

# JCRC FLIGHT LINE



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## The President's Report.

Hello Everyone,

2012 has started off great and if this is an indication of the months to come, I am looking forward to them all. In 2011, we started a tradition that I hope continues for years to come. We had our first New Years Day Fly-in and chili lunch. This past New Years Day fly-in was another success. You can see some pictures in this newsletter. We also had our first indoor fly-in this past month with another scheduled for February 18<sup>th</sup>. WOW what fun. If you have never flown a small aircraft indoors, you have got to come join us. If you have flown indoors before, you know how much fun it truly is and I know you will join us again in February.

We have one more club meeting at a restaurant before we return to the flying field. In February we will be meeting at the Golden Corral in Johnson City at 6:45 in the banquet room. Arrive early and enjoy a buffet meal and fellowship with friend. In March we will have our club meeting at the field to be followed by our first Night Fly-in for the year. So get all of your night flying gear out and be ready to light up the sky.

I look forward to flying with you soon.

Eddie

## Notice: New flying time changes!

On Sundays, you can now begin flying at 11:00am.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 28...6:45 PM**  
**Location: The Golden Corral Restaurant in Johnson City.**

## From our Safety Officer.

Hello everyone,

I thought I would take a moment to introduce myself, as I will be the Safety Officer for the coming year. I have been a member of JCRC for the past 5 years, and during that time I served as a Field Marshal. Last year I also became a flight instructor for the club, which is also something I really enjoy. I fly everything from small electrics to giant scale gassers to helicopters.

We have had some trying times over the last couple years while dealing with some flight issues, but with total club effort we have really turned things around and last year was a great year. I look forward to this year being even better with help from you all. If I can be of assistance to any of you, or if you have any questions or suggestions, do not hesitate to drop me an email at **obsonever@aol.com**.

Dave Peterson  
Safety Officer  
Johnson City Radio Controllers

## New Years Day Fly-In.

We continued our tradition of starting the year off right with friends and flying. We had a good turn out of die hard RC Pilots and several visitors. The weather wasn't the greatest, but we came anyway. The coffee and Chili was hot and was enjoyed by all.



Several new planes were left by Santa this year and several folks brought out these new planes for us to maiden fly them. The winds were a bit strong, but the new planes got their fist flights in on the first day of the year. One new plane was owned by Danny Rhudy (one of JCRC newest members); he brought out a new Apprentice. This aircraft flies very well. We had another young man out named Harrison Himelwright who received a park size Super Cub on his 8<sup>th</sup> Christmas. I really enjoy flying with the youngsters and Harrison will be participating in our Intro Pilot program as the weather warms. It is amazing how many contacts we have already made for Intro Pilot program for the coming year. Below are two of JCRC Intro Pilot Instructors for 2012, Klaus Kolger and Robert Munford. You see Klaus giving some heli instruction to Forrest Cline, who received a new heli for Christmas.



With the overwhelming insurgence of electric aircraft we also had two 40 sized glow aircraft out for maiden flights, one a Nexstar and the other an Alpha. Glow is alive and well. These two aircraft were owned by Steve Story and his son. The weather got crazy windy before we could fly both. We flew the Alpha with a minor whoops and then decided that we would wait to fly the Nexstar. It is always great to see fathers and sons enjoying a hobby together. I look forward to teaching and flying with these two gentlemen this coming year.



I would encourage that all of us participate in this year's coming events. First, we all belong to an organized club for a reason, so let's enjoy the fellowship friends, come together and support those who take time to plan and coordinate the events. We all have differing taste and we all have differing interest and it take all of us to be a healthy active club. So let's enjoy the hobby together and share our passions with one another.

### **Event Coverage: Indoor electric fly-in.**

Our fly-in was a huge success! Everyone that flew, young and old had a great time. Everything from helicopters, quad copters, acrobatic planes, scale planes, and slow flying vapor's were present. We had an added bonus aircraft, a lighter than air flying shark. Even those that didn't fly had a great time.

