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www.wichitaradiocontrolclub.org

Notes from the President

By Terry Grimes

Hi everyone remember this months meeting is one day earlier than normal – new date is 3-24-2010 Wednesday night.

Thanks to every one that worked the WRCC Auction. I feel that saying these few words are in no way enough the express how important these people are to the modeling community. Yes, the WRCC auction is a fund raiser, but it is also one of the largest social events of the year. The workers that help put this event on each year need to know how important they are to every one. Thank you again.

AMA – be sure to get your AMA renewed. It is a requirement at most flying venues around the country, and it is required at Beech, Afton & Chapin flying sites

Also this is the month we revise the e-mail list to just paid members so if you have not renewed your WRCC and AMA memberships...It's time.

FUN FLY – FUN FLY === Spring Fling Fun Fly will be at the new Chapin park flying Field on Saturday April 10 - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM - Open to all size planes - No landing fee – AMA required. We'll have Spot landing & Bomb drop contests. Start practicing your power off spot landing (once you reduce you throttle to idle you can not power up again until after touch down – if you add power once reduced your out) three attempts each bomb drop accuracy (rubber band cup to top of fuse to hold the bomb for practice) role – loop or **Continued on page 2**

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pitch bomb out of cup – min of 30 ft high to drop bomb – three attempts each.

New wind socks have been installed at Beech and Chapin fields. The sock at Afton was checked and is in good shape. Thanks to Lynn Just for the donation of the wind socks!

Chapin Updates:

- ◆ The WRCC has been requested by the city parks dept to install four corner posts out at the new Chapin flying site – be aware of the posts sticking up 3 ft on the east & west side of the field at both the north and south ends. These STEEL posts will mark the boundaries that the city mowers are to stay out of and will mark the area the WRCC will mow. All other areas north - east and south are over fly areas only and are not to be used as our fly field or by our club – do not fly past the pits and west of the pits.
- ◆ Since the city has not posted the new rules out at Chapin, the main rule for flyers is to clip a current AMA card or a color copy of it the frequency board Chapin is an AMA required flying site – this rule will be enforced
- ◆ Also just to remind you Chapin flying site is **smoke free** – no exceptions – the city says they will fine violators.
- ◆ Our club is looking for help from some one to move/remove all the telephone posts and railroad ties out at Chapin flying site. This bunch of poles is causing quite an eye sore in the new city park. A member of our club had them trucked in and now the city wants us to remove them. So if you have a place for them they are free and if you have trucks – tractors and trailers it would be great. To have a work day and get them removed please call the WRCC president or vice president if you can help

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Newsletter Submissions: Submit your stories and pictures to the WRCC News! Deadline is the 2nd Friday of each month. E-mail to newsletter@wichitaradiocontrolclub.org. Please include your contact information.

This winter seems to have lasted forever, but with little flying time I have had the time to complete a new model to add to my collection. It is a 29% Katana powered model with a 50 cc DA. I added a smoke system, which consists of a simple 12-volt pump, a micro switch and mini servo. I simply added a tap to the exhaust. This was considerably less expensive than my first attempt at a smoke system. I hope to have it at the next meeting for show and tell.

Now it's time to get out of the shop and head for the field! I would suggest that each and every battery gets cycled and cleared for flight. This adds a small bit of security for the success of your first flight. I also try to spend a little time on the flight simulator after a long break. This seems to help me with hand eye coordination in controlling the aircraft.

We will soon have the AMA rules posted for public viewing at the Chapin Field. With the field in operation, I would like to challenge every WRCC member to take responsibility to uphold the rules of the field and make attempts to help non-members become educated on the safety and good flying conduct that is listed in the AMA rules. I look forward to seeing everyone at the field as Spring arrives.



WRCC Auction

A big thanks goes out to all the WRCC members, friends, and spouses who helped make the annual auction a success! We had a great turnout!



We look forward to seeing your auction acquisitions at the fields this spring!



March Meeting

The March meeting will be on **Wednesday the 24th** at the Wichita Aviation Museum at 7:00. Here are some topics and updates we will discuss:

- Field updates
- Auction Recap/Report
- 2010 Calendar
- Combat Flying
- These 2 ARF plane kits in the raffle!

See you there!



