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## President's Message

*Hello Fellow Club Members,*

*It's hard to believe by the time you are reading this the year will be more than half over and I think it has been a good year for the JCRC club. We've had a good turnout for our work day, thanks to Phil for coordinating that and to everyone who came out and helped make that day a success. We have also replaced a sheet of metal to help stop the leak we had in the charging station shelter. That has 98% cured that problem. Thanks again to Phil and those who helped on that project. I'm sure everyone has noticed the new shelter at Tim's Chill & Grill. That shelter was made possible by the profits Tim made from his chill & grill and again thanks to Phil for delivering the shelter and for those who helped erect it. continued on the Member Information Page, page 28*

*David Jones*

## Quotable Quotes

*It's not human nature to be great. It's human nature to survive, to be average and do what you have to do to get by. That is normal.*

*When you have something good happen, it's the special people that can stay focused and keep paying attention to detail, working to get better and not being satisfied with what they have accomplished.*

*Nick Saban*

## Editor

If you have any article, information or items for sale or trade you would like put into the Newsletter, please send your input either by e-mail ([rossgtemn@gmail.com](mailto:rossgtemn@gmail.com)) or post to:

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Please send input no later than the 19<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included in the following month's edition. Electronic input should be .jpegs and word documents (.doc or .docx).

THANKS!

*Glenn Ross*

## Next Meeting

**Tuesday, 31 August 2021, 6:45 PM at the Airfield, 120 Lancaster Road, Kingsport, TN.**

## Club Activities –

July was BUZY!!!

On the first and second, the Grey Shed Café got its metal shelter erected. We had quite a team, Skip, Keith, Steve, Phil and Glenn all eager to knock out a simple shelter in just a couple of hours.....



The team started at 8AM by drilling anchor holes in the concrete.

After the holes, came placing the metal sole plates, erecting the uprights and topping them off with the trusses. Sounds easy, huh?





Well, maybe there was a little more to it, like having to go get different size bits, and extra nuts and washers and such, but work never slowed down, except to let the hammer drill cool down.....

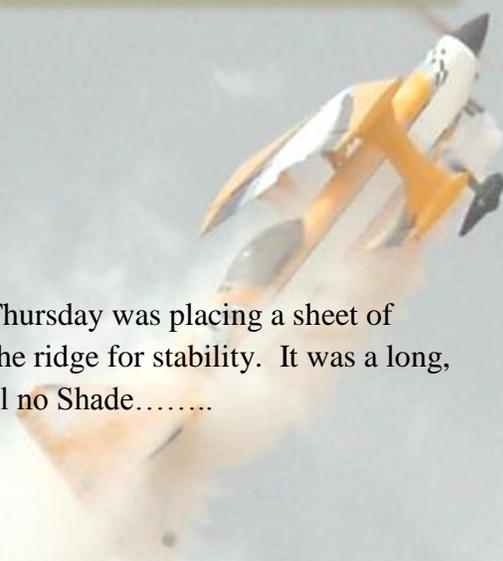


Then, of course, there is the tanker way of getting things to line up... Get a bigger hammer!!

After five hours, the only shade there was came from the little grey shed itself. Thank goodness there was plenty of Tim's water to raid.



The last step on Thursday was placing a sheet of roofing metal on the ridge for stability. It was a long, hot six hours. Still no Shade.....



Friday morning, 9AM, clear skies, not yet really hot, a light breeze and all the work from Thursday was still standing. The team started sorting tools and putting up ladders and what did we see?? In rolls a black Dodge Ram truck with Timmie in it!!



Tim had gone in to work early on Friday so he could get to the field before 10AM and join the team. The first thing Tim did was call Marsha and send her to get some black sealant for the surplus holes we had drilled into the roofing sheets. When she arrived, Jarred joined his dad and really helped keep ladders steady and tools moving where they were needed.

Marsha even lent a hand. After bringing us the sealant, she brought a big sack of cheeseburgers to keep the team fueled up.

Jerry Black was at the field, practicing for the upcoming SPA Competition. In between flights, Jerry joined in and really saved us some effort. He noticed a gap in the truss alignment that got solved with a lot of pulling and banging with a rubber Mallet.



It was another long, hot day but by 2PM, all seven pieces of roofing made their way onto the trusses and the structure was up and there was shade a-plenty!!

