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August 2023 Newsletter

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President's Corner

By Warren Oliver

The club has just completed another great Senior Pattern Association meet. Jimmy Russel did a great job as CD for the contest and kept it moving from the flight line to lunch to ducking out of the rain. We had 13 pilots spread across all of the categories. The photo below shows the pilots and their aircraft.



Everyone seemed to have a great time with some nice precision flying on display. We certainly could have accommodated more pilots. I would like to discuss at the next meeting what we might do to encourage participation in this event. The Basic Class is specifically set up to encourage participation. Most KCR C pilots can do the basic pattern utilizing any aircraft you choose. It is fun to try to perform specific maneuvers with the aircraft and have judges give you friendly feedback.

The fellow that traveled the farthest was Ellis Newkirk from Dallas, Texas. He is an outstanding pilot and a good friend I have known since high school. We only lost two aircraft and both of those accidents occurred in the first round of flying. The weather was good for the first four rounds on Saturday. I was the last to fly on that day and the wheels hit the ground on landing just as the sky opened up into a torrential downpour with lightning striking all around us. A bit of a mess but I won that round of expert, so I guess it was worth it!

I have seen a couple of near accidents in the last month that are worth taking note of. Luckily, they were near misses. They both involved people standing at opposite ends of the runway not communicating loudly enough. They both also involved folks flying while standing outside of the safety fence. There are a number of reasons folks give for standing outside the safety fence. In some cases, it is just the way they learned to fly. There is no question that you are safer inside the fence. If you are in the habit of standing in front of the fence, I encourage you to try standing behind the fence. It does not bother me when I am flying but I admit that could be because I am tall. Call out your runway intentions loudly and acknowledge that you have heard others when they speak out. Always look before you walk out onto the runway, both up and down. Safety should always be our first concern.

The Jet Jam is coming this weekend so come on out for that. I am on duty at home to clean up some details this weekend, but I am going to try to sneak out to the field. Wish me luck on getting away with that!

June Meeting

By Richard Love

President Oliver opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was held at the flying field with 15 members in attendance.

Joel Hebert presented the Treasures report for July.

Safety report – Warren said there are no incidents to report. He mentioned that wasps are becoming a problem.

Old Business:

Gravel driveway – Warren is to contact Steve Patterson to get a date set for the job.

FRIA status – An AMA coordinator has been working with Todd (Thomas) and a boundary map has been agreed upon for submission to FAA. Some members wanted to include the boat dock, but the decision was made to proceed with the current plan and submit an application for the boat dock after the current plan has been approved.

New Business:

Tim Smyrl of Knox County Schools gave us a presentation on the aerospace club (“Aerohawks”) at Hardin Valley Academy. The club is a competition STEM team involved in rocketry and model aircraft. This year, the rocketry team took 1st place in USA competition and 4th place in international competition held in Paris. President Oliver offered our club assets for flight education and training assistance.

Events:

SPA is scheduled for August 12 and 13. The entry fee is \$25 and lunch is \$5. The field will be closed

Saturday and Sunday until competition has been completed for the day.

JET JAM will be held Saturday August 19. The cost for landing fee and lunch is \$20.

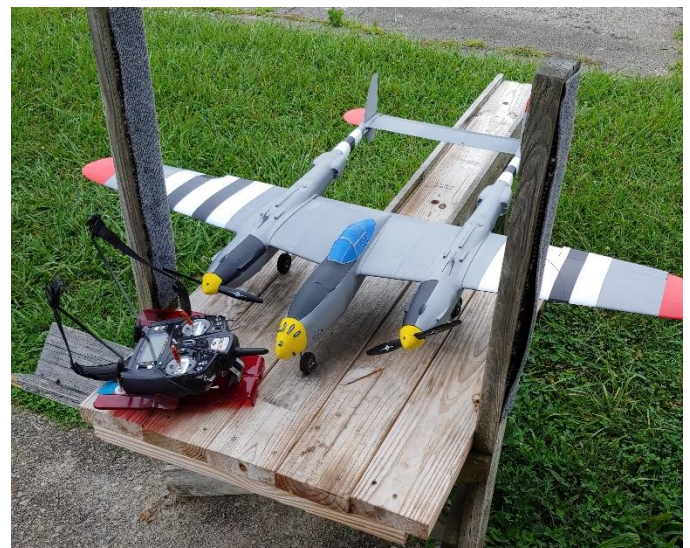
The Cubfest has not yet been scheduled.

Mud Run is Saturday September 16. The field will be closed for the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

WarBird Event

The Warbird event was held on August 22nd with Bradon Drummer as the CD. We had a nice day and a host of pilots showed up to fly and chat about their models. In case you missed it, here are a few pictures to get you interested in coming by next year.





Safety Reminder

Before going onto the runway, take a quick look around to see who is flying and where all the planes are. Ask if you are not sure about a landing approach. It only takes a moment to be sure the coast is clear; remember the pilots are looking at their planes, not people on the flight line. Always look both up and down before stepping onto the runway. Also, get on and off the runway as quickly as possible. Fix problems back at your plane stand rather than puttering around on the asphalt.

Also, look out for your fellow club members and say something if things are not right; we all get focused on our plane issues and sometimes need a little reminder to stay on task.

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar for the following events:

JET JAM - Saturday August 19. The cost for landing fee and lunch is \$20.

Cubfest - TBD, get your planes ready.

Mud Run - Saturday September 16. The field will be closed for this annual event.