The sky-shark patrolled the air inside the civic center with dignity (if not particularly fast speed) and a toothy smile. It even resulted in giggles from all of the pilots (don't worry; I won't print your names....if you donate a reasonable sum of money to the club, ha, ha, ha). The shark was struck several times (once by an *alleged cowardly attack* to the *rear!*) in an effort to remove him from the sky. But the attack went awry, as the offending aircraft went down and the shark descended to look for the pilot ("for they are crunchy and good with ketchup" said the shark).

If you missed it, you still have another chance to enjoy the 3 F's; friendship, fellowship, and flying. Pick up a plane, a helicopter, or even a fish and join us on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February. It will be held from 2pm-6pm. Same place: Kingsport Civic Auditorium.

Just to let you know, most of the other aircraft types are well known, but the fish (it come in shark or clown fish) can be purchased online and from Toy-r-us for only \$50. All you have to do is fill it with helium (available at Wal-mart or K-mart etc. for, \$19.99). The instructions are not very good, so go online and watch one being assembled. Your knowledge of balance and the use of ballast will be helpful too.



Free Flight Plane



Beautiful acrobatic plane.



Views from the flight line.



Great Twin Rotor Helicopter.



Training a new pilot.



Small Quad copter.



A perfect landing?



Side view of the shark.



Head on shot of the Shark.

Photos courtesy of Steven Starnes and Kenton Hall.

## Membership Drive.

You all know that we are now offering a Park Flyer membership to JCRC. This should allow us to open our doors to those who are currently flying in our local parks. They may or may not realize the benefits of flying at a site that is dedicated to the hobby of model aircraft and with their smaller lighter aircraft they feel that they do not need to have a small airport to fly. We need to let them know that we offer so much more than just a place to fly.

We offer friendship, fellowship and an enormous amount of knowledge. When I look around our club a see the many faces of our members, I am amazed at just how much we have to offer. The skill and talent of our membership is overwhelming. We have talented builders and talented pilots, we have National Champions among us and sponsored pilots who demonstrate products as they become available. Some who have belonged to Teams who represent the United States in differing countries. We have members who get their photographs published in magazines dedicated to our hobby. We have had those who built models and have written reviews for differing Model Airplane magazines. Then we have those who impress me the most; those who fly and have flown models for many years just because they enjoy the hobby so much. I have learned so much from so many in our club. We just need to let all of those in our area know that we offer so much more than just a place to fly. We offer a place to enjoy flying together and a place to learn, teach and fellowship.

With our new Park Pilot membership, we all need to make sure we understand what this means when it comes to flying at our field. A Park Pilot must have a Park Pilot membership to the AMA, which has a reduced price and reduced coverage from a full AMA membership and they are limited to flying only aircraft that meet the AMA's definition as to what a Park Flyer is. The AMA's definition is: the aircraft must be electric powered, the aircraft must weigh 2 lbs. or less and the aircraft must fly less than 60 mph.

I want to encourage all of you when you meet some of our new members who are park pilots to make them feel welcome and help them learn to fly and to understand the AMA and how it benefits us all. As these new members see us flying larger model aircraft, they may also want to move up into the larger models. Not only is this a good thing, we need to encourage and help them do this. One way we can do this is to mentor them and guide them as they learn. We will need to encourage them to upgrade their membership to the AMA and to our club. This will ensure that all of us are properly insured and that we all fly responsibly.

I have been asked by many of you; how do we know who is a regular v/s park pilot? One way is to ask when you don't know. The best way is to look at their Club membership or AMA card. Both will indicate their status. I have attached a picture of our 2012 membership cards.



Regular pilot membership card



Park Pilot membership card.

One should be able to clearly see who is a park pilot and who is a regular pilot. With the differing pilot offerings we now have at JCRC, it is important that we all have our membership cards with us when we are at the field. We need to use our cards to secure a frequency pin if flying 72 MHz and this year we are encouraging

those flying 2.4 to have their card as well. I am asking all of us at JCRC to set the example and have your card when flying at the field.