As soon as the shelter was up, the ideas for additions started...a couple of overhead fans to add a breeze and keep mosquitos away, little lantern lights for that romantic certain ambiance, perhaps a fireplace and a pizza oven in the back corner for those autumn evenings and of course, a disco ball and a neon sign to top it off. Guess we'll have to talk with Rod Snyder about that last item.

**A big thanks to everyone who pitched in to erect the shelter, improving our facility.**

**We've got one great group of members who show that they really care for our club and our field!!!**

But, work wasn't the only thing that filled our July. The first weekend after the new cover for the Grey Shed Café was installed; we hosted the **Second Annual East Tennessee SPA Pattern Competition.**



Starting at 09:00 on Saturday the tenth, flyers from all over the southeast met to compete in five classes of beautifully executed aerobatic patterns.



People began arriving on the Friday before and Tim hosted a wiener roast that evening welcome them and inaugurate his new digs.



With 14 competitors, we hosted two days of spirited competition running from 9 AM till 3PM on Saturday and 9AM till 12 Noon on Sunday. Awards were presented for First, Second and Third Place in each of the classes and there was a raffle for about a dozen prizes to end the event.

The first day started with erecting a bunch of shelters for shade, registration and a safety and conduct briefing by the event manager, Vic Koenig. Right after the briefing, everyone gathered at the T-33 for a Competitor Group picture, which, by the way, ended up on all the event awards.



After that, we swung right into the event with five rounds done by the end of day one.

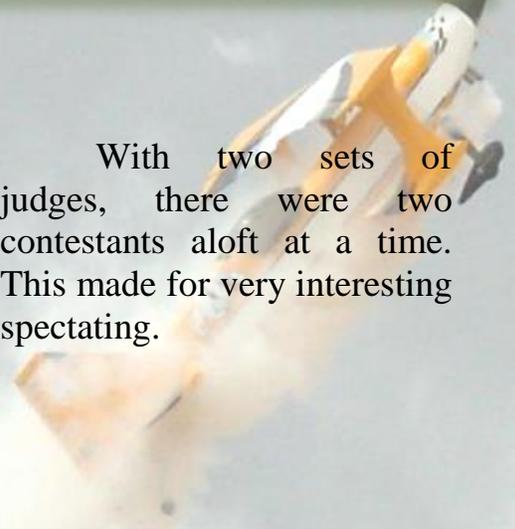


Starting around 11:00 everyone braved the noon day heat and began to rotate over to the Gray Shack Cafe. Grill Master Tim and his staff of Sous Chefs had been hard at work replicating his world famous Chill and Grill Hamburger Blue Plate Specials – Hamburgers and fixins, Chips, Potato Salad and cold drinks.

After the noon respite, the push to complete the day's schedule resumed.



With two sets of judges, there were two contestants aloft at a time. This made for very interesting spectating.



By around 3 PM the five rounds had been completed and the first day's competition ended.



Sunday dawned and the flying started early, around 9 AM. Again, two judges made the last rounds move pretty quickly and by around 11:30 the flying was finished up.

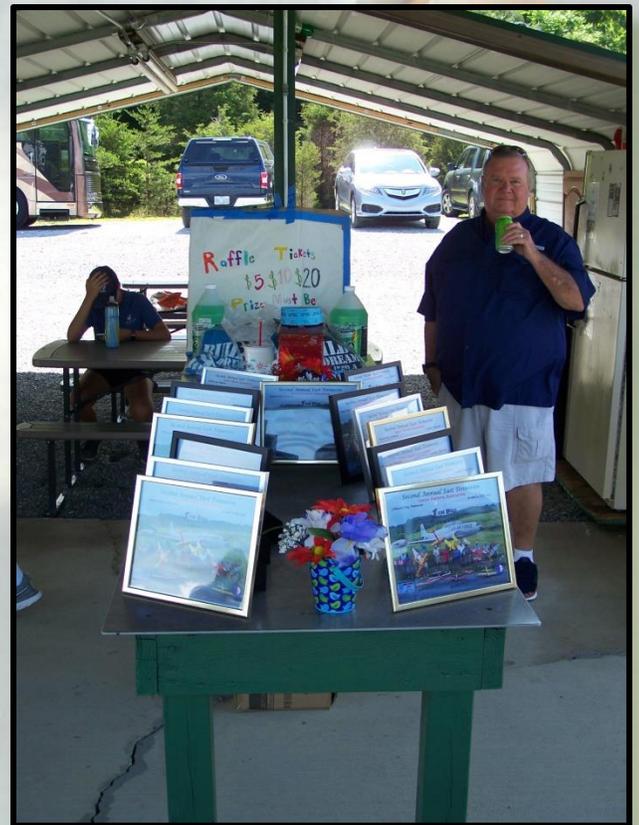
Once the rounds finished, everyone retired to the pavilion for the big raffle and the Closing and Awards Ceremony. There was a lot of anticipation for the goodies.



