



# JCRC Flight Line

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## President's Message

Hello Fellow RCERS

Another flying season will soon be upon us so I hope everyone is getting their planes inspected, their batteries charged and their radios in good working condition so everything will be in a safe condition for flight when time comes, even though I have noticed on our field cameras when there is a pretty day several members don't mind the cold and continue to fly all year. That's great. But for those of us who don't care for the cold or the winter winds we always look forward to our indoor fun-fly and this year was no exception. We had three visitors this year from other clubs, Morristown, Asheville and Elizabethton. I talked with them and they all had good things to say about our club so thank you club members. I also think we owe a special thanks to Tim Edwards for stepping up as event manager and making this fun-fly a success. Don't forget our next indoor fun-fly will be April 10th from 12 noon till 4 pm at the Kingsport Civic Auditorium. I hope to see more of our club members participating in this one.

Since there has been some confusion about receiving our membership cards remember, they are sent out by EMAIL. If you do not receive your card within seven days after your check has been cashed or you have given your dues to the club treasurer, get in touch with the club secretary at 423-725-2918(H) or the treasurer at 423-915-9468(C) or the club president at 423-416-9047(C) call or text, or by email dsjones1@charter.net.

**DID YOU KNOW:** On January 19, 2021, wind gusting to 65 mph at Parker Mountain California a new world speed record was set with a RC plane at 548 mph. The plane was a Transonic DP. It can be seen on Utube.

Fly Safe, Fly Smooth

Thank You,

*Dave*

## Editor

If any member has an article or something to share with the club send your input to [rossgtenn@gmail.com](mailto:rossgtenn@gmail.com).

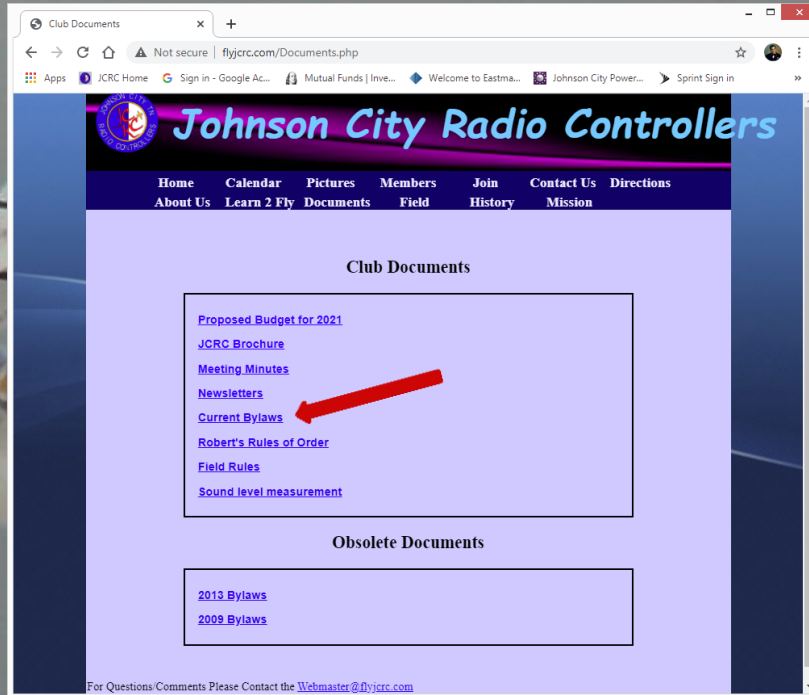
*Glenn*

## Next Meeting

**Tuesday, 30 March 2021, 6:00 PM at the Airfield, 120 Lancaster Road, Kingsport. TN.**

## New Member Information –

This section provides a little information **for** new members. In this issue we'll cover a few of the club Officer Positions and some history of the club. If you are really interested in what all the club officers are supposed to be doing, I invite you to read the club bylaws. You can find a copy on the club web site, under the *current by laws link*:



### THE OFFICERS:

**President.** The president is the chief voice of the club, both to the public and to the Club Board members. He calls and runs the membership meetings, represents the memberships' positions to the Board, directs the other club officers and is the primary interface with our landlord, the city of Johnson City. So, if there is something you feel the club should be doing, something the club needs or something that would benefit the club, then he is the person you should talk to about your idea. David Jones is our President.

