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President's Report

Club!

Hooray! We had our first club meeting at the field this year, unfortunately there's still no "field" at our field. That's to say there's no runway at the field, at least not yet. However if weather permits, we have reason to believe the runway will be ready sometime in May.

We're planning a big event to celebrate our new runway but since we can't be sure when the runway will be completed, we're going to schedule this for the end of June or early July. Glenn Ross has volunteered to head up this event. We'll probably combine it with a club picnic and some kind of swap meet or garage sale, stay tuned for details. Volunteers are needed so please contact Glenn and/or our Event Coordinator to offer help, and along THAT line, Danny Rhudy and Vic Koenig have volunteered to assume the role of Event Coordinator. Their job is not to create events but merely to facilitate and help guide the event planners in creating successful events throughout the year.

In addition to having a new runway in our immediate future we also have a complement of ten brand new plane stands. George Baker came up with the design, built and delivered them to the field, he is also going to mow while the runway is being resurfaced...Thank you George!

We're looking forward to our spring work day at the field this Saturday. Every member who is physically able and doesn't have prior obligations should plan to show up and help out, we really need your help so please don't let us down guys. For more information about the work day check the "Upcoming Events" block on the website.

On a sad note, one of our oldest club members, Ed Fennell passed away April 12th, Ed was instrumental in acquiring the T-33 at our field and along with Larry Odum worked to secure our site at Bowser Ridge. Ed still helped out at the field from time to time and was there scraping the gravel two days before his passing.

In memoriam of Ed's service to our club we have voted to change the name of the field to the Odum-Fennell Field at Tri-Cities Model Airport.

Doug Lindauer
JCRC President

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Edward Russell Fennell II of Piney Flats, TN died unexpectedly on April 12, 2017 at his home.

He was preceded in death by his parents Frances and Edward Fennell and a brother Charles Fennell. He was born in Laconia, New Hampshire and grew up in Clearwater, Florida. He was a graduate of Dunedin High School. He was a Vietnam Veteran while enlisted in the Navy. He attended East Tennessee State University on a baseball scholarship. He retired as the Human Resources director for the City of Johnson City. He was a charter member of the Johnson City Radio Controllers Club and was instrumental in the refurbishing of the T-33 airplane located at the Bowser Ridge Flying Site. He was also a member of the East Tennessee Thunderbird Club and the Blue Ridge Pioneers RV Club.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years Nancy, daughter Robin and husband Paul, son Edward and wife Ann, five grandchildren Alyssa, Cameron, Cole, Allison, and Carson, brother Noel and wife Shirley, sister Laretta and her husband Joseph, and several nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Baseball Program at East Tennessee State University. Please send contributions to: ETSU Advancement, P.O. Box 70721, Johnson City, TN 37614 or visit www.etsu.edu/give. Make checks payable to the ETSU Foundation and include on the memo line the fund name and the name Edward R. Fennell.

Upcoming Club Events

April

29th: 9:00 am JCRC Workday at the field

Other Events

May

12th: 5 pm Gates open for Joe Nall Week

30th: 6:45 pm - JCRC Monthly Meeting at the Field

Vice President's Report

Fellow JCRC Club Members,

I wanted to drop a line about the upcoming workday scheduled for Saturday, April 29th at 9:00. I don't know if you have had time to look at the list of items planned for that day but if you take a look at the website and click on the work day date it will bring up a list of items that are planned to be worked on. The list can be broken down into three main areas; Painting, Building, and Landscaping. There are other items on the list and I am hoping that YOU can take some time from your day to help us complete the list.

Remember our field is what sets us apart from the other clubs. It is up to us to do what we can to make this the field that pilots want to be part of.

Many people over the years have spent countless hours building what we have today, I want to work with you make sure that we have a field to be proud of.

Thanks,
Tim

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Next Meeting
May 30th, 6:45 pm
Location: At the field

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