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The President's Report

Hello Everyone,

I would like to thank everyone who turned out for the last meeting. We had a very good group to show up and I would like to see that many at all the meetings in the future. Also thanks goes to Scott Gizzie for his presentation of the finance committee recommendations on the dues structures. Scott and the others have put a lot of thought and work into this subject to allow newcomers and members alike to have a more rounded plan of the dues so no one pays a lot but all pay some.

We still need workers and leaders for some of the committees. If you would like to volunteer give me a call.

Eddie Cline is working very hard on the Boy Scout training activity day on May 1, 2004. We will need a good group of helpers to make things go smoothly if we have a big group like Eddie is planning. So if he calls try to help any way you can.

Please read your newsletters. I have had more than one member call me last month after missing the meeting due to the change in date. Remember dues had to be in by Feb. 28 and if you have not sent in your renewal and were a member last year you are late. You will need to pay the \$10.00 late fee. We will be changing the gate and lock codes on the last of MARCH. This will give everyone more than enough time to get your new membership card and code.

Hope to see everyone at the next meeting.

Safe Flying,
SKIP

Next Meeting is:
Tuesday March 30th, 2004 6:45 PM at the
Johnson City Library.

The deadline for next month's newsletter will be April 15th, 2004.

From the Editor...

I would like to remind everyone to take advantage of listing any items you have for sale and feel free to share: photos, tips, ideas, interesting articles, product reviews, up-coming events and any other points of interest. Let the rest of us know what new planes that you're currently building. It will take input from all of our members to truly make a worthwhile newsletter. You can contact me by phone, letter, or e-mail.

Thank You

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Since the renewals have been coming in, we now have a total 29 members who will view the newsletter via email. This will save the club \$24.65 per month or \$295.80 a year. We commend them for doing so.

Vic Koenig, Treasurer

Items for Sale...

Hobbico Avistar 40 RTF (semi-symmetrical wing) with OS 40 LA, and Futaba 4 channel radio factory installed. This plane was bought Christmas before last brand new (\$300 plus shipping) and has never been flown. Just fill with fuel, charge and fly. Will sell all for \$265.

Paul Meyer H#279-9896 W#245-0501
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Fox eagle 60 engine for parts (complete) \$ 8.00, Astro 40 (kato) 48 1/2" wingspan in box un-built \$30.00, Trainer 40 built and flown 52" span no radio or servos or motor \$65.00, Ugly stick 40 with 4 channel Futaba radio channel 22 and K&B 40 engine flies really well \$175.00, Top flight P-40 War Hawk 62" span 60 size engine with servos complete Ready to fly no radio \$200.00, Top flight P-51 Mustang 62" span complete, no engine or servos, or radio this is a razorback version. \$175.00, P-47 D

Thunderbolt 35" span aileron and elevator servos needed to complete, Enya 11 Engine. \$50.00

Bobby Wingler 423-282-1582

Low wing 40 inch Vic Stick as seen at the speed contests two years ago. It is ready to cover and comes with gear and all control rods. Servo tray is installed and the plane weighs less than 5 pounds wet at take off with a 46 engine installed. Price is only 100.00. This plane will do a snap at max speed and stay together, it's that strong. Clocked at 127 MPH and held the club record for a year.

For sale, a scratch built TR260 with plug in wings and a new cowl. It has pull/pull on the rudder and elevator and strain relief with aluminum arms to attach your servo to. It requires a 90 two stroke to make this plane do its three D tricks. It looks like a Cap 232 and flies as well as one but is lighter than a similar factory kit. It has wing adjusters and comes with a 1400 MA battery and 16 oz fuel tank installed. You will need good mini servos for the ailerons. Asking \$225.00

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If you have any items for sale please contact me about 2 weeks before each months meeting to give me time to list them in the newsletter.

(Note: If you have an item (or items) listed one month, and would like to list them again the following month please let me know to continue listing them each month. If not I will assume the item or items have sold and can be removed from the listing.)

IMAA News ...
Chapter 693
<http://www.fly-ima.org>



If you are an IMAA member and would like to be added to the JCRC chapter at no charge, contact Ed Fennel and give him your IMAA number so that he can update the membership roster. His number is: (423) 538-9667

Senior Pattern:

For more information about Senior Pattern go to:
<http://www.rcpattern.net/spa/>

Monthly Membership Meeting...

JOHNSON CITY RADIO CONTROLLERS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES February, 2004

Meeting Date Feb. 23, 2004

Number in attendance 18

The meeting was called to order by Skip at 6:45 PM

Skip welcomed our visitor Jeff Forrester who is looking for a club closer to home.

MINUTES

Skip asked for a review of the minutes of the Jan. meeting as written in the newsletter. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Jim Possic and was seconded by Vic Koenig. The motion was approved by the membership.

OLD BUSINESS

Skip reviewed the events proposed by the event committee and was asking for volunteers to help with or coordinate the events.

