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Wichita Flight Festival

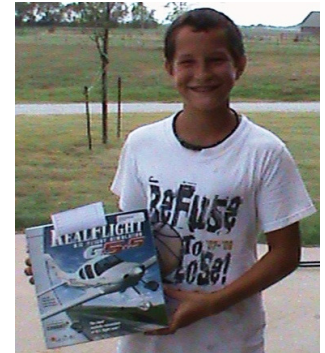
Submitted by Mark Kilby

On August 20 & 21st, The 2011 Wichita Flight Festival at Jabara Airport was attended by many, and WRCC had a booth. The booth was attended by Mark Kilby, Nick Kilby, Terry Powell and Jim George. In addition to a static display and distributing over 100 flyers, a "Real Flight R/C Flight Simulator" was set up to give the kids (of all ages) a chance to fly the R/C's. It was a big hit and there was someone playing it the entire time the flight festival was open.



A "Real Flight R/C Flight Simulator" and 2 - 1yr WRCC memberships were

used for drawings. 11 yr old Luke Branch of Colwich won the big prize (pic on right). We had a lot of interest shown in the WRCC and the upcoming changes at Chapin Field.



August Meeting

The August meeting is on Thursday the 25th at the Kansas Aviation Museum, 7:00. Agenda items will include:

- Field reports
- Upcoming events
- Monthly Raffle
- Attendance drawing

We look forward to seeing you there!



Newsletter Submissions:

Submit your stories and pictures to the WRCC News! Deadline is the 2nd Friday of each month. Include your contact information and send e-mail to newsletter@wichitaradiocontrolclub.org

2012 WRCC Auction

Submitted by Fred Harvey

Yeah, I know the next auction is still a long way off, but planning for it starts in the near future. In the past, one of the short comings of the WRCC has been that we would find people who did a good job(s) for us and then leave them in those positions essentially forever. Terry Dobson serving as the auction chairman for 16 years is a good example. The down side to this is that when that person moves away, dies, or just gets fed up, we are left with a big hole to fill.

When I took over running the auction, I said that I would do it for 5 years. That fifth year is 2012. So I am looking to find someone who would like to step up to take over the job when I step down. I want to be able to work with him during the upcoming auction to show him what needs to be done, and when it needs to be done.

You all know that the annual auction is the big fund raiser for the WRCC. Its what keeps the club dues so low and what has allowed us to fund the runway expansion at Chapin Park. You might not know that it is also one of the two biggest R/C auctions in the country.

I want to extend a special thanks to Richard Thompson who has agreed to take over running Admin starting in 2012. He is going to supply all of the computers and is going to make his own modifications to the computer program. That means that as the Chairman, I am free to wander around and help out wherever I am needed. His volunteering has lifted a huge chunk of responsibility off of my shoulders and I sincerely thank him for it.



I want each of you to please think about taking over this important job for a few years. Otherwise, it is likely that there won't be an auction in 2013.

Show and Tell

One of the highlights of each meeting is the show and tell. Bring your latest project or new plane to show the club. As an added bonus, anyone who participates in the Show and Tell gets one free raffle ticket. We'd love to see what your new stuff!



Marvin Blankenship called the meeting to order.

Visitors: Don Tillotson, Randy Pretzer, Richard North

Reports:

Treasurer – Terry Powell gave report.

Minutes of May Meeting were approved with no changes.

Safety – no reports

Website – racing results will not be posted until Mike Tallman returns from Nats.

Afton – Marvin noted that the work looks really good.

Loren Tregallas has submitted receipts for work done at Afton. Expenses exceeded the originally approved \$800 by about \$444.38 to improve the pilot stands. Fred Harvey moved that we approve the reimbursement. Richard Bereman seconded. Loren thanked Russ Fitzpatrick for his assistance with shelters. Motion carried unanimously.

Chapin – Martha Tregallas reported on the meeting with the City. Murfin is working directly with Cornejo for their funds. The club and donor funds will not be collected and turned over to the Park Dept until the contracts with the property manager, the Beech group, the Park board, City Council, and the WRCC is finalized. Says meeting went well and doesn't foresee any issues. We may have to assemble the pilot shelters to help keep the costs down. Waiting now for the City's finalization. Will probably be August, now that the July date is quickly approaching.

Auction – Taxes still need to be remitted to the City pending billing from them.

New Business:

Loren reported that he, Russ, Marvin, and Jerry Salter put on a program for 15 high school kids from the Exploration Place aviation camp.