**Vice President.** This poor guy has one of the hardest jobs because not only is he the primary point of contact for the maintenance and upkeep of our facility, he also has to be able to take over for the President if needed. The VP is the person who looks at the long range needs of our facility, schedules and directs the short range maintenance and upkeep using both contracting and volunteers and assesses any capital activities for the field. If you see something that needs to be done, or there is something you would like to do or donate towards having done, then the VP is the person you should first contact. Phil Swihart is our Vice President, bless his heart.

**Treasurer.** Our treasurer is not only our check writer, but he keeps track of our funds, ensures we develop, manage and execute to a budget and is the only person who can financially obligate the club. He is also responsible for receiving all member dues and notifying the secretary as to who has paid their dues. In addition, he is responsible for maintaining our legal status with the state of

Tennessee and the Federal Government (our 501-C-3 status). This is who you pay your dues to, and the first person you should contact if you don't get your membership card and a welcome e-mail from the secretary within a week or so after you pay your dues. He is also the person you should contact if you want to make a donation (money, old aircraft and accessories, an outdoor patio with multiple market tables and umbrellas with integrated stone Bar-B-Que pit and integrated water feature, etc.) to the club. Anthony Hall is the keeper of the Purse.

**Secretary.** This is one of the most difficult officer jobs for the club. The secretary maintains the membership role. That means he adds people to the role when he has been notified by the treasurer that someone has paid the correct dues and provided the necessary documentation (usually their application and the sign off sheet from the instructors if they came through the flight training team) and he has verified that the person is an AMA member. He then creates an identity card for the person and attaches it to a welcome e-mail that he sends to whatever email address the member provided. ***\*\* a little note here, if you are looking for your Membership Card, first check your email, your spam and your trash folders to make sure you didn't get it, then call the Secretary \*\**** The secretary sends new member information to the Web Master periodically for the web master to upload to the membership role maintained on the web site. The secretary is the main point of contact and Liaison with the AMA and maintains our charter and its renewal process. He also maintains all the Club's official documents, such as our lease with Johnson City. He records the minutes at our meetings, providing the official record of membership decisions. He is the head honcho for the Club's elections and the annual membership renewal drive. Doug Lindauer is our secretary.

In the next issue I'll cover four more positions.

Also, our club has a stated goal of fostering good fellowship. One of the ways we can do this is by showing the club's interests and concerns when significant events affect our members. If you, your spouse or children have a significant event (like an anniversary, graduation from college, hospitalization, etc.), please let the club treasurer (Anthony Hall, at 423-915-9468, or barak3@comcast.net) know and the nature of the event. If the event is an illness or an unfortunate occurrence, please let Anthony know if you don't want information passed to the club members.

The next section covers a brief history of our club. Thanks to Skip Weller for maintaining copies of most, if not all, of the newsletters since the club started and for keeping notes on how we came about.

### **THE JOHNSON CITY RADIO CONTROLLERS:**

The Johnson City Radio Controllers started in February 1986 when a group of hobbyists started a club to begin flying in a farm pasture in the Boones Creek, Tennessee area.

JCRC was formed, Officers elected, application made to become an AMA chartered Club, and the first year's budget of \$570.00 was spent to prepare Farmer Walt Tittles' field as a flying site.

In April, after preparing the site and seeding the runway, DISASTER struck!! It was a dry season, there was no water for the new grass, and then a fire destroyed the flying site. Left without a field, the newly formed JCRC began a new search for a site. Attempts to fly at the Sullivan County Industrial park met with the Industrial Commission's decision ""the Piney Flats Industrial Park is not for recreational use"".

The hunt went on and in July 1986, JCRC was finally able to begin flying, thanks to Mr. Decker, who owned the Old Decker Airfield in Jonesborough, TN. The club had a home until 1994 when the owner bowed to neighbor noise complaints and closed the field to model flying.

