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AMA Club 316  
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## Pylon Racing at Afton

The racing season is over, and the racers all had a great time. Great season, flyers!! We're looking forward to seeing what you can do next year!



Mike Tallman,  
Race Coordinator

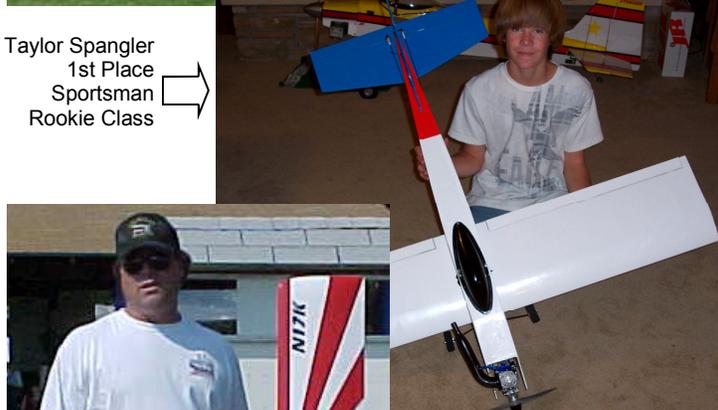
Sonic Class 1



Skyraiders  
Class 3



Warren Funke  
Sportsman Champ



Taylor Spangler  
1st Place  
Sportsman  
Rookie Class



Vic Kirkpatrick,  
Sonic 1st Place



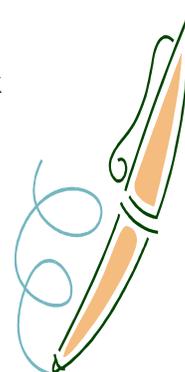
## Notes from the President By Vic Kirkpatrick

I've been using the Notes from the President to thank the WRCC volunteers. I'd like to take this chance to thank my wife. Two years ago she volunteered to do the secretary's job. She'll tell you that she got voted in when she wasn't in the room, but we all know she just wanted to sit by me at the front table. She's been doing a wonderful job keeping track of the meeting minutes and all that stuff including typing them out and sending them in for the newsletter. What I think that most of you don't know is how hard she works getting the videos ready for the website. There are about 80 videos on the WRCC website now. It takes up to 3 hours to get each 10 minute video edited and loaded on to YouTube. It doesn't take long to add that up. It's a lot of work! I'd just like to say THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!! I really enjoy watching them. So the next time you see her, tell her THANKS... or just smile and wave. She'll probably have her camera pointed at you anyway.

That's all for now

See You At The Field

Vic



## Focus on Safety By Safety Coordinator Dale E. Williams

Just a few words of appreciation and a couple of safety-related tips for the month:

- First-Aid kit updates. Many thanks to Jim Embree and Lynn Just for design and installation of our First-Aid kit at Chapin Field; we appreciate your efforts. The locks on the water fire extinguishers should be reset to the same combination as the First-Aid kits by the time you read this newsletter.
- Also a big thanks to club members Dr. Fred Tosh and Jerry Salter, and also to fellow flying buddy John Hromek for their efforts at the Beechcraft flying site. The First-Aid kit has been installed, and some touch-up painting is in process on the shelters and pilot stands due to their efforts.
- In addition, I'm sure Dr. Fred would be more than happy to perform an emergency appendectomy or deliver a baby at the flying site should it be required. Keep in mind that an autoclave is not part of the First-Aid kit, and an X-acto knife may have to be used unless Fred happens to carry a scalpel.
- And, as always, Jerry continues to commandeer the Cub Cadet to keep the grass length in check for our viewing and flying pleasure!

OK...now onto a couple of safety reminders.

Take a couple of minutes before each flying session to check all the servo connections and control horns on all the control surfaces. Make sure servo screws are tight, and that the servo arms are in good condition with very little or no slop in the servo hole connections. Make sure you have not lost any retainers on the clevises, and that they are attached to the control rods securely.