Open discussion: none

The group took a break.

Show and Tell:

Loren showed a plane he's been working on with Russ F. It's a Topflight B25 J. Mitchell – 1/9 scale, 88" wingspan, and just over 19 pounds. It has electric motors and electric retracts. The wings have 4 flaps. The gear doors are not complete yet. They used dual receivers so that each engine is completely independent, and no wire harness was required. Russ had done research on the motors to get the correct sizes. Pulling 42amps at 4000 RPM. Uses 3000 milamp batteries. They fired it up to show the power of the engines – something we can do with electrics indoors!! They also showed the retracts working – very slick. They wanted to fly at El Dorado, but it was too windy. They will likely do the first flight at Afton.

Terry Powell showed his 3rd Generation of his Dyman Sky Trainer from Nitro Planes. Was very pleased at how quickly it arrived. It's a Cessna 182 clone. Has a 50" wingspan. Came with the radio and receiver, 59v. – kit was complete @ \$139 plus shipping. Was able to assemble it in about 45 minutes. Weighs just over 2 pounds.

Marvin Showed his raffle prize from 3 months ago (Gene Morse won it, Marvin was able to get it from him) – an E Flight Bayhawk. Cannot hand launch – has balsa wings and fiberglass body – laser-cut kit. Didn't take long to assemble.

Marvin also showed and S Bach 30 size cc kit. Was based off an IMAC pattern planes. Used a power plant from a crashed electric stick. Really happy with the flights – will hover and 3D, but will also just float flying. 2650 miliamp. Has flown in 15mph winds. Removeable wings, but usually transports it assembled.

Attendance Drawing:

\$25 – Scott Stoeker was drawn, but was not in attendance.

Raffle:

Jim Sheils	Russ Hull	Nick Kilby (3)
Terry Powell	Russ Fitzpatrick	Loren Tregallas
Marvin Blankenship		

Meeting adjourned

**July 28, 2011
Wichita Aviation Museum
Meeting began at 7:05**

Marvin Blankenship called the meeting to order.

Visitors: none

Reports:

Treasurer – Terry Powell gave report.

Minutes of June Meeting were approved with no changes.

Safety – no reports

Website – no report

Chapin – Loren Tregallas has reported that the Beech rep has signed the paperwork for the runway. Once the Murfin rep, Jeremy, signs, it will be presented for Marvin to sign for WRCC. It will then go back to the Park representative for final look-over and it will go onto the City hearing Loren anticipates the work will only take a couple weeks, and it could be complete by about September. Marvin asked about the shelters. Loren wasn't sure when they would be ordered. A meeting will still happen between all parties before work begins.

Jerry asked about watering the fields. Loren explained they have modified one of the mowers to haul a water tank. Would appreciate the use of a water trailer.

Afton – Bob Hernandez reports that although the runway looks to be in pretty good shape, the grass is

very dry. Weeds are growing through the runway, and Vernell Tallman said she usually mows them when she mows. She or Bob may get some weed killer.

Old Business:

Loren still has one of the club's Craftsman mowers. He just wants to ensure it isn't forgotten. The club had discussed possibly selling it. Lynn Just made motion we sell the mower. Larry Tener seconded. We will put an ad on the website to sell for \$350. If it doesn't sell, we will try another method.

New Business:

Larry Tener got a note from Mike Pompeo regarding the proposed new FAA regulations that could affect our hobby. The email will be attached to these notes for reference. Marvin recommended that we all write to our congressmen to voice our concerns.

Marvin Blankenship brought a request from the City of Wichita asking for participation in the 2011 Flight Festival in August at Jabara. They would like an RC demonstration/presentation on Aug 20/21st, and possibly have an info booth. Marvin would like someone to take ownership of this event. The Kilby's will look at their calendars and may do something.

Open discussion: none

The group took a break.

Attendance Drawing: John Riggs won \$30

Show and Tell:

Bob Hernandez brought composite ARF Extra 330L. (He crashed his previous plane.) He found this new plane at Warbirds Over Texas, and bought it for \$200!! (yes...that was two-hundred) It is used – but flies really well. DA85 engine, and some of the parts from his crashed plane. Has an 89" wingspan. It's a beautiful plane for an amazing price!

Raffle:

Jim Sheils	Nick Kilby (2)	Randy Princer
Loren Tregallas	Larry Tener	Terry Powell

Meeting adjourned