At about this time, Johnson City closed its Bowser Ridge Sanitary Land fill located off Eastern Star road. Aware of the closing and of the desire of many different groups to have access to the site, with assistance from AMA, JCRC began the necessary exploration with Johnson City government personnel to make the case for Bowser Ridge housing a model Airport with JCRC as its custodial and resident Flying Club.

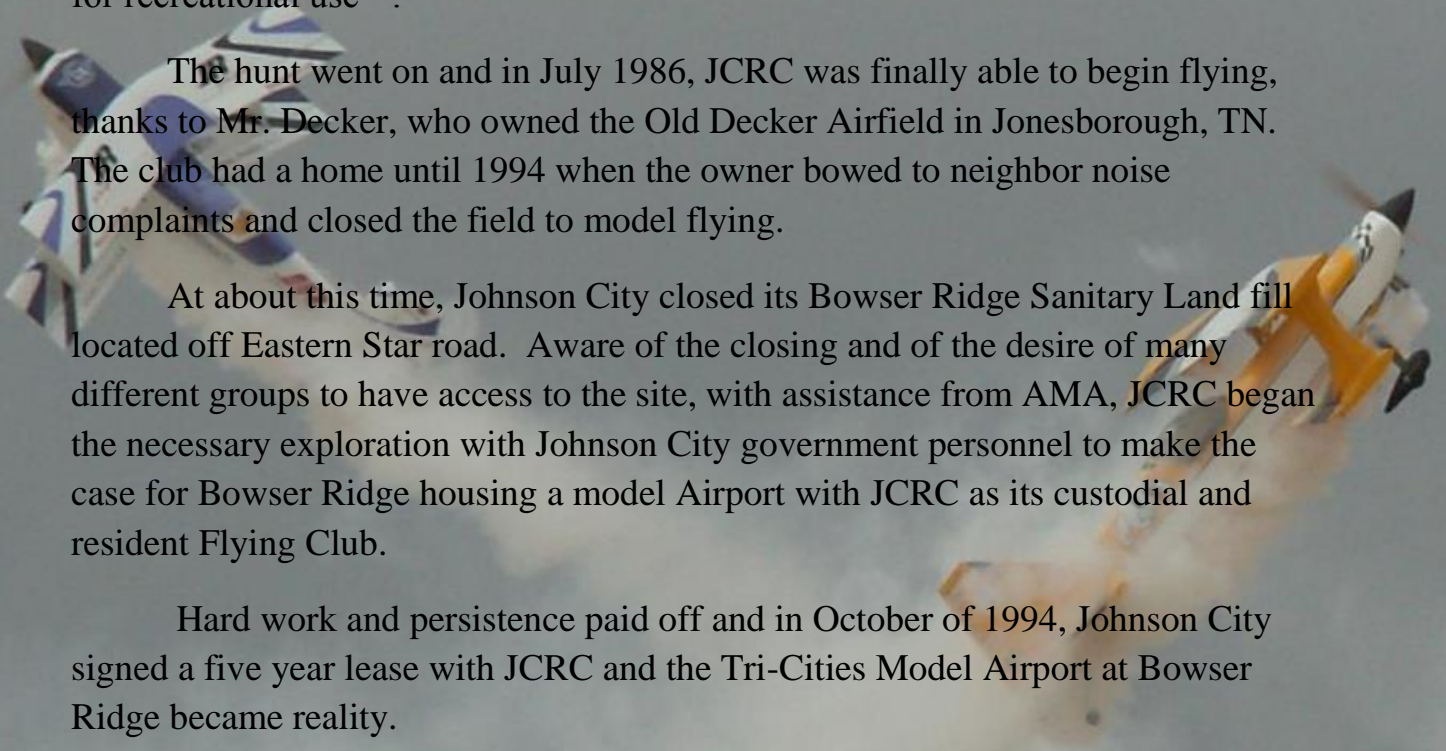
Hard work and persistence paid off and in October of 1994, Johnson City signed a five year lease with JCRC and the Tri-Cities Model Airport at Bowser Ridge became reality.

In 1996, a covered Pavilion and safety fences were installed and in 1996 JCRC officially dedicated the field as the Odom field after one of the founders and driving forces for the site, who had passed away at age 53 in 1995.