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### Next WRCC Meeting is October 3rd!

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**
- **Raffle:** Who doesn't like to win stuff?
- **Fellowship:** With other RC enthusiasts!
- **Meeting Place/Time/Day:**
- **Combat Tuesday Nights**
- **October Fun Fly**
- **November Elections**
- **December e-Flight at Century II**



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

Double-check the wing bolt blind-nuts, and make sure they have not come loose on the back side. Check the engine and engine mount for tightness, making sure there is no wobble or play; and of course, check the spinner and propeller for tightness.

When should receiver and transmitter Ni-Cad and Ni-Mh batteries be replaced? Everyone has an opinion...I'll give you mine.

After cycling the battery a time or two, if a battery does not charge up to at least 90% of its stated capacity, then I would replace it. That would be 540ma. for a 600ma battery, 630ma. for a 700ma., 900 ma. for a 1000ma., etc. etc.

If a battery seems to discharge notably faster than it used to, I would pitch it as well. It may have a weak cell or two, not worth risking a nice airplane.

Some folks replace batteries after two or three years regardless of their charge rate, probably not a bad idea. It would also be a good idea to replace a battery after a crash if there are any visible cuts, slices, or dents.

Enjoy the hobby...and keep it safe!

## FOR SALE

Funtana X100 with Evolution 100NX (2-stroke engine) and 4 Hitec HS 475HB servos. The only electronics that will need to be added are the receiver, rudder servo, battery, and switch. Also comes with two wing bags.

Has \$530 invested in this plane. Asking \$325!!!

Those interested may call 913-485-2244 **only in the evenings** or email Jonathan Mowrey at [leftpitcher23@gmail.com](mailto:leftpitcher23@gmail.com) anytime.

Excellent flying plane! The engine starts on the first flip!

Plane is currently at dad's home. Larry can be contacted at 913-915-1752.



## 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/rdrcaerobat.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>



## 14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AUCTION NEWTON AREA R/C CLUB

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2008

Registration starts: 7:00 am      Auction starts: 9:00 am

### AUCTION ITEMS

AIRPLANE: R/C, F/F, U/C, Indoor, Static  
BOATS, CARS, KITS (Complete or incomplete)  
RADIO, ENGINES, PARTS, TOOLS, ACCESSORIES  
All related items

Location: Newton Community Activity Center  
415 North Poplar, Newton, Kansas  
(From Main Street turn west on 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Go 1 block to  
Poplar, turn south ½ block)

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### Auction Rules

- NARCC will retain 10% donation on items auctioned (max \$30.00/item)
- All items will be sold
- Registration: \$2.00 (buyer and seller)
- Minimum starting bid \$10.00. Minimum bid increase \$1.00. Package items accordingly.
- Item placement and Auction Sequence will be first come, first serve.
- What you see is what you get.
- There will be no refunds or exchanges after a sale is made. All sales are final.
- Items should be clean, well packaged, with a 3 X 5 description card securely attached to each item or group of items. No junk or unrelated items will be sold.

**Terms – cash or check with 2 forms of I.D.**

For Information: Call (620) 327-4086

Or Write: Randy Mainquist, 1 Bluegrass Ct, Hesston, KS 67062

Refreshments/Food available on site

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

September 5, 2008

Meeting was called to order at approx: 7:30

**Attendance: 36**

### Reports of Officers & Committees

#### President Vic Kirkpatrick Reports

Get well wishes to Jim Johns! Vic had sent out emails to everyone letting them know about Jim being in the hospital. Vic included contact information if you would like to contact Jim. We all wish him well!

Mark Smith Executive VP of the AMA would like everyone to vote for him if you're happy with how everything has been going!

Vic mentioned that he tries to send out email reminders or forward messages sent to him to all club members regarding upcoming fun flies and other events. If you have an upcoming event or know of another, please let Gene or Vic know if you would like it added to the calander to avoid any conflict for scheduling events on the same day.

