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Word from the President

Submitted by Marvin Blankenship

Hello fellow flyers, We hit an all time record heat setting for days exceeding 100 degrees I don't know about you but that has slowed my flying time to a minimal amount and a summer visit of my new granddaughter let me say Grandpa status is good!

We are moving along with the improvements at Chapin field. We have the requested agreements signed and returned to the City of Wichita and are waiting on the city council meeting for final approval.

I would like to thank Our Vice Pres, Mark Kilby and son Nick for their involvement in the flight festival thanks guys. There have been requested maintenance needs at Afton lake field we will be discussing this in the coming meeting.

Save the Date!

2012 Auction is

Saturday

February 4.



September Meeting

The September meeting is on Thursday the 29th at the Kansas Aviation Museum, 7:00. Agenda items will include:

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



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

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A couple of months after our auction, I wrote an article for the AMA magazine. Along with a number of pictures, I sent it to Mark Smith, who used to be the VP for this district. I've met Mark and he is a great guy. Since he is now the AMA's Executive VP, he no longer writes a monthly column. So he forwarded the article to Jim Wallen, who is now the VP for District 9. Since then I have checked every issue of Model Aviation, but there has not even been a reference to our auction. For many years we had a District VP who regarded Kansas as just a Fly Over State. Some place a person passes over to get to somewhere interesting. Mark Smith changed that, but it appears that once again Kansas has been relegated to its previous Redheaded Stepchild status.

I thought that it would be nice if someone read about our auction. The following is the article and pictures I tried to get the AMA to publish.

Fifty years is a long time to be doing anything. In terms of R/C, it is nearly forever. Yet on March 5, 2011, the Wichita Radio Control Club, in Wichita, Kansas, held its 50th Annual R/C auction! This long series of events began in 1961. That first auction was held in a room above a local hobby store. It lasted less than an hour and was only attended by a handful of people. Sadly, none of the people who attended that first auction are still with us. Since then, new R/C guys have carried on the club and its auction. Five decades after that first auction, two auctioneers sold items continuously from 8 AM until 5 PM. There were 40 sellers and over 300 buyers. Nearly five hundred items were sold. That is almost one item per minute, for 9 straight hours!

Its been said that R/C is really all about sitting and visiting with your friends, the flying is just a perk! Anyone who doubts that need only note that the first piece of equipment that comes out of the car at the flying field, is always the folding chair! Originally the auction was intended just as a fundraiser for the WRCC. It still has that function, but it has grown into much more than that. It is now as much a social event as it is a place for hobbyists to try to get bargains on new R/C goodies. The most frequent question asked of club members when they are at various clubs around the Wichita area is, "When is the auction going to be held?" People look forward to visiting with buddies that they only get to see a few times a year at big R/C events. Like all of the WRCC auctions, this one was full of a lot of hand shaking, back slapping, smiles and laughter as old friends caught up with each other's lives.

There is no foreseeable end in sight for the WRCC auction. Perhaps someday people will be celebrating the 100th WRCC Auction as they wonder how their grandfathers were able to function with those clunky old computer radios that had to not only be programmed, but also held in their hands while they were flying?

17th Annual Newton Area RC Club

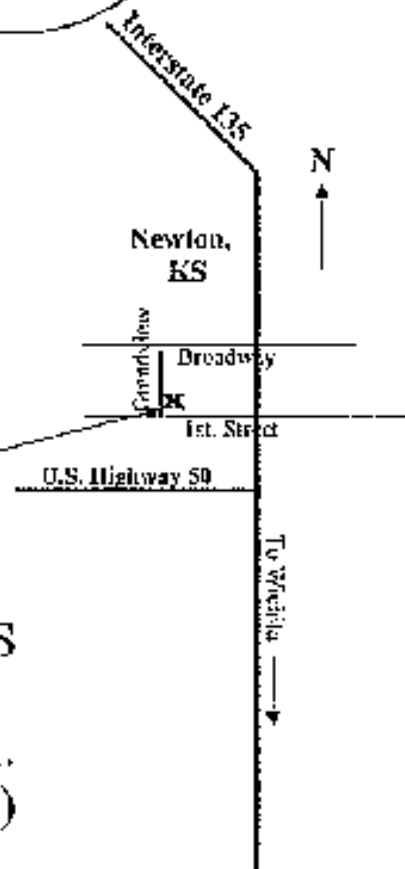
AUCTION!