There were two one gallon containers of Nitro Fuel donated by Hobby Town, several Balsa USA Glue caddies, three Balsa USA Tee Shirts, two glue sets and two \$50.00 Cash prizes. One electric flyer seemed to be on some kind of lucky streak, he won the first Gallon of fuel.

Since he couldn't use it, he said just draw another person for that prize...and then he won the second time,....., and then he won the third time... Finally, on the fourth try someone else won the fuel!!

Excitement ran high and thank goodness, Jerry and Vic didn't win everything!



After the Raffle, Vic made the individual awards and following the individual awards, there was a final group shot of all the winners.



*From Left to right, Vic Koenig, Jimmy Russell, Jerry Black, Dan Jackson, Bill Dodge, Warren Oliver, Brian Adcock, (hidden) Karl Gerth, Norm Bonnetti, Terry Boston, Jim Johns*

The club received thanks from SPA for a well-run event and lots of compliments on the field and facilities.

The event finished up around 12:30 with a mass exodus of folks headed back to Florida, Mississippi, Ohio and other points in the Southeast!

**Finally a word of thanks to the following club members and friends whose hard work and friendliness made the event so outstanding:**

- **Jerry Black**
- **Dan Jackson**
- **Vic Koenig**
- **David Jones**
- **Tim Edwards and crew**
- **Skip Weller**
- **Craig Quillen**
- **Doug Lindauer**
- **Dennis Sams**
- **Nick Nicodemus**
- **Don Martin**
- **Anthony Blair and daughter, Anastasia**
- **Glenn Ross**



Following are the Score results from the Event:

**SPA Basic Standings - Round 7 7-11-2021 Page: 1**

- 1 Bryan Adcock** 831.16 1000.00\* 1000.00\* 951.45 1000.00\* 960.13  
818398 3975.1773 975.17
- 2 Norman Bonnette** 1000.00\* 933.08\* 840.98 763.75 926.25 1000.00\*  
94725 3933.0855 1000.00
- 3 Karl Gerth** 964.28\* 981.41\* 961.13\* 1000.00\* 960.43 0.00  
727852 3906.8290 0.00
- 4 Douglas Lindauer** 688.31 771.37\* 710.24\* 666.66 607.91 776.42\*

**SPA Sportsman Standings - Round 7 7-11-2021 Page: 2**

- 1 Bill Dodge** 1000.00\* 886.19 1000.00\* 1000.00\* 1000.00\* 995.15  
531236 4000.0000 48.60
- 2 Vic Koenig** 877.35 1000.00\* 975.60\* 837.29 961.58\* 949.09  
353968 3937.1943 1000.00
- 3 Dan Jackson** 962.26\* 947.94\* 972.12\* 915.67 930.37 1000.00\*  
1139247 3882.3313 904.00
- 4 Duane Wilson** 86.25\* 0.00 0.00 0.00 827.13\* 953.93\*

**SPA Advanced Standings - Round 7 7-11-2021 Page: 3**

- 1 Jim Johns** 1000.00\* 936.06 1000.00\* 939.22 1000.00\* 1000.00\*  
9520 4000.0000 0.00
- 2 Ken VandenBosch** 767.46 1000.00\* 942.41\* 1000.00\* 862.23\* 0.00  
706415 3804.6534 0.00
- 3 Terry Boston** 947.61\* 907.09\* 835.89 859.11 981.69\* 964.57\*  
59646 3800.9734 0.00

**SPA Expert Standings - Round 7 7-11-2021 Page: 4**

- 1 Warren Oliver** 1000.00 1000.00 1000.00\* 1000.00\* 1000.00 1000.00\*  
69903 4000.0000 1000.00
- 2 Jimmy Russell** 947.07\* 843.61 825.78 879.49 980.39\* 903.50\*  
477098 3773.3107 942.33

**SPA Senior Expert Standings - Round 7 7-11-2021 Page: 5**

- 1 Jerry Black** 1000.00 1000.00\* 1000.00\* 1000.00\* 1000.00 1000.00\*  
74601 4000.0000 0.00
- 2 Dave Phillips Jr** 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00\* 0.00\* 0.00\*  
65858 0.0000 0.00



Here are a few more pictures from the event:





On the 24<sup>th</sup>, we held our second official “**Learn To Fly**” event sponsored by Bob Barrett and Hobby Town.