Due to Vic possibly having to work weekends at his job he can no longer run the Fun fly event for October 4, 2008. If anyone would like to volunteers to conduct this event it's open!

#### Treasurer Kevin McKaig Reports

The monthly treasurer report. Kevin had also picked up name badges so if you didn't get yours please contact Kevin.

#### Secretary Carol Kirkpatrick Reminder:

If you have any airplane flying related videos or pictures on VHS tape, DVD, CD or other format please contact Carol and she can try to use them for the [www.youtube.com/FlyWRCC](http://www.youtube.com/FlyWRCC) videos site! Lots of new videos up!

#### Vice President Gene Morse Reports

He has been updating a few of the events for the calander. If you have or know of an event you would like on the calander, Gene brings in a form to add your event on too at the meetings or you are welcome to email him about the event you would like posted on the calander. This may also help with any conflicts for future scheduled fun flies and other events from our club or other clubs. We may not always check other websites for their scheduled events so please be sure to let us know and we'd be glad to include it in the calander.

**Visitors:** Sam Zitterkoe has also joined the WRCC! We all welcome you Sam!

#### Field Reports

Dave Wise discussed the meeting him and a few other members had with the city regarding the non-smoking issue at Chapin park. The liability issue involved.

They also discussed the parking, porta-potty and new enclosures that will eventually save the club around \$500 per year. Dave also spoke with the architect - the methane problem had pushed everything back about 2 months. The architect's guess for construction on the road was around the 1st quarter in 2009 - but no exact date at this time. Dave suggests writing a letter or sending an email to your city councilmen if you would like to see your tax dollars spent on Chapin and why in your own words. (Vic had sent out emails - a reminder to all members with links to your city council)

Darwin Hawkins had signed up 188 pilots and waiting on a few more for Chapin field.

Vic made some suggestions regarding moving the the pit area farther out at Chapin field, new pilot stands, fences, gaps between them or in the middle etc... and how to arrange them and such that was also discussed at the recent steering meeting which was decided to put these plans on the back burner until we know what is happening with the city plans.

Jim Embree mentions that Loren Tregellas has some nice ideas for the fences and this might be something we can discuss more and do sooner at Chapin.

Another steering meeting (date, location & time to be determined) to discuss more of the Chapin plans as soon as we know more from the city regarding where the road will be.

Beech Field - Jerry Salter reminds everyone that they need to register to fly there. Forms are in the first-aid box to be filled out and sent to Loren Tregellas.

Lake Afton - The final Pylon races for the season to be held September 20th for the Skyraiders & Sonics! Another big thanks to Mike Tallman for conducting these races!

#### Old Business

Discussion regarding combination numbers to the locks and first-aid boxes.

Fred Harvey announced that the 2009 Auction will be held at the 4H building on Feb. 7th - Set up to be on the 6th.

#### New Business

November 7th the meeting time will be changed to 7:00 p.m.

Dale Williams reminds everyone to keep their hands out of the propellers and be sure to charge the batteries!

Lynn Just made a motion to nominate and then as the discussion grew to make everyone a deputy safety officer - several concerns in the discussion. Lynn then retracted his proposal. Kevin McKaig reminds their is currently one safety coordinator per field. Vic reminds if you see someone doing something wrong try telling them nicely. Gene adds, perhaps the person doing wrong doesn't know.

Hopefully the first-aid kits will be available at all the fields soon.

Terry Dobson announced he wasn't going to do the Christmas party which he scheduled at Spear's Restaurant in December 13th 2008 - Dawn Morse stepped up and volunteered to do the party! If you would like to help out please contact Dawn! Mike Tallman mentioned changing the date because of the Century 11 event going all night - so the date of the Christmas party might be changed.

Kevin McKaig announced that the Arc Valley Flyers Radio Control Club in Hutchinson is holding their -5th Annual Radio Control Air Fair - AMA required, all size welcome. October 4th, 2008 also on September 13, 2008 - is the WRCC fall Fun Fly at Chapin.