Safety Matters: Little things

Submitted by Gene Morse

I remember the first time I hurt someone with one of my planes... it was my fault, and it was one of the little things. A good friend of mine came out to fly with me on a nice day at Chapin Field. I had been flying for just a couple of months and Richard had been helping me whenever we could find time that worked for both of our schedules. Richard had just flown a really fun to watch flight with four point rolls and crop-duster stall turns and low fast inverted passes...What a Show!

It was my turn to fly and Richard offered to handle my plane. He reached down to flip the prop on my Four-Star 40...and slit his finger. Being new...I had not tried starting my engine by hand... so I also didn't know to debur the edges of my props when I balanced them. A cut finger and a regrettably embarrassing flash in time, and I learned just how important some of those little things are.

A good friend got hurt, helping me and it was my fault because I didn't take care of the little things. So that being said...As we all get ready for another fun season of enjoying our friends and flying models, let's take care of the little things too.

Debur our props...inspect and properly maintain our equipment, and help point out all of the little things to the pilots.

I guess for this article "Flip It and Rip It!" has, sadly, a different and preventable meaning.



Annual Renewals

Don't forget to renew your AMA membership for 2010. A current AMA membership is required for WRCC flying members, and at many flying fields.

www.modelaircraft.org

Your WRCC membership must be renewed annually as well. A new application is needed annually.

www.wichitaradiocontrolclub.org

Consider becoming a member of the Wichita Aviation Museum!

www.kansasaviationmuseum.org

Membership information for these can be found online!



Grab Your Hard Hat - Combat is Back

Submitted by Matt Paulson

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I would like to welcome everyone to the 2010 flying season and to the 2010 Combat season. This season is shaping up to be a very exciting time for myself and everyone that has been involved in flying combat in the past. There has been a lot of buzz around town about this season and even a few challenges thrown around.

We will be flying SSC Combat and you can find some information about this exciting event at rccombat.com and on the WRCC website. We will require all planes to be SSC compliant and follow some very strict safety rules. All pilots and judges must wear a hard hat/ helmet and safety glasses while on the flight line. Of course all AMA safety guidelines must be followed as well.



How This Works: We will have the first night of combat on April 13th 2010 at 6:00 PM at Chapin Park. Please try to show up around 5:30 PM or earlier for Tech inspection and a small Rules Meeting. If there are enough pilots we will have 4 or 5 pilots in each heat and each pilot will have a scoring judge that will score and help launch if needed. You will have 90 seconds to launch and the heats will last 5 minutes. There have been instances in the past that we cut the heats short because there was only one pilot left standing. We will have as many heats as daylight permits.

I have a few important things that I would like to make note of in this article. As we know safety is the key to a successful combat season. While flying our heats if any pilot that flies across the safety line will be warned and points deducted and if there is a second occurrence the pilot will be disqualified for the heat and no points awarded. While flying our heats if any pilot flies across the pilot line they will be disqualified immediately and required to land. All pilots and judges will be required to watch for this and at any time a pilot or judge may make the call of any of these violations. Look, accidents happen and if this happens to you, take it as constructive criticism and don't let it happen again.

This season will be successful and full of excitement. I would like to take this time to invite anyone to come out and volunteer to help, participate, or just sit back have a cold Coke and be entertained. **WARNING:** Combat is highly addictive and most spectators will have a strong urge to join in the fun. In combat, it is not if, it is when will there be a mid-air crash. Let me tell you first hand this is high flying, fast action game of skill and luck and you will have an absolute blast.

I hope to see everyone out at the field.

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Terry Grimes called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the January meetings were presented and approved.

Visitors: none

Reports:

Treasurer – Terry Powell gave report including dues received.

Calendar – current with everything submitted.

Safety – reminded people not to cut off fingers with props.

Newsletter – please send articles and pictures.

Website – current with info submitted.

Chapin – no report this month.

Beech –. no report this month.

Afton – no report this month.

All Fields – no report this month.

Fall Jumbo Fly – no report this month.

Auction – Is here – looking forward to tomorrow!

New Business:

Would like to use every other Tuesday starting April 13th at Chapin for combat. Will put it in newsletter for club vote next month.

Open discussion:

Next month meeting is one night early. Please see newsletter and website for details.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07

Getting organized for the flying season? Need some ideas? Check out the article www.RCUniverse.com about things you can build for your shop with PVC. Find the article at:



www.rcuniverse.com/magazine/article_display.cfm?article_id=1210.