosisie cranked up his big jet and taxied it around, and Phil Cope flew his radio controlled rocket powered SR-71..

I was impressed anyhow and, all in all, it was a very interesting night. I guess we had the program before the meeting instead of after.... Jim ■

SAFETY FIRST

Cool weather has finally come and perhaps we are past the 90 degree days of summer. However we are not out of the woods when it comes to potential danger while we fly. Several thoughts come to mind.

We must always be alert while we are at, or on, the flight line. The recent tragic event at a full scale air show and race has produced videos of people not paying attention. From looking at different videos it is a common sight to see several people not looking at what is over or near them. Some of the material from the crash actually hit some and came close to others. Naturally our planes are much smaller yet they can do major damage to the human body. Stay alert and observant!

The second point is walking in high brush and new growth. I had the recent experience of helping search for a downed plane. It is my belief that it fell in tall new growth brush. The type where even if your foot fall is right near the plane you will be lucky to see it. The bottom line is, never perform a search in brush in short pants because briars hurt and cut. I also recommend boots in off chance you come across one of the most dreaded creatures, a snake. Last but not least is that inside dense vegetation especially when it is hot, do not become over heated. Take breaks and

take water with you if it is hot.

As always be safe, have fun and bring home the same number of pieces that you took.

KCRC Safety Coordinator...Jim Maines ■

KCRC NOTAMS

Phil Spelt, 9/26/2011

September was KCRC's month to give back to our community. We "hosted" the Marine League's annual Mud Run, which went off without any problems with the weather this year. When I checked the field late Sunday afternoon, everything looked very good – no big ruts, no trash, etc. Then, the next Tuesday, we hosted a Cub Scout Pack from Knoxville so they could shoot off their rockets. We gave the scouts a brief introduction to how our R/C planes work, and they received a brief demo flight with Phil Spelt's military Avistar, and a couple of rocket motor powered SR-71 Blackbird flights by Phil Cope. Finally, just before the rockets began flying, Jeff Prosisie fired up his impressive F-16 turbine-powered plane for a demo taxi on our runway.

Then, on September 19th and 20th, we hosted the Knox County cross country meets for elementary and middle school. While they were running, I picked up trash around our pit area, and after the Tuesday event, I went around the grounds to pick whatever they had left. I actually picked up as much trash around our pits from KCRC pilots as I did from the running events! Which brings me to the primary point of this column.

Guys, we have a policy at KCRC of not putting a trash can out because someone would have to empty it. Our policy is, **if you bring it to the field, you take it home with you.** There is no reason to have trash accumulate at our field – anywhere, not around the pits or in the pavilion, or anywhere. I also noticed a LOT of cigarette butts lying around, or at least the filters from them. They should not be thrown around, either. We no longer have George Campbell with us. He used to pick up trash and butts when he came to the field. Smokers should **FIELD STRIP** their cigarettes. In case you are not familiar with this military technique: you tear the paper back to the filter, ball it up and toss it, let the remaining tobacco float away in the breeze, and put the filter in your pocket to take home and dispose of. I see no reason a non-smoker should have to clean up after a smoker, nor should we have our flying area littered with cigarette filters. PLEASE cooperate, and help keep our flying field looking nice....Phil ■

FALL FLOAT FLY

Drove to the Oak Ridge Marina Saturday, September 24th to catch the activity at the Annual Float Fly. Not too many flyers but quite a few KCRCers and spectators watching the fun. Flyers Phil Spelt, Phil Cope, and Joel Hebert represented KCRC and Jason Russell was there from House Mountain club. Didn't get back on Sunday but maybe

I can report on that next issue. KCRCer Lee Helton brought his boat for retriever duties and had Tom Aldridge to help.

This year was a two day event, and KCRC, along with some of the folks from the Oak Ridge Parks department hope to make it an annual event. It certainly is a good site because quite a few people were out enjoying the great weather and they got to see RC at its best. While I was wandering around, I



Illustration 1: Phil Cope's air force in the foreground and Phil Spelt under the awning.



Illustration 3: Phil Cope leading Joel Hebert's seaplane to the water.



Illustration 2: Lee Helton and Tom Aldridge doing their thing.

heard an engine starting up, then the sound of ripping canvas and saw Phil Spelt wrapping a towel around his hand. I used to think that only beginners were subject to sticking their fingers in a spinning prop, but, with experience, I've found us old folks do it too. Thank goodness, it wasn't a bad cut!...Jim



Another Blast from the Past! Thought you might like to see this, too. This photo is from the first Saturday in May of 2003. The second Annual Float Fly of KCRC held at Fred Heddleson's pretty place on Watts Bar lake in Kingston. Not everybody was flying Cubs although it looks like it from here. Standing in the back from the left is Jim Casey, Bob Stewart, Denny Evans, Joel Hebert, Phil Cope, Bill Marshall and Jerry Goss. Kneeling in front from left is Jerel Zarestki, Phil Spelt, Fred Heddleson and Walt Keene. All were KCRCers except Jim Casey, who was a former KCRCer who had moved away but came back for the event. Jerry was the CD and had David Dabbs to assist. David was flying also but is not in the picture as he was the one who took it. Walt was doing boat retriever duty...Jim