Another tool for encouraging membership in the coming year is a prorated dues schedule for new members to our club. You all know that we have removed the maintenance fee for new members to assist with drawing new membership. The prorated dues for new members will assist new people to the hobby with cost of getting into the hobby. This will let our club secure future members and future leader in our club. I am looking forward to a great year at JCRC and I am looking forward to making new friends and growing our club.

## Volunteers wanted and needed as event organizers!

Do you enjoy the club events? Do you like seeing different types of flying and aircraft. Do you miss all of your club friends that you only see at events? You can change all that and help out the club by becoming an *event* organizer. It isn't very hard and doesn't require too much time; for the most part it is following a simple checklist of things to do by a certain date. You are not responsible for all of the events this year, only the one/ones you choose to lead.

Think back to past events, what did you like and dislike. Now **you** would have the ability to make everything right! Worried about making mistakes? Don't be! We are all human and we all make mistakes. And you don't have to go it alone, you have other club members to rely on for assistance and past coordinators will be able to give you useful tips and advice.

If you like a particular type of event (fun fly, scale, helicopters, or pattern etc.), know that *someone* stepped up and took their time to run a great event. Try your hand at it because running your favorite type of event can be very rewarding and fun. Now is the perfect time to volunteer, because you can secure a place on the schedule for the event you are most interested in running. Please contact Andrew McGrady (423-416-0709 or [eventcoordinator@flyjrc.com](mailto:eventcoordinator@flyjrc.com)) or Eddie Cline (423 202-1822 or [president@flyjrc.com](mailto:president@flyjrc.com)) to volunteer before your choice is snatched up.

### *Items for Sale:*

A Hangar-9 Toledo with a Saito 82 engine and JR 821 servos. Repaired minor wing damage with a 7-channel JR 2.4 GHz receiver.

Wanting **\$250.00 or \$200.00** without receiver.

A Funtana 100 with Saito 115 engine, digital Hitec servos all around, Hyde mount, with 7-channel JR 2.4 GHz receiver.

Wanting **\$250.00 or \$200.00** without receiver.

Prefer to sell airplanes whole, but will sell engines separate and part out. Any offer will be considered.

If interested, contact Greg Cowen at 423-788-3317.

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## ***Calendar of Scheduled events;***

**Saturday, 18 February:** Indoor electric Fly-in. Location; Kingsport Civic Auditorium. Time: 2 ~ 6 PM

**Tuesday, 28 February:** Monthly meeting at the Golden Corral restaurant in Johnson City.  
Starting at 6:45PM.

**Tuesday, 27 March:** Monthly meeting at Bowser Ridge Model Airport. Starting at 6:45PM.  
Followed by an electric night flying event.

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## ***Proposed events for 2012;***

**Note;** These events must have organizer and club support in advance before being placed on the Club Calendar.

Fly-in and Swap Meet, May.

Helicopter event, June.

Fun-fly competition, July.

Fun Fest event, 13~21 July. Depending on Fun Fest Fees and club approval.\*\*

Paint ball shoot event, July. \*\*

\*\* These two might be combined into one event.

Club Picnic, August.

Giant Scale event, September. \*\*\*

Warbird event, Mth. \*\*\*

\*\*\* These two might be combined into a Giant Scale & Warbird event.

Fun scale event, Mth.

Pattern school, Mth.

Acrobatic event, Mth.

Pylon racing, Mth.

If we get volunteers for each of these events, we will have *one event per month!* It is an achievable goal for a club of our size and a great time for one and all.

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**Next Meeting is:**  
**Tuesday, February 28, 6:45 PM**  
**at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Johnson City.**

Address correction requested.

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***Notice to Membership***

Access to the "Members Only" section of the JCRC Website is as follows:  
Username= jcrc (lowercase)  
Password= 00 + current gate combination

**Notice:** the current gate combination will be changed on Tuesday, March 27 at our normally scheduled meeting at the Bowser Ridge Model Airport.

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