Gene Morse let us know about the Newton RC Club is having their Auction on the October 18th (registration at 7:00 - auction at 9) at the Newton Activity Center - flyers available through Gene.

Vic Kirkpatrick told us about Bob Molby going to a field in Ponca City where they had a memorial for past flyers. Bob had brought in a photograph of the memorial, very nice! A wonderful idea for our club and hopefully this can be discussed more in the next meeting.

Dawn Morse brought to our attention about the Olrich Art Museum at Wichita State has an exhibit called Air Craft With Jet & Art running though December 19th, 2008.

## **Announcements**

Ken Stit is hosting event at Century II on Dec.13 & 14th and selling booths for vendors - Central Planes E-Fly Spectacular - Gene mentioned this was discussed at the steering meeting to start getting ideas. Gene recommended getting a booth for the WRCC! Show off the club, simulator, hand-out applications and talk to people about joining the club, etc. Suggested was the 10X10 booth for \$225.00 with electricity which Gene & Dawn Morse volunteered to work it and the club voted yes for the event. Volunteers appreciated and Kevin McKaig suggested paying the admission fees for 4 volunteer workers! Ken mentions the Pre-registration is available through online PayPal payments. For more information contact Ken Stit or Gene Morse.

Ken also mentioned that on November the 8th the Kid's Fest is going on.

Chris Bachelor will be moving to Louisiana soon. We will miss you Chris! His website is [www.wichitapilot.com](http://www.wichitapilot.com)

## **Open Discussion Ends.**

## **Break & Refreshments**

If you have a special request regarding refreshments contact Gene & Dawn Morse. Donations for refreshments help supply more yummy food & beverage! If any donations are left-over the funds go towards helping support the club! I personally like the goodies Dawn & Gene have been bringing in! Thank you!

**Show & Tell** - Thank you all for bringing in your planes!

Vic Kirkpatrick showed off his cool V-Max Race plane!

Terry Grimes told us about his cute plane called The Bug!

Mark Mosier (welcome back Mark!) introduced us to his Blue Core A-10 that he's been working on!

Chris Bachelor & Matt Paulson shared their smart Racer design Combat Plane

Doug Crumley discussed his wonderful 1/4 Scale Piper PA-18 Super Cub

## **Attendance & Raffle Drawings**

\$15.00 Attendance drawing was going to go to Bob Harden but he wasn't present to win - next drawing at \$20.00! Must be present with your badge to win!

## **Raffle Prizes & Winner's**

Dawn Morse took home the grand prize SXPO-8 Plane! Congratulations Dawn

Other prizes and lucky winners & multi-winners included: Vic Kirkpatrick-Caddy, Percision tool & Cable. Paul Barsch-Floats. Matt Paulson-Velco, Threader, glow plug charger & WRCC hat. Terry Grimes-Plane stand. Taylor Spangler-WRCC hat. Ken Chadwick-WRCC hat.

## **Raffle Ideas & Notes**

Vic Kirkpatrick has some neat ideas for the raffle prizes! You're suggestions, contributions and support of the raffle and even your prize donations are always welcomed and appreciated! Mystery boxes, grab bags, mystery raffles and whatever else Vic or even yourself can come up with! Come join in on the fun! Support the club by getting some raffle tickets! :)

## **Entertainment**

Visit: <http://www.youtube.com/FlyWRCC> - Carol Kirkpatrick has been posting more videos including the Fun Flys & Pylon Races! This link can also be found on the new WRCC Web Site designed by Richard Berreman at [www.wichitaradiocontrolclub.org](http://www.wichitaradiocontrolclub.org) in the Gallery section entitled YouTube Links by Carol Kirkpatrick amongst other great videos and photographs! <http://www.youtube.com/user/FlyWRCC>

**Meeting Adjourned at approx: 9:30**

**Report by Secretary Carol Sue Kirkpatrick**