- Model Aircraft-all types
- Boats • Cars • Kits
- Parts • Accessories
- Tools • Radios
- Engines/Motors
- Related Goodies!*
- Refreshments Available*



Saturday,
October 15, 2011
Registration 7 am
Auction Starts 9 am

Newton, Kansas
Army National Guard Armory
400 N. Grandview Avenue, Newton, KS
(I-135 to Newton, take 1st Street exit,
go west -thru town- on 1st street 2.0 mi.
to Grandview Avenue & 2 blocks north)



WRCC Minutes for meeting 08-25-2011

The meeting was held at the Wichita Aviation Museum.

Members in attendance: 19

Minutes taken by Scott Stoecker

Marvin Blankenship called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Visitors: None

Reports/Old business:

Treasurer Report:

Terry Powell gave the treasurers report.

As of the end of July, we have a balance of \$14,881.81.

The WRCC is donating \$5000.00 for the Chapin Field improvement.

Previous meeting minutes: The minutes from the July meeting where approved with no changes.

News Letter:

Dawn Morse needs articles for the news letter. The more she gets, the better the news letter gets.

Safety Report:

Vernell Tallman gave a report in Mike Tallman's absence noting that everybody has been flying safely.

Website:

Richard Bereman won't have the results from the races on Wednesday, August 23, 2011 posted until he receives the race results from Mike Tallman who is currently out of town.

Replies for the mower are being directed to Loren Tregallas.

Loren worked on the mower fixing a flat tire, replacing a bad solenoid, and charged the battery so it will start. He reports that it may need a new tire.

Richard Bereman suggested putting the mower on Craig's List and listing only an e-mail address for replies, no phone number.

Field Reports:

Chapin:

Martha Tregallas reports that field improvement is on the agenda for the Wichita City Council meeting for September 13, but an agenda number has yet to be assigned.

The proposal needs a few minor corrections to be ready.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed by the city lawyers, Parks & Recreation Director Doug Kupper, and other required parties whose signature is required.

Held a small discussion as to how the flying field will be designed and how to deal with the pilot station pads.

Lake Afton:

Start-up areas are deteriorating due to age, weather and use.

Loren Tregallas stated that a plan is being looked to remove the current fiber mat starting pads, replacing them with dirt/grass as necessary, and installing new starting pads.

The thought right now is to pour new 6' X 6' concrete pads on the north and south ends of the pilot's stations.

Loren will look into what a minimum order is required to have the materials delivered to the field, and what the cost would be. It was also discussed that we may want to consider making the starting pads 8' X 8'.

Events:

There will not be a Jumbo Fly-in this year. The sanction for the event could not be obtained due to a scheduling conflict with sanctioned another event in the district.

Marvin Blankenship would like to hold a fun-fly for early October but needs somebody to set it up (CD) and run it. Possibly with a cook-out at Lake Afton.

Auction:

Marvin Blankenship mentioned an article previously written by Fred Harvey.

Fred is still in discussion with 4H on getting the room. All the weekends in February are booked, but the first weekend in March is still open from 6:00pm Friday and all day Saturday.

Possible alternative locations are being discussed. We need a room that is approx. 100' X 150' and preferably with a kitchen.

The Kansas Aviation Museum is one possible venue that will be looked at along with the Cessna Activity Center.

Stephen Albers mentioned that he has a relative who is a member of 4H, so Fred Harvey will talk to Stephen on how to get in contact with them to see if they can assist in obtaining a room in the 4H building.

New Business: None

The group took a break at 7:35 pm and the meeting was resumed at 7:47 pm.

Show-n-Tell:

Ken Chadwick brought in an electric powered Cub that he won at the Derby Club meeting as a fuselage, cowl and wing. It's all foam with a plastic cowl, has a 32" wing span, weighs 9.9 ounces and has a 4-channel radio installed. It's painted in US Navy Royal Blue with latex enamel paint, and has a homemade prop shaft extension and homemade wing-struts. Power is from a 2-cell LiPo battery, and it has close to a 1:1 power to weight ratio.

Attendance drawing: \$25.00 - Nick Kilby was drawn but was not in attendance.

Raffle:

Russ Fitzpatrick chose the Battery Charger.

Larry Tener took the MegaTech M46 engine.

Dennis DeMoure selected the wrench set.

Lynn Just took the Epoxy.

Loren Tregallas selected the Glow Igniter

Bob Maltby took the \$50.00 gift certificate to Stroud's Restaurant.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 by Marvin Blankenship.