The day started early with a morning Hot Air Balloon Launch from the field. A few intrepid members showed up at about 6 AM to assist in

inflating and launching one really impressive aircraft. It’s a real reminder of man’s first steps in flying and certainly fits in the theme “**Learn to Fly**”.



Once the tether was loosed, the Balloon drifted slowly off to the North East. Slowly it turned south, moving in the almost calm morning wind towards Grey Station.



Off went the chasers and support team including Matthew Sluss and his father and Ben Ross and his Uncle trying to keep the balloon in sight and recover the craft when it landed. When the chasers got to Grey Station, they saw the Balloon had reversed course and was now headed north and east almost back to where it started.

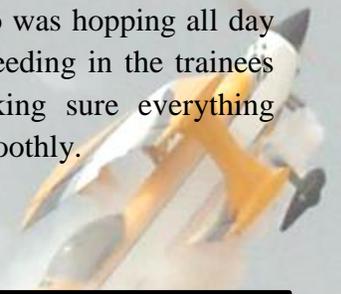
After a bit of chasing all over, it was finally spotted in a field just off Mitchell Road. If he had been just a little west, he would have landed at Phil's Dream Pit and the chasers could have had Breakfast!!





The gates opened for the start of “**Learn To Fly**” sessions at 9:30 AM with Trainee check in at the front of the Pavilion, ably manned by Mrs. Swihart. We really owe all the ladies who volunteered their help, especially with the Midday meal.

We also owe a lot to Phil who was hopping all day long. Feeding in the trainees and making sure everything went smoothly.



Club members jumped in and set up every available pop-up shade shelter we owned over the Pic Nic Tables along the Flight area fence as well as one over the South Bleachers. And good thing too, because the day stayed bright, clear and finally hot. Fortunately, there was hardly any wind until late in the afternoon, and even then it didn't greatly bother the Trainees.

At the check in, “Trainees” were given a flight order number, and their names and order were recorded on a Tally Board.



As Instructors became available, the Trainees were called and they were escorted, about four at a time for our quick “ground school” conducted in the Pavilion on a static plane with a transmitter to move the controls and allow Trainees to try the sticks (props removed of course).



If needed ground school also got conducted out on the flight tables.

Ground School completed, trainees were then taken onto the flight line and married up with their instructors.



With five Instructor teams armed with buddy box systems and dedicated trainer aircraft, forty-three students completed their five minute flight training sessions over the course of the day.



There were a total of forty-five flight sessions (two people flew twice) conducted by the end of the day.

Buddy Box training was a real hit. It made it possible for students, young and old to get the feel of really flying and the gratification of a well done flight and even sometimes a great, unassisted, landing.



This year we had a diverse group of "Trainees". Several families came and everyone in the Family took a flight.



There were teenagers, young adults and several of us more mature flyers.





We had people who had flown years ago and were looking to see how the hobby had changed, folks who were looking to find a new flying home and even a couple who had bought a house just to the south of the runway on Kinchloe Road. By the way, they (Lars and Bonnie) had stopped by to watch the Balloon launch, came back to see how our day had gone and signed up for training sessions at the end of the day; they were the last two Trainees. Now, let's get them into the club!!

The instructor teams stayed at it all day and we managed to only lose a couple of aircraft, both recovered, throughout the whole day.





Everyone who signed up got their turn with no one having too long of a wait, except for during the break at Noon for the Demo flights and for instructors to have a well-earned lunch break.





There were several requests for Membership forms and people wanting to know what was needed to join the club, return to RC flying or how to best enter the hobby. WCYB News showed up and prepared a segment for the local news, interviewing Phil, the Event Manager (The spot aired that evening on the 6PM News).



