

# JOHNSON CITY RADIO CONTROLLERS NEWSLETTER

November/December 2024

Editor: *Dewanan Brooks*

Next Club Meeting:  
Date: 01/28/2025  
Time: 6:45 pm  
Location: Church

## Club Officers 2025

- *President:* James "Mitch" Fowler (423) 608-6868
- *Vice President:* Phil Swihart (321) 514-3247
  - *Treasurer:* Anthony Hall (423) 915-9468
- *Secretary:* Eric (Nick) Nicodemus (423) 946-2525
  - *Safety Officer:* Keith Nelson (423)292-2010
  - *Field Marshals:*
    - Skip Weller (423) 946-3840
    - Craig Quillen (423) 384-4621
    - David Jones (423) 538-4894
    - Jeremy Brooks (423)-609-4497
  - *Newsletter Editor:*
    - Dewanan (Dj) Brooks (423) 609-4497 ©
  - *Webmaster:* Craig Quillen (423) 384-4621
    - *Event Coordinator:* ?

## Board Members Term:

Anthony Hall 2024-2028 Skip Weller 2025-2030  
Craig Quillen 2021-2026 Tim Edwards 2022-2027  
Board Chairman: Glenn Ross 2024-2029

**CHICKEN WINGS**<sup>®</sup>

BY MICHAEL AND STEFAN STRASSER  
WWW.CHICKENWINGSCOMICS.COM

## MOMENTS IN AVIATION HISTORY

SORRY SIR, WE'RE ALL OUT OF BLACK PAINT. ALL WE HAVE LEFT IS LOTS AND LOTS OF RED.

WHAT? BUT THEN I HAVE TO COME UP WITH A NEW NICKNAME! HOW CAN I BE THE "DARK BARON" WITH A BRIGHT RED AIRPLANE?



# Eddie's Floats

By Johnny Judd

Eddie brought his trusty old Apprentice to the November meeting, sporting a new set of floats. I should have gotten up and talked about it for him, but I'm so shy and introverted, I lose focus sometimes. It's easy when you are just helping out a friend.

Eddie had posted on our Facebook page that he was looking to purchase a set of floats. They make a set specifically for the Apprentice. I responded that I had a set that came with my Timber and he could have them if he wanted to try to make them work. I don't know anything about floats, so I wrote to Joseph at Horizon and asked him if he thought we could adapt them. He answered that, they would indeed work, if we could figure a way to mount them and keep the plane in proper CG.

I met Eddie at the field, and helped him assemble them. They fit in the rear landing gear mount without modification. It was apparent they would need some kind of modification to the nose gear area to mount them in the front. The floats were for a Timber, which is a tail dragger and comes with a front mounting bracket built in. The floats also have a water rudder, which is intended to hook to the main rudder with nylon line. That looked like it would be a puzzle. Eddie felt confident he could figure it out and took the whole contraption home.

At the meeting, he showed me how he figured out to make a fiberglass forward mount and simplify the water rudder by mounting a servo on top of the float. He just "y" cabled it into the rudder channel. That was pure genius. It's very important to get the floats where they will "get up on the step" on takeoff and still maintain the proper CG on the wing. He showed me how the plane was perfectly balanced. He really did an outstanding job and I can't wait to see him fly it off water, or perhaps snow? He will have to keep us updated.



# First Fly Of The Year!!!

The first fly of the year was a chilly and blustery event, attended by about fifteen hardy souls with coffee, Pumpkin bread, Chili, Tortilla soup, Taco Soup, Cornbread and Donuts along with a couple of Propane heaters to thaw the bones.

Promptly at 8:00, four flyers launched and battled the wind.

There were several "Firsts" - the categories being:

First to fly: Johnny Judd

First to crash land/flip over: Jeremy Foxx

First, and only, to land without crashing:

Wayne Kenneth.

A big Thank You to Skip Weller, Johnny Judd, Glenn Ross and David Jones for their work in getting prepared, set up and help Skip host the event!!

Our next event:

Place: Indoor Fly at the Kingsport Civic Auditorium

Date: February 15, 2025

Time: 12 Noon until 4 PM



Hmmmmmm!!!!



Most important...lol



How cold is it suppose to be?...



# Indoor R/C Fun-Fly

Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

From 12 Noon ~ 4 PM.

**At the Kingsport Civic Auditorium.**

**Free Admission! Spectators Welcome!**



The Johnson City Radio Controllers Club (JCRC) is hosting an indoor electric fun fly at the Kingsport Civic Auditorium. We will have a variety of electric powered aircraft airborne throughout the event. If you have a new remote controlled airplane, helicopter, or multi-copter and have questions or are just interested in any aspect of aviation, drop in and enjoy.

JCRC Club Members – There will be a \$5.00 Landing Fee

Take a break from the Winter Doldrums! Get some advice on that new Quad Copter!



Our club offers free flight training at our Airfield to anyone wanting to enjoy model aviation. You do not have to be a member to take advantage of this service. Please contact us to schedule this free training.

For more information about JCRC, to join or contact JCRC visit: <http://www.flyjcrc.com>

**BE SURE NOT TO  
MISS THIS ONE**

*Mark your calendars!*

*Come out, be ready to fly,  
have some fun*

Next Club Meeting: 10/29/2024  
@ 7:00p.m.  
Location: Air field

**SPONSORS:**

**JR. SKYLARK**  
single or twin engine R/C KIT # 22

Very helpful guys,  
able to answer any  
questions that you have.

Johnson City Heating & Air  
135 Mosley Road  
Johnson City, TN  
37615



Hobby Town  
3607 N Roan Street  
Johnson City, TN 37601



I also wanted to let everyone know that we also have coffee cups with the clubs logo available now. They can be personalized any way you would like. They are \$12.00 for 15 oz. I am also working on a design for the tall 20 oz tumblers that will soon be available. Those will be \$20.00. I also have club hats as well. Also key chains available. The shirts are still available , I would just need to know what color shirt and size and what you would like on it. I can also do hoodies and long sleeve shirts as well.



*Able to customize any order*

*Dewanah "DJ" Brooks  
Graphic Artist*

*If you can dream it  
I can make it.*

*Call, Text or Email with  
orders or questions:  
423-609-4497  
gwgraphicdesign2020  
@gmail.com*