From 1994 through 1997, JCRC made improvements on the field, from flying off bare dirt to flying off a struggling grass field. Getting good grass was, and still is, a struggle.

In March 1997 the Johnson City Commissioners unanimously voted to allow and assist JCRC to install a 500 foot by 30 foot asphalt runway and by May the 12th, JCRC had two runways, one in grass and one paved with asphalt.

In 1998, JCRC began a restoration project on the Johnson City Memorial T-33, under the leadership of Ed Fennel. Construction of flying pads and taxiways



was completed in late 1999. The T-33 Project was completed; the Plane sited on a pedestal at the field entrance and dedicated in June of 2000.

In 2017, our 20 year old runway was regraded and repaved, addressing some of the worst effects of ongoing settlement issues. It was rededicated July 22nd, 2017 as the Odom-Fennell Field in honor of two founding members, without whom there would be no JCRC or our current flying site.

### General Information

Just a Reminder – Below is the schedule for events in 2021. Please note that we are missing an Event Manager for the Halloween Fun Fly and Swap Meet.

#### *JCRC 2021 Event Schedule*

Event	Date	Event Manager	Location
	<i>Club Sponsored</i>		
First Fly	1 Jan 2021	Skip Weller	Air Field
Indoor First Fly	6 Feb 2021	Tim Edwards	KPT Auditorium
Indoor Second Fly	10 Apr 2021	Tim Edwards	KPT Auditorium
Spring Fun Fly	15 May 2021	Anthony Hall and Dave Jones	Air Field
Learn To Fly with JCRC	24 Jul 2021	Phil Swihart	Air Field
National Model Aviation Day	14 Aug 2021	Anthony Hall	Air Field
Halloween Fun Fly and Swap Meet	30 Oct 2021		Air Field
	<i>Non Club Sponsored</i>		
Second Annual East Tennessee SPA Competition	17 & 18 July	Vic Koenig	Airfield
Senior Pattern Association Masters Tournament	9 & 10 Oct	Jerry Black	Air Field

Please consider volunteering to manage the remaining event.

#### **Register (reregister) with the FAA:**

Last month we reminded everyone that they need to renew their FAA registrations, or if they are not currently registered they need to do so for any craft over .55 Lbs (8.8 oz.) takeoff weight.

This month's reminder is that you must display the FAA registration number on the outside of any of your aircraft greater than .55 Lbs (8.8 oz.). You should also display your AMA number on the outside, but at a minimum, in the inside you should affix your AMA number, name, telephone number and address.

## Club Activities -

The First indoor Fly at the Kingsport Auditorium was a real blast!

The COVID-19 vaccination program finished the Friday prior and kudos to the Auditorium staff for clearing and deep cleaning so well prior to our event.



We had about ten Club Members and some thirty guests and visitors. We had visitors from Clubs in Elizabethton, Ashville and Morristown, all who were complimentary of our club. Tim, as usual, had done an excellent job getting everything set up and ensuring there was plenty of distance between folks. He even got a little time to fly around.

**HEY TIM! Get behind the Safety Rope!!!**

There were flyers and plenty of craft on display with everyone having an opportunity to get in some flight time and the chance to exchange information.

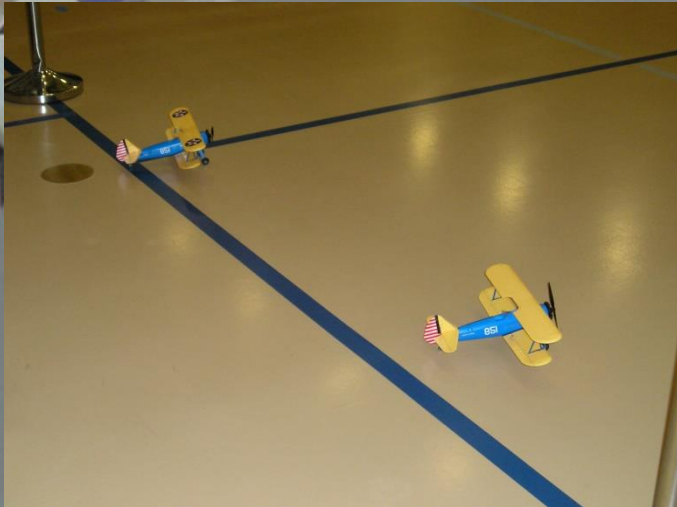
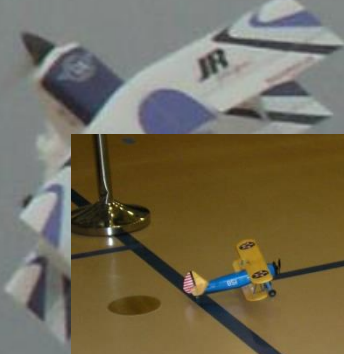


