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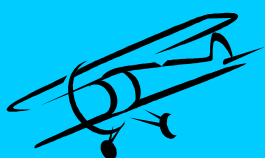
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**Thoughts on the Chapin Fun Fly** By Jim Embree

A few weeks ago Vic asked if I would come up with some ideas for a fun fly at Chapin. The idea sounded interesting, so I agreed to give it a try. Little did I know the amount of detail involved in putting together such an event! One of the first things I learned was that I was not going to be able to do it all by myself. So, I started asking people about fun things to do and got plenty response from the "gang" at The Hangar. George Knapple suggested that I contact Tim McGreevy at McGreevy's Midwest Meats on West Street for the steaks for the feast. Tim gave us a good deal on the meat, George gave us a good deal on the raffle items and even donated a number of items to the cause (seems you can always count on George for help when you need it!) and things really began to come together. I made a presentation to the WRCC at the June meeting and the funds for the event were approved by the membership. Now we were well on the way to what turned out to be a great fun fly!

I soon discovered that many people were more than willing to help out with this event by lending their expertise on Fun Fly day. I mean all the details, like setting up the field, cooking, administrative duties and just plain covering my behind during the event. What a wonderful group of people we have in this organization! The "behind the scenes" work ran like clockwork and if there were problems, they were fixed before I knew about them. I think Dawn Morse bailed me out on several occasions! Carol Kirkpatrick was going around with her video camera getting those fun shots she always seems to find and selling raffle tickets at an incredible rate. Tickets seem to go fast when the \$20 "stretch" is the length of a picnic table!! Carol is a great "schmooser" and did a great job of getting people into the "let's have some fun" mood. I guess I should confess that on a couple of occasions I didn't think to tell Carol that we were having an event and she missed getting the video.....I have been properly chastised for this oversight! Marilyn Marquardt offered to help with ticket sales and other tasks and we were able to sell more tickets due to her input. Marilyn always seems to be around to help out, even without being asked. I owe Marilyn a great big thank you. So..... THANK YOU Marilyn!

Mike Tallman and Dave Wise mowed the entire field on Thursday before the Fun Fly and it was in great shape (well, with the exception of a couple of "swamps" on the runway from rain the day before). Sadly, the second time he flew on Saturday morning, Bob Moore managed to find one of these "swamps" with John Riggs' jet. Damage was slight and Bob and John returned later in the day with a repaired aircraft. Unfortunately, there was a problem with the fuel controller and they were unable to make a third flight that day. Darn, I was looking forward to another jet demo. By the way, Bob does a great job flying those jets!

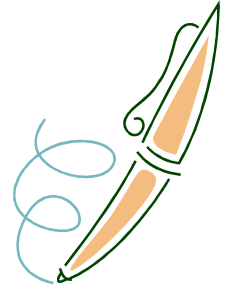
Saturday morning dawned and presented us with the most perfect RC flying day so far this year!! I arrived at the field a little after 8am Saturday morning and about 3 minutes after that Mike Tallman pulled in to help with the setup. We tackled the large WRCC shelter that Don Pemberton took time from his day to deliver to Chapin the day before. After 3 attempts Mike and I finally figured out how to erect the darn thing. Just as we finished, Don showed up to help.....if we had known Don would be there that early, we would have waited for his expert advice. Shortly after all this, Ken Chadwick showed up with the cooker and then pitched in to help with the rest of the set up. Scott Stoecker arrived followed shortly by Dawn Morse, Vic and Carol Kirkpatrick (continued on page 2)

**Note from the Editor**

Between a fantastic family vacation, a work trip, and school, the June edition just didn't happen. Thank you all for your patience and understanding. Summer is a busy time!

These last 2 months we've seen a lot of wind and rain. Its been a challenge to get some flying in. Some of the races have been rained out and others it was just to windy.

Somehow on Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> we got the weather to cooperate for the Fun-Fly at Chapin it was PERFECT !!! I'd like to say Thank You to Jim Embree for hosting the Chapin Fun-Fly with the games, and the food, and a lot of good friends. There was no place I'd rather be. Everyone I talked to said "it just went by so fast" you know what they say "Time Flies When Your Having Fun-Flying" Thanks Again Jim. ( You Da' Man ) The next time you see Jim be sure to tell him how much fun you had and that you're looking forward to next time! Maybe he can do it again ! In the middle of all that fun planning Jim also found the time to print out and laminate all the new WRCC Club Membership Cards. The cards look Great THANKS JIM! That's all for now—See You At The Field



Vic

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## Chapin Fun Fly....cont from page 1

and Bob Maltby and we quickly finished the setup and were ready to go before 10am!!