Eddie Cline will be coordinating the Boy Scout Training Day May 1st and our participation in the Boy Scout Expo at the Bristol Motor Speedway May 8th. Eddie needs volunteers for both events.

Scott Gizzie and Donnie Roberts both volunteered to assist with the June 12th Fly In. However, we still need someone to coordinate the event.

Vic Koenig will be overseeing the Pattern Training Class.

Ed Fennell and Derwin Cartmel will be coordinating the Giant Scale Fly In.

Skip stated that Ed Fennell would probably coordinate the Club Picnic.

Rhea Starnes stated that he would coordinate Field Maintenance and Mowing. When the mowing list is put together, the list will be published in the newsletter. Everyone in attendance agreed that Rhea had done a great job last year.

Skip asked that we all take a more active roll in notifying Rhea anytime we know of a problem with the mower. This will insure that the mower will be in proper working order, when the members go out to the field to mow.

Vic Koenig voiced his interest in working on the Public Relation or Publicity Committee.

Skip reinforced the fact that we are looking for members to volunteer for the committees and for events. Please get involved by volunteering.

If you want to volunteer, call Ed or Skip.

Eddie Cline presented the idea of constructing contact list and leaders. This would allow for all members to get a personal phone call regarding events, club activities, or to recruit volunteers. Dividing the club roster into 8 to 10 groups of 10

with one leader (the leaders could change from time to time), would allow event coordinators or club leaders to make no more than 10 phone calls to contact all members by phone. Example: If an event coordinator was looking for volunteers he could call each of the 10 group leaders and ask that they call their group and look for volunteers. This would ensure that all members are contacted and any one person would only need to make 10 phone calls. Those members who are in areas such as Virginia would all be in the same group (as long as the group is 10 or less). The club leader would only need to make one long distant phone call to the group leader who then would contact all other members of that group. Eddie presented this system as a suggestion to be discussed at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The JCRC club recently formed a Financial Planning Committee to address the clubs budget over the next five years. The current committee members include Eddie Cline, Scott Gizzie, Vic Koenig, and Don Martin. Scott presented the following information on behalf of the committee during the February 23rd meeting:

Current Status of Membership

Type	Approximate Members
Adult	50
Senior	20
Family	5
Junior	2
New Members	10
TOTAL	87

Average Annual Income

Membership Dues	\$2,055
Runway Fee	1,250
Mowing Fee	2,250
TOTAL	\$5,555

Other possible sources: Concessions, Fun-Fly's, Swap Meets, Hobby Retailers Rebates, Donations.

Expected Annual Expenditures

The following are estimated cost based on the previous years expenses and anticipated cost. Some of these costs are currently covered by club members who donate their time and or money.

Field Maintenance	\$550
Runway Maintenance	100 (\$1,500 / 5-years)
Mower Maintenance	150
Mower Fuel & Oil	250
Field Mowing	1,200
New Mower Accrual	1,000 (\$2,500 / 5-years)
Electricity	275
Parking Maintenance	1,700
Hill Mowing	500 (\$1,000 / 2 Years)
Club Trainer Program	100
Gas Grill	75
Newsletter	750
Events / Fly-ins	150
Annual Club Picnic	250
Advertising	500
Capital Improvements	To be determined
AMA Cost	100
TOTAL	\$7,650 - \$9,150

¹ Runway Maintenance cost is approximately \$100 per year with an additional \$1500 expense once every 5 years to reseal the runway.

² New Mower Accrual is not a current club expense, but the committee recommends we start saving \$1000 per year for the first two years and \$500 a year every year afterwards to purchase a new mower.

³ Hill mowing costs the club \$1000 every other year.

Budgetary Shortfall

Income	\$5,555
Expenditures	(7,650 - 9,150)
Shortfall	(\$2,095 - \$3,595)

Proposed Budget Changes

Possible quick fixes to reduce the club deficit include charging senior members the full membership price; this would give the club an additional \$600 a year. Another savings for the club would be to stop paying members to mow the field, which would save the club \$1200 annually. However, to make this acceptable, the club would need to organize teams of 4-5 people to help mow each week to reduce the time an individual spends mowing.

With one or both of these quick fixes, the club still has a budgetary shortfall still \$295 - \$1,795

To address the future budgetary needs of the JCRC club and provide financial security for the club and its membership, the following draft plans are proposed for consideration:

Plan A

- No Dues or Fee Changes
- Reduce Expenditures
- Assess the club membership a fee for additional costs (new mower, resealing runway, etc.)