Our good friends at WCYB news showed up, spent a little time and gathered some footage and aired a spot on the 6PM news that evening!!

Here are a few additional pictures of the event:







## Upcoming Activities -

### Fly Inside

12 Noon till 4 PM, 10 April  
2021 at Kingsport Civic  
Auditorium

### Work Day

Pavilion Roof Painting  
24 April,  
Starts at 9:00 AM  
at Odom-Fennell Field.

### Spring Fun Fly And Swap Meet

10 AM till 4 PM, 15 May 2021 at  
Odom-Fennell Field

### Second Annual

### East Tennessee SPA Event

9 AM till 4 PM, 17 and 18 July 2021 at  
Odom-Fennell Field

### Learn To Fly

### Event

10 AM till 4 PM, 24 July 2021 at  
Odom-Fennell Field

# AMA Update -

On 22 February, AMA issued the following information in an email to members:

## ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS

*Your Passion. Your Hobby.*

*ONE COMMUNITY.*

Today, the [FAA released information](#) regarding the application process for organizations that are interested in becoming a Test Administrator for The Recreational UAS Safety Test (TRUST). AMA is currently evaluating this information and will continue to provide updates when available.

On October 5, 2018, [the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018](#) was signed into law. It included a requirement for all recreational UAS users to pass a knowledge and safety test in order to operate a recreational model aircraft within the National Airspace System.

AMA has since advocated on behalf of our members, working closely with the FAA to ensure that the test meets the intent of Congress without placing an undue burden on our hobby. In the spring of 2019, AMA hosted a roundtable discussion with UAS stakeholders and the FAA to lay out the guidelines and administration of the knowledge and safety test. AMA also worked with the FAA to develop the questions and content. In September 2019, AMA sent a request for information to officially declare our interest in becoming a test administrator. Most recently, AMA successfully championed for the test to evolve more into a short training and education module that ensures a 100% success rate for those who complete the process.

To learn more about the upcoming FAA Knowledge and Safety Test, please visit the [AMA Government Affairs Blog](#).

Here is the text to the FAA released information:

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) today opened the application period for entities interested in serving as test administrators for The Recreational UAS Safety Test (TRUST). Potential test administrators must submit their applications by March 31, 2021.

The FAA will designate qualified third parties to administer the test and make it accessible to all recreational drone flyers. Entities involved with recreational pilots such as educational institutions, manufacturers and aeromodelling organizations are encouraged to apply.

Interested parties are encouraged to [review the selection criteria](#) on the FAA website. ***The FAA will announce selected test administrators in June 2021 and expects selected test administrators to begin offering the test to recreational drone pilots at that time.***\*\*\*

TRUST will provide recreational drone flyers with information on best practices and educational resources to ensure safe drone operations.

The test was developed with input from the drone community in response to requirements included in the [FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018](#) (PDF) that required development of a test to demonstrate a recreational flyer's understanding of aeronautical safety knowledge and rules for operating unmanned aircraft.

As drones become more popular and accessible, the FAA is committed to ensuring that the public is aware of regulations and how to operate safely in the nation's airspace.

\*\*\* ***Bold, Italics added***



# JCRC Sponsors

## Hobby Town USA

Located at 3515 Bristol Highway in Johnson City, Hobby Town offers a full range of hobby needs, from model rail roading, to automotive modeling and aviation modeling. A strong sponsor of JCRC, they offer JCRC club members a 10% discount. Phone: (423) 610-1010.