First flight of the day was performed with grace and style by none other than Mr. Mike Tallman. Actually, Mike got one flight in before official start time. Mike had to compete with a couple of others for the first flight after official opening time and was successful.

Once the official start time (10am) arrived people began to show up in much greater numbers than I had expected. Easy ups were erected, airplanes were assembled and flying began in earnest. Contestants were signing up for the various scheduled events and the pace began to become somewhat frantic.

As time approached for the Climb and Glide event, we decided to paint a bull's eye on the runway. Vic had to go out to get the paint. When Vic returned with the paint Ken Romine and I painted the bull's eye and we called the event start. Scott Stoecker, Chris Batcheller and Matt Wartick were the official timers for the event. Dale Williams was the only one to touch down in the bull's eye and gained an extra 5 seconds for his effort and was awarded a time of 2 minutes 12 seconds. Dale's time would not hold up to the 3 minutes and 7 seconds achieved by Taylor Boone flying Bob Maltby's Giant Super Stick and Taylor won the event.

The field was then opened for another round of open flying followed by a round of warbirds. This session allowed us to marvel at C. P. Comengys' beautiful B-25 bomber as he guided it through the sky with very scale-like precision. C. P. even treated us to a couple of victory rolls! Very impressive flight C. P.!

The next event was Musical Airplanes and came down to Dale Williams and Mike Tallman who created quite a bit of excitement trying to see who could be the lowest, slowest and closest to the runway when the horn blew. Mike bested Dale and won the event.

The field was opened for open flying and during this time a number of pilots said they had so much fun with Musical Airplanes that they would like another chance at it. After the open flying ended we ran another round of Musical Airplanes. This one was also very exciting and we saw some precise flying by all the contestants. When it was all over the winner was sneaky ol' Dale Williams (aka The Sheriff).

Glen and Shane Harper rolled out their IMAC airplanes and gave their usual exciting and precise demonstration of IMAC and freestyle maneuvers. I know the crowd was impressed as I heard cheers and applause at the end of each flight. Thanks Glen and Shane for the show and for being our friends.

The field was again opened for open flying while Ken Chadwick and Bob Maltby were slaving (Cont. on page 3)

## Next WRCC Meeting Is on August 1st!

Here are a few items that will be discussed:

- **Upcoming Events:** WRCC has events planned over the next few months. How can you help?
- **Field Maintenance and Updates:** Come to hear the latest status on new frequency boards, mowing schedules, and general field maintenance.
- **Raffle:** Who doesn't like to win stuff?
- **Fellowship:** With other RC enthusiasts!



## Newsletter Submissions

Submit your stories and pictures to the WRCC News! Deadline is the 3rd Friday of each month. E-mail materials to [newsletter@wichitaradiocontrolclub.org](mailto:newsletter@wichitaradiocontrolclub.org). Please include your contact information.

First of all, many thanks to Gene Morse for assembling first-aid kits for all three of our flying fields, complete with weather protective cases and combination locks! My hope is that they will be rarely used, but it's nice to know they are in place when occasionally needed for an errant encounter with a sharp prop or runaway X-acto knife.

What a blast we all had at the spring Fun-Fly! A big thank you to all who participated in the many duties of organizing such an event, with special kudos to Jim Embree for his hard work as event coordinator (did he ever get to fly?). The food was great, and Ken Chadwick did his predictably superb job of mastering the BBQ apparatus.

We had the first opportunity to use the new first-aid kit at the Fun-Fly patching up a club member who took a vicious abrasion (1/4 inch) on his forehead caused by an encounter with the hatch on his van. Yours-truly leaped to the rescue and applied an antiseptic wipe to the affected area, and applied the appropriate size bandage to the wound; no doubt saving his life! I won't tell you who the member was, but he has been known to smoke a cigar on occasion and fly very fast airplanes at the Nats.

