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March 2026 Newsletter

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President's Corner

By Jimmy Russell

I hope everyone is enjoying the early East TN Spring weather. We usually get a little glimpse of the nice weather to come about now. Our March meeting day was one of those days. It came with perfect flying weather for our club meeting at the field. We had around 25 people in attendance and everyone helped us lay out a good plan for '26. There were a few topics that came out of the meeting that I will discuss here.

We will honor Phil Cope in a couple ways. The first is that we will do a recurring annual Fun Fly in his name. The date for this year is already set for July 12th. The AMA sanction is already requested, and I will be acting as CD. It is called the "Phil Cope Summer Fun Fly" and hopefully he can attend and enjoy the day with us. We will have a cookout, provide free training flights, and likely do a couple of fun fly events. There was also much discussion of a plaque or some type of "KCRC Hall of Fame" entry. We will discuss this further at the next meeting.

The Blount County Club is losing their field in June. I extended an offer to their president to allow BCMA's members to fly at KCRC free of charge this

year. If they wish to be full members, we will offer them a reduced/prorated membership fee. So, if you see anyone new at the field please be welcoming and if they are BCMA members treat them like one of our own. After all, we share the same hobby and passion. I view this as our obligation to help other fellow RC flyers in need.

The Spring Workday is set for April 10-11th. We will focus on flight stands. We plan to have some members that are retired or available come out on Friday and cut all the parts for the new flight stands. Then on Saturday let's have a good turnout of the main member base to help build these new stands. All of us use these stands constantly so please come out and chip in. The club will offer something for the volunteers, perhaps coffee and donuts. We need members to bring cordless drill drivers, a miter saw with a good blade, carpenter squares, pencils, tape measure, etc. But most importantly bring yourself in old clothes, gloves, and a good attitude. Everyone can reap the rewards of some nice new flight stands. Thanks!!

During the Summer, we will have meetings every two months at the field rather than every month to save time and effort and focus on flying. If you have any concerns prior to a meeting, just contact a club officer. Please plan to attend these

meetings as they make a difference and have been designed to reduce any impact on your flying time and limit your driving around.

I hope everyone is having a great start to the flying season. See you at the field!

KCRC Meeting March 14, 2026

By Bill Lewis

The club meeting was opened at 10am by Jimmy Russell at the flying field.

Treasurer's Report: Todd read the treasurer's report, and it was accepted by the membership. Todd also mentioned that the combination of the entrance to the field has been changed and will be emailed to all paid up members.

Safety Report: Steve Patterson said that he had no new safety issues to report.

Old Business: The issue of work to be done on the flight stands was brought up again. The plan is to have 5 new flight stands and repair the others that need work done on them. It was suggested by Bob and Jimmy to have all the materials needed on hand and cut the wood the day before and on the following day assemble and repair the old ones as needed. The lumber to be used will be treated lumber. Jimmy said that he'll put together the "parts list". So far, the dates for the planned work will be April 10th and 11th.

It was mentioned to check the fire extinguishers for expired dates and to make sure the appropriate extinguishers are on hand.

New Business: The club president said that starting May 2nd the club meetings will be held every other month. They will be held at the field at 9am.

Brandon gave a safety talk about the flying rules and regulations on turbine jets including fire extinguishers.

The club is trying to come up with ideas on how to honor Phil Cope. He is relocating and we're hoping that he'll stop by occasionally. A couple of ideas are to have a fun fly and cookout named in his honor as well as have a plaque made.

Brandon has checked with the people who cut the grass at the field, and they are willing to charge the same price that they did last year. He is also going to try to schedule a Jet Jam. The event last year was very successful.

The flying club in Blount County will be losing their field in June. Some members are trying to think of ways to permit them to fly at our field as a courtesy. Not all of the details have been worked out yet.

Crash Of the Month: No crash of the month

Show and Tell: No show and tell this month

New Members: 4 new members: Jason Brock, Stephen Collins, Jamie Croft, and Shaun Van Rooyen

Members in attendance: 25

Events So Far this year:

Spring Workday, April 10-11th

Cubs and Coffee, April 18th

SPA, June 27–28th

Phil Cope Summer Fun Fly, July 12th

The meeting was closed at 11:00 by the president

Upcoming Events

The following events are already on the list; please pencil them in your calendar and plan to participate:

Spring Workday, April 10-11th (All Members)

Cubs and Coffee, April 18th (Travis, CD)

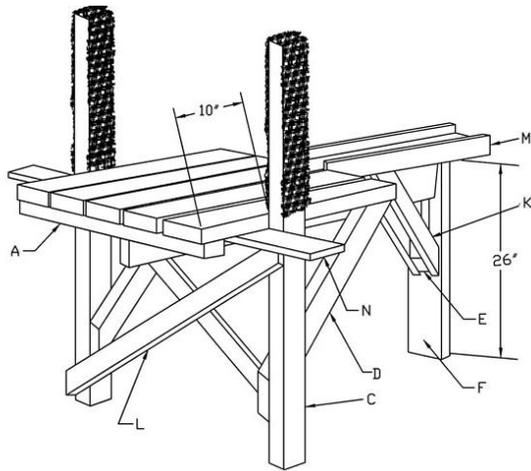
SPA, June 27–28th (Jimmy/Warren, CD)

Phil Cope Summer Fun Fly, July 12th (Jimmy, CD)

Benches

Please go to the KCRC website and look over the August 2025 newsletter [08_2025.pdf](#) for the design

of the flight stands so you have an idea of what we plan to do. Lots of details, so be prepared.



Dues

It is past time to pay your 2026 club dues. The deadline is gone and a \$5 late fee applies. Please get up to speed on this so Todd can finish up the books and get to serious stuff like flying planes! Last month's newsletter contains more information.

If you need to make changes to your information (address, phone, etc.), contact Todd at flykrc@gmail.com for details.

Thanks for being a good member and keeping the club safe and legal.

Meet the New Member

Sorry, no pictures; these are the new members.

Jason Brock
Stephen Collins
Jamie Croft
Shaun Van Rooyen

Say hi when you see them at the field.

Turbines

Remember if you want to fly turbines at the field you need a turbine waver and check out. For more details talk to Brandon and review the AMA turbine details on the AMA website. It's worth talking to club members about your plans so you can get a good, knowledgeable start.

If enough people are interested, some additional infrastructure could be assembled. In the meantime, do it right and do it safely!

Getting Back into Things

It has been a while for some of you since you flew last, perhaps several months, so take some time to go over your equipment to make sure all is well. You may be a bit rusty, so take the easy fliers out first and exercise your skills until you feel good about flying. Remember, safety first – one or two easy flights can get you back into the groove with low stress. No one wants an early season crash!

Wind Damage

There was some wind damage to West side runway fence, so please be aware of that when you go out to the field. We are planning to repair it ASAP, so please help out if you can. We will also need a general dejunking of the pit area and the shelter after the stand project is completed as well, so please make an effort to tidy the place up. Thanks in advance.