Bob had his Hobby Town station set up on the south side of the field with additional vouchers available as well as several models of trainer and other aircraft available for purchase.



We were treated to two demo flights during the lunch break, thank you Craig Quillen for the helicopter show and thanks Steve Barrett for the demo with *“the BEAST”*.

And a big thank you to Bob for the Raffle, his personal and business support, and for all he does for JCRC. We are lucky to have his support and a **Hobby Town** still here in the Tri Cities.

Speaking of Lunch, Tim had the Grey Shed Café up and running again. Just a week before having to go in for Knee Replacement, Tim was out making sure our event was a real hit.



Hamburgers and Cheese Burgers as well as several side dishes like Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Baked Beans and several desserts provided by members to round out the offerings were served by Tim and his crew with help from member wives.

After a very full and successful day, the field was reopened to sport flying at 4 PM with many of the attendees remaining to watch or get in a second training session while the last task of the day, clean up, got underway. By about 4:30 the field was back in business.



The objective of the **Learn to Fly** event was to introduce our hobby to the community, generate interest in Model aviation, promote safe hobby flying and also, generate new membership.

We certainly saw people during this event that had not been anywhere near our club in the past, had people from all over the Tri Cities, as well as people from out of the region (I saw one car with Ohio Plates). We certainly met our objectives.

**What a great day!!**

## Member Information

Terry Baily will be taking orders for JCRC Tee Shirts and Golf Shirts. The tee shirts are 100% cotton Gildan. They will be our blue color with our wing logo on the back and front left. Sizes are from XS to 5X WITHOUT a pocket. The price is \$20.00 per shirt no matter what the size is.

He is also taking orders for Golf Shirts. It is expected that the price will be in the \$30.00 range, but will not be finalized until he knows the number to be ordered.

The ending date for placing an order will be our 31 August JCRC meeting. You will need to pay for your shirts when you place your order.

You can catch Terry at the field, Hobby Town, or just about anywhere to place your order. So PLEASE ORDER A JCRC SHIRT FOR YOU , YOUR WIFE OR GIRLFRIEND OR BOTH.

*A Note from your **SAFETY OFFICER**: Pilots, please watch your flight line boundaries. We have had a few violations with some not observing the new boundaries. If you do not know the boundaries, look at the map in the charging station or ask me or one of the field marshals. We will be glad to point them out to you. I hope that you fly safe and have calm winds.*

*Safety Officer Terry Bailey*

### *President's Message, concluded:*

*Due to the Ashville RC Club losing their flying site, their last day to fly there was July 2nd, they donated all their flight tables to our club. Unfortunately all we could haul on our trailers were 8 of the tables and they are now at the field. Thanks to Jerry Black for making that possible.*

*So far we have also had a couple flying events at the field this year, the first being the May Fun-Fly and Swap Meet. We had great weather and a good turnout that day. Thanks to Anthony Hall for making that a success. The second was the Second Annual East Tennessee SPA Competition event held June 10th & 11th . The weather prediction for that weekend cut down on the number of participants but there were still 14 great fliers entered in the event. I heard nothing but good comments about the event and our club from the visiting participants, so a big Thank You to Vic Koenig, Doug Lindauer, Glenn Ross and all the other club members who helped make this possible.*

*I would like to also mention safety at our flying field. As we get more new members in our club it is very important that each one has read and understands the safety rules especially the ones that pertain to where you can taxi your plane when the PROP is turning and the flying perimeters of the field. It is very important for the safety of everyone that our club rules are followed. If anyone has any questions about the rules please contact our safety officer Terry Bailey (423-833-4649 c).*

*Thank you,*

## Upcoming Activities

### National Model Aviation Day Fun Fly and Swap Meet

9 AM till 4 PM, 14 August 2021 at  
Odom-Fennell Field

### Chill and Grill

Starting this year on the Fourth of May from 6 PM till Dusk, Join us for Chilling and Grilling. Every Tuesday evening, all Summer long at Odom-Fennell Field we get together, grill some Burgers or Hot Dogs and have flying and fellowship. Join Us!!!

We're there, Rain or Shine –  
unless there's lightening!!

FYI –

*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	10 & 11 July 2021	Vic Koenig	Airfield
Senior Pattern Association Masters Tournament	9 & 10 Oct	Jerry Black	Air Field

Please consider volunteering to manage the remaining event.

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