I will now relate a few examples of dumb things I have seen, heard of, and personally participated in at our flying fields which display poor attention to safety:

- I watched a guy fire up his .40 size airplane while kneeling in the pits with no one holding onto his plane, nor did he have a restraint to hold it in place. He let go of the plane, engine still running strategically aimed at his groin area, while he fiddled with his transmitter controls. If he would have bumped his throttle, or experienced a glitch, the prop could have torn into his thigh (or worse) faster than a beaver through a cottonwood sapling. Please keep your airplane immovable by using a helper, or airplane restraint, while starting or tuning your engine. Also, keep it pointed away from yourself or others whenever possible.
- Someone flying a good-looking aerobatic airplane, without looking down at his transmitter, attempted to adjust his throttle trim. While groping for the trim control, he managed to slide his transmitter's on-off switch to the off position, a spectacular crash being the result. Fortunately, it augured in well away from him or others.
- After firing up his airplane for the first flight of the day, and hitting a couple of control surface controls on his transmitter while checking for rudder and elevator travel, a club member took off and immediately after take-off rolled his airplane into the ground. Problem...wrong model selected on his computer radio and the ailerons were reversed...dumb. I sure miss that airplane.
- Once again, a club member, after firing up for his first flight of the day and checking the throttle control and elevator servos, AND making sure the model selected was the right one, takes off and immediately rolls the airplane into oblivion. Problem...forgot to plug in the aileron servo while assembling his wing to the fuselage (or checking for travel before take-off)...dumb. I miss that airplane too.
- After a pylon race out at Lake Afton, a member lands his Skyraider Mach II and while a helper runs out to retrieve his airplane he absent-mindedly shuts off his transmitter. Unfortunately, the engine was still running, the engine throttled up to full speed, and the airplane took off and crashed just away from the pit area...close call. A good reminder that the transmitter should always be first to be turned on, and last to be turned off, relative to the receiver.

That's it for this month, please e-mail me with any experiences of your own that would be helpful in preventing damage to airplanes, flyers, or spectators (not necessarily in that order).

Keep it safe.



## Chapin Fun Fly....cont from page 2

over a hot grill preparing some really yummy steaks. Ken, Bob, Carol, Dawn and Marilyn got busy setting up the serving tables and the next thing we knew, it was time to chow down. And chow down we did. At one point it looked like we were going to run out of steaks, so Vic took a trip to the store fore more! The food was great and the camaraderie even better. It seems many folks liked the potato casserole prepared by my better half (Polly Embree) and asked for the recipe, so it is in this newsletter.

Desserts were supplied by Vernell Tallman (gosh, I sure hope I spelled that right) who made her famous brownies and a rather interesting and very, very tasty tortilla cheesecake sort of thing.....I really don't know the right name for it, but those of you who sampled it know what I mean.....gooooood stuff!

Carol Kirkpatrick said she stayed up all night baking cookies for us (all night?) and brought several dozen to the Fun Fly. There were several kinds of cookies and each one was outstanding and we snacked on them all day.

We finished the day with the raffle drawings, and of course, lots of open flying!! Thanks again to everyone who contributed to make this event a success!



This appeared in the Wichita Eagle editorial page on July 3rd, 2008. Looks like a good idea to us!!

## Check it out!!

Check out some great pictures from the Chapin Fun Fly at <http://www.wichitapilot.com/album.php?albumid=31> taken by member Chris Batcheller.



The Wichita Flight Festival! August 22—24 at Jabarra Airport. For more information, <http://www.wichitafestivals.com/events/WFF/>



Park Zone's new electric Vapor is beautiful, resilient, and flies indoors! Available in RTF (ready-to-fly) and BNF (bind-and-fly). Check with your favorite retailer!

### Polly Embree's Potato Casserole

1 package frozen Ore-Ida hash browns with onions and peppers  
 ½ pint sour cream  
 1 (10 ¾) cream of chicken soup  
 1 tsp salt  
 1 cup Velveeta cheese, grated  
 1 stick margarine or butter

Thaw potatoes 15 minutes. Place in shallow pan, salt, margarine, soup and sour cream. Mix well. Bake at 350 degrees for 1½ hours stirring 2 or 3 times. Put Velveeta on top and heat long enough to melt. Sprinkle with paprika after baking.

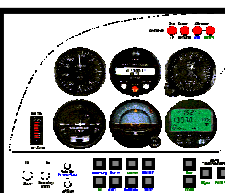
## Flight Training

Flight training continues at Beech field on Tuesdays, and at Chapin on Thursdays. Contact Scott Stoecker at [LearnToFly@wichitaradiocontrolclub.org](mailto:LearnToFly@wichitaradiocontrolclub.org) for info.



