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## May 2025 Newsletter

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**President** – Jimmy Russell  
**Vice President** – Richard Love  
**Secretary** – Bill Lewis  
**Treasurer** – Todd Thomas

**Safety Officer** – Phil Cope  
**Exec Committee** – Warren Oliver  
**Exec Committee** – Brandon Drummer  
**Exec Committee** – Craig Dieter

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### President's Corner

*By Jimmy Russell*

We've had a busy month here at KCRC. First, I would like to thank everyone that came out and helped with the workday and runway resurfacing work. A big thanks to Phil Spelt, who did a ton of research and informed us what materials would be required for us to do it ourselves. In addition, Todd Thomas reached out to a neighbor of his that does asphalt work. His neighbor, Thomas Dixon, was willing to come out and assist us using his professional equipment. His machine allowed us to apply a hot melt crack filler that was much better than the cold pour material we were planning on using. Along with the equipment and materials, he provided us with much knowledge about the future maintenance needs of the runway surface.

Another big thanks to Travis Brasier; he has done a ton of work upgrading our field. He has rebuilt the power panel, was a huge help on the runway project, and even painted the centerline on the runway. Like I've said before, It's the club members that make KCRC such a great place to enjoy our hobby.

May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> was the SPA contest. We had somewhat low turnout. Perhaps it was due to the

sketchy weather forecast or dwindling interest. As always if anyone is interested in learning how to fly precision pattern aerobatics reach out to me or Warren, as we are happy to show you the techniques. It's fun and I guarantee it'll make you a better pilot all around. I, Warren Oliver, and Dan Tombs were the KCRC'ers that flew. Here are a couple of pictures:







On May 24<sup>th</sup> we had our Spring RC Day, and it was a great success. We had a large turnout with 21 signed up to fly and a good number of new folks showing interest in joining KCRC. Craig Deiter and I provided intro flights on the club trainers and most left with smiles after experiencing what it's like to fly an RC airplane. Warren manned the grill providing some tasty burgers and hot dogs. Here are a few pictures of the event:




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## KCRC Meeting April 8, 2025

*By Bill Lewis*

Vice President Richard Love opened the meeting at 6:30. The meeting was held at the KCRC Field.



### *Treasurer's Report*

Todd Thomas presented the treasurer's report, and it was accepted.

The total bank balance was given after all incoming and outgoing monies were accounted for.

### *Safety Report*

Phil Cope reported that a few crashes occurred during the month, but no safety violations were observed.

### *Old Business*

Todd brought to attention that with all the work that was done on the runway, it still needs more attention.

### *New Business*

Richard Love volunteered to bring out a stripping machine to give the runway a center line and a mid-way mark on each side. This is helpful for pattern flying especially during pattern competition. Travis offered to give him a helping hand.

Travis is also going to work on the electric portion of the new addition and is going to move the post with the electrical box near the gravel pit area entrance over to make a larger opening. Some of the larger vehicles have had a difficult time making the tight radius and there is concern that they might damage the new shelter.

There had been some talk about having two porta potties for events because of more women attending, but Todd said that is not realistic when taking in consideration of the club's money reserves.

It was brought up that perhaps some advertising might be helpful to help build up our membership. Some attending members are going to check into it.

### *Crash Of the Month*

Warren damaged his OLIVER TWIST but already has it repaired.

### *New Member*

No new members.

### *Up Coming Events*

May 24<sup>th</sup> RC Day

Sept 27<sup>th</sup> Candy Drop Day

Richard closed the meeting at 7.00 PM

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## **Meet the New Member**

Stay tuned for more Spring flying! We will be seeing some new folks soon so take some time to renew your acquaintances with some of the old folks.

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## **Upcoming Events**

Pencil in these event(s) for the flying season:

Fall RC Day - Oct 27<sup>th</sup>

Get your event in as soon as possible so we can get it on the list. Tell your ideas to the officers or email them if you can't make the meeting.

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## **A Few Pictures of the Runway Work Crew**

The first step of the runway project was to chip out all the old cracked and broken material followed by cleaning out the cracks so that the filler material would stick well to the asphalt. We used shovels, scrapers, wheelbarrows, power blowers, and power brooms. The availability of professional equipment and expert support was of immense help:







Once all the cracks were cleaned out and the debris carted away, cold patch was placed into the large holes and hot filler was poured into the cracks. Applying the 5 bags of the cold patch and 20 blocks of melted crack filler went like this:







Finally, just as the sun was setting, the job was finished:



Once the cracks were finally filled, a coating of seal coat was sprayed on the entire runway and taxi way. This was much faster than trying to do it by hand with squeegees:

A big thanks to the volunteers who helped with this ambitious project:

*Todd Thomas*

*Warren Oliver*

*Bob Morris*

*Bill Walters*

*Craig Deiter*

*Rick Thompson*

*Roger Kroodsma*

*Randy Phillips*

*Abe Mathews*

*Travis Braiser*

*Coda Brasier*

*Bill Tucker*

*Jimmy Russell*

And a super thanks to Thomas Dixon who provided us with professional help and equipment.