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Notes from the President:

Did You Know?

I Didn't...but Ain't It COOL!

Did you know that the state of Kansas boasts 35 AMA registered clubs? I didn't but now that I DO...I THINK IS PRETTY AWESOME! I got to wondering after perusing the April issue of Model Aviation, an article about "Sloping in the Midwest", turns out it's a Kansas club who host the event and our own Mike Tallman is the CD! How Exciting!

So...I got on the AMA site and searched for Kansas Clubs. Wichita is the "Air Capital" of the world and Kansas must be the RC Capital of the United States...some cool club names found BLUE SKY SQUADRON... FLATLAND FLYERS... TORNADO ALLEY MODEL AVIATORS !

Take time, some time, to search out all the clubs in Kansas... many have websites and posted events and information.

I wonder if we could some how have a Kansas wide RC event and share the hobby...By the numbers on the AMA website that would be some 813 RC Folks...COOL!

Oh and if you haven't read the article on Sloping...you should check it out, or take the easy way and ask Mike about it...

Until next time....Flip it & Rip it!

Gene



HobbyTown USA®

The WRCC Thanks Ken and his staff at HobbyTown USA of Wichita for helping with the raffle prizes for the April monthly meeting.

The "FUN Money" stretches farther when our local hobby shops help support the WRCC Activities.

Ken has helped many of our members enjoy RC and other hobbies for a long time. Again... Thanks Ken!

Upcoming local events:

Here are a few upcoming local events you might want to put on your calendar.

- ◆ Wichita River Festival, May 8-16. Funnel cakes...here I come!
- ◆ 2009 Midwest Slope Challenge at Wilson Lake, May 14-17.
See <http://www.midwestslope.com/> for information.
- ◆ First Annual KAM Garage Sale, Thurs, May 21st through Sat. May 23rd, 8am to 5pm. See <http://www.kansasaviationmuseum.org/events.php> for details!

**Submit your stories and pictures to the WRCC News!
Deadline is two weeks before the next scheduled meeting.
E-mail to newsletter@wichitaradiocontrolclub.org.
Please include your contact information.**



Clearview Field Benefit Fly-in well attended

Several WRCC members attended the Clearview Field fly-in over the weekend of April 17-19. Nitro, electric, control-line and jet-engine planes, plus helicopters and even an RC sky-diver all made crowd-pleasing appearances. This benefit, raising money for an MS patient, brought in lots of pilots with their families and friends for flying, fun and food. As usual, Ken Stitt and his group put on a great event!



Thanks to Jeff Spangler for the pictures!

WVCC SPRING FLING

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**Saturday, May 23rd, at Chapin Field.
Just north of E. MacArthur on S. Hydraulic
Flying starts at 10 AM until 4PM
Come one; come all for a full day of flying.
No landing fee. AMA Membership Required.
Door prizes for Members Only
(Memberships available at the Fun Fly).
\$500 worth of Pilot Prizes.
Bring your own Food and Drinks.**

March 26, 2009
Kansas Aviation Museum
Meeting began at 7:00

Gene Morse called the meeting to order.

Terry Powell gave the treasurer report. NO objections to report.

Meeting notes from February meeting were approved.

No visitors present.

Calendar update: Terry Grimes reports very few updates have been requested to the calendar.

Safety report: Dale Williams reports that he has not seen any serious violations.

Newsletter: please send articles.

Website: Richard Bereman reports that the March newsletter is posted, and that the previous evening's racing results were posted.

Field reports:

Chapin: David Wise reported that field equipment maintenance has been performed. Has talked with the park representative about hauling off the excess mulch and debris that need to be hauled. David checked in on bid status with city architects. Reported that we will have a nice road there and a nice parking lot with double-long parking slots for vehicles with trailers. No date has been set for the work. Warned that the club may lose access to the field while work is being done. Other field improvements may be at the club's expense. Suggested to try tying in with contractor working for the city. Chapin field meeting was requested to work through options.

Beech: Waiting on the grass to grow.

Lake Afton: Don Pemberton reports the markers for utility lines are gone for now, but may be back for additional work to be complete by the end of April. Suggested again putting the siding around the bottom of the shed. Will need assistance fitting the siding. Mike Tallman reports that the gables on the shed have been replaced. Receipts were submitted for the materials, but the work was donated.

Jumbo fly update: Bob Hernandez still working on it, and should announce a decision in the next couple months.

Old Business:

Matt Paulson talked about the continuing research on combat nights at Chapin. Has 10 pilots with planes ready to participate. Beginning 2nd week of April, have every other Tuesday night from 5:00 to dark as designated combat nights, and try it for a 2 month period. After this timeframe, will report back to the club on how it's going. Motion made and seconded. Discussion followed. Question asked about rules. Matt reports that AMA already has standard combat event rules posted that will be available for participants. Someone asked to see rules posted and discussed before it's approved. Other things to consider: need an organizer, someone to oversee safety, people to repair any field damage, events posted, etc. Question asked if Saturdays had been considered, Matt addressed. Question asked if there would be contingency dates for bad weather, week would be missed. Richard asked for links to rules – would be willing to post on web with links to calendar and rules. Motion passed with rules posted, calendar updates, and report for club.

Terry Grimes asked about allowance of \$500 for prizes for fun fly. Motion made and seconded. Discussion followed: one member suggested half the amount be considered due to pending expenses at Chapin, and current economic expenses. Another member suggested a different type of prize, like small trophies, etc. vs. planes, kits, etc. Another member suggested offsetting prizes with a landing fee or donated prizes. Vote 13 in favor, 4 opposed. Motion passed.

Terry Powell asked question about Chapin forms, and how Chapin controls will change when the park develops the area. David reported that we need to meet with the city about access to the field area. Darwin reported that he has worked with Marvin on how members are on the list with the city. Gene will ask Marvin to report on this next meeting.

New Business:

Mike Tallman asked if the club has an insurance charter with the city for Chapin. Kevin McCaig, was the last one working on that. This is approximately \$60/year to the AMA. Gene will follow up with AMA for requirements.

Open Discussion:

None

Group took a break.

Meeting resumed:

Terry Grimes did attendance drawing. Charlie Harris was drawn, and was not in attendance. Next meeting the prize will be \$50!!

Show and Tell:

Kelly Brown showed an aluminum Thunder Tiger muffler that he repaired with zinc/aluminum rod and a hand torch to weld.

Raffle:

Matt Paulson (x2) Terry Grimes James Hawkins (x2)
Dawn Morse (x2) Jim Shields Bob Maltby (x2)

Meeting Adjourned.

Flight training will be starting back up for the year at Beech field on Tuesdays, and at Chapin on Thursdays.

Contact Scott Stoecker at
LearnToFly@wichitaradiocontrolclub.org
for info.



**Share your
enthusiasm for
RC flying and
modeling.**

**Invite a
friend or
acquaintance to
the next WRCC
meeting!**