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

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



## The Instrument Panel

Web links to check out!

AMA: <http://www.modelaircraft.org/>  
 Carol's WRCC Videos: [www.youtube.com/flywrcc](http://www.youtube.com/flywrcc)  
 Chisholm Trail RC Club: <http://www.chisholmtrailrc.com/>  
 Clearview Field: <http://www.clearviewfield.com/>  
 Derby RC Club: <http://www.flydrcc.org/>  
 Flying Giants: <http://www.flyinggiants.com/>  
 How to do Aerobatics: <http://www.scootworks.com/rdr/aerobat.html>  
 IMAA: <http://fly-ima.org/>  
 IMAC: <http://www.mini-iac.com/>  
 RC Universe: <http://www.rcuniverse.com/>  
 WRCC: <http://www.wichitaradiocontrolclub.org/>  
 WRCC VPs Calendar: <http://www.wichitaradiocontrolclub.org/calendar.htm>

## W.R.C.C. Monthly Meeting

June 6, 2008

Meeting was called to Order at 7:30

**Attendance** : Approx. 31

### Visitors

- \***Pat Ibarra** who has also become a new member of the WRCC!
- \***Eddie & Carla Jump** from Branson Missouri who has been into flying since about 2000. Welcome!

**President** - Vic Kirkpatrick

Next months meeting will be held at Chapin Park on July 4th

This will also be an open fun fly day for all who want to attend early!

Reminder of the training nights at Chapin on Thursdays.

**Vice President** - Gene Morse

Reminds members of the Calendar events!

**Treasure Report** - Kevin McKaig reads the WRCC account information and also explains where the fund donations go for the club when collecting money on the raffle prizes!

### Committee & Event Announcements

\***Jim Embree's** 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Fun Fly June 14<sup>th</sup> at Chapin Park which was a lot of fun!

\***Loren Tregellas** Eldorado Jumbo Fun Fly in Eldorado on the 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> of June!

\***Terry Dobson** reports there will be no Jabara events for a couple of years.

The Air Museum would like \$2,200 per year suggested donation for using the air museum for our clubs meeting room. The WRCC meetings have been held at the Air Museum for 14 or 15 years now. Previously we were donating \$100.00 per year plus additional donations to the museum including the contributions from Boeing in matching funds. Terry recommended donating \$1000,00 per year. This is not set in stone nor is it rent, but rather donations from the club.

*(Something for the club to consider - no dead line time has been announced)*

### Field Reports

\***Dave Wise** - Reports the club spent some money for the gas cans and refilling the cans, trailer sprayer, weed killer etc.

\***Jim Embree** discussed the fire extinguishers at Chapin and the lock combinations.

\***Loren Tregellas** talked about the laminated cards.

\***Don Pemberton** suggested there be a canopy sun shades for the lawn mowers at all 3 fields for the mowers *(hopefully these can be found at a lesser price)* and he also mentioned the Map at Lake Afton.

\***Kelly Brown** will be donating weed eater!

\***Gene Morse** announced that Lake Afton, Chapin and Beech fields will now have First Aid Kits. He explained and showed what the kits contain! Thanks Gene!

**Old Business** None

**New Business** : June 26<sup>th</sup> will be a Steering Club Committee at Chapin Park at 7:00 p.m. for those of you who would like to attend!

### Show & Tell

Darwin Hawkins brought in his nifty GP PBY Catalena twin electric

Terry Dobson showed off his cool Racer Plane Cyclone 120

**Attendance Drawing** Mark Moser was not present *(he probably had his badge on at home but he wasn't at the meeting!)* when his name was called bringing the next months Attendance drawing up to \$25.00

**Raffle Winner's** - Vic Kirkpatrick taking home the grand prize of a very nice transmitter carry case!

### More happy-go-lucky winners included:

Darwin Hawkins, Chris Bachelor, Taylor Spangler, Bob Molby, Ronald McLearn, Carol Kirkpatrick, Kelly Brown, Alex Moise, Ken Chadwick, Scott Stoecker and Richard Kirkland.

### Entertainment

\***Videos by Carol Kirkpatrick** [www.youtube.com/FlyWRCC](http://www.youtube.com/FlyWRCC)

Pylon Races, Radio Control Airplanes, WRCC Members, Friends & Fun Events!

**Meeting Adjourn** approximately 9:30 p.m.

**Reported by** Secretary Carol Kirkpatrick