Plan B

- Income goal of \$8,000
- Increase all dues, including seniors (approximately doubling the current dues)
- \$30 mowing fee still required with reimbursement for mowing
- No Runway Fees

Member	#	\$ of Dues	Income
Adult	50	\$65	\$3,250
Seniors	20	65	1,300
Family	5	98	490
Juniors	2	33	66
New	10	65	650
		Sub Total	\$5,756
		Mowing Fee	\$2,550
		Total Income	\$8,306

Plan C

(\$6,800 being the income goal)

- Income goal of \$6,800
- Increase all dues, including seniors (approximately tripling the current dues)
- No Runway Fees
- No Mowing Reimbursement, no \$30 mowing fee (thus \$6,800 income goal)

Member	#	\$ of Dues	Income
Adult	50	\$82	\$4,100
Seniors	20	82	1,640
Family	5	108	540
Juniors	2	26	52
New	10	82	820
		Total Income	\$7,152

Expected Timeline

- February Meeting: Present Plans
- March Newsletter: Publish Plans for member review
- March – June: Receive Comments from club members
- August or September: Vote on revised plan
- Accepted Plan to be used for 2005 membership

Please review the given information and contact the members of the Financial Planning Committee with any questions, comments, and or suggestions.

Skip informed those present that the main gate lock was lost or taken. He reminded everyone to be sure to lock the gate, as well as, turn off the lights and lock up all other areas of the field when you leave.

Contact Skip if you are interested in going to Joe Nail May 12th -15th.

Skip again asked if anyone has old pictures of the flying field and pictures of the improvements made to allow us to use them in putting together our renewal package.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

Respectfully submitted
Eddie Cline

On The Building Board...

I know that some of you will be building, designing or modifying this winter. Let us know, so we can look forward to seeing it at the field. It is always interesting to see what kinds of planes are being built by others in the club.

Tips of the Month...

This section of the newsletter is where you more experienced pilots and model builders give the rest of us tips to improve our skills. Please take time to share your trade secrets with the rest of the club.

I have been upgrading all my servos lately and have been having trouble remembering exactly what the specs are on all of them. I have over 20 different types of 2 major brands. I have started writing the specs on a small portion of a mailing label and sticking that to the side of each servo. When it comes time to put a plane together all I do is pull one out and look at those specs instead of looking all over the place to see if the servo is up to the task.

Vic Koenig

Trimming according to Vic Part #3 will be in the April Newsletter.

Note from the Webmaster

The JCRC Website is staying pretty active. We are averaging about 40-50 visitors per day.

For some reason, people have been able to access the newsletters without having to use a password. I have implemented further password protection for the newsletters. After logging into the "members only" page you will be asked again for a username and password if you try to view a newsletter. That username and password is "jcrc" and "008664". The same as the members only page except add two leading zeros on the password. The password will of course change again once the new gate combination is issued to the members.

We implemented the need for a password to view newsletters last year do to some "dirty laundry" that the membership felt did not need to become public knowledge. I would like to see the newsletters become readable by anyone visiting the website. If anyone has a problem with that please make your thoughts known. I will be bringing this subject up at a meeting in the next few months.

I also would like everyone to know that if any member would like an e-mail address linked with JCRC please let me know and I can set one up. This would be useful especially for club officers. I currently use flyalan@flyjrc.com as my e-mail address on the website. Each member using a JCRC e-mail address would of course be responsible for keeping it cleaned out. We have an allotted amount of e-mail space and cannot exceed that amount. Again if you are interested please let me know.

It has been requested that a e-mail list be compiled so that the membership can be informed of important information via e-mail. I had such a list last year but do to some computer issues and many members changing e-mail addresses I have not pursued it. Anyone that wishes to be on the JCRC e-mail list please e-mail me directly and I you will be added. Anyone not e-mailing me confirmation that they want to be on the list will not be added.

Anyone with suggestions regarding the website please feel free to give me your thoughts.

cheers,

Alan Butler, Webmaster

Special Announcement

Alan Butler and his wife have a wonderful addition to their family. She is a beautiful baby. Congratulations !



Brenna Rose Butler
Born 12-11-2002
Came home 3-12-2004

Take Note:

Our lease renewal is coming up this year. We are asking anyone who has photographs of the field before and after improvements to allow us to make copies which will be used in our presentation to the City. We need to put our resources together to present ourselves as a worthwhile organization. So that, the city will recognize that we have our and their best interest at heart.

Just a Reminder

We as a club should always be looking for new members and find ways to introduce this exciting hobby to others. We need to be inviting people, young and old, to come out to the field and experience the hobby for themselves.

Upcoming Activities and Events

It would be a good idea for each of you to bring a copy of this page to the monthly meetings so that you may make notes, then you could stick it on the refrigerator.

(Just a Suggestion)

April

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Work Day 1
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Monthly JCRC Meeting 6:45	28	29	30	

Below are activities and events upcoming:

May

May 1st Boy Scout Training Session, May 8th Boy Scout Expo

June

June 12th Fly In, June 26th Pattern Training Class and Contest

July

July 10th Fun Fly, July 17th Work Day 2, July 18th Fun Fest Event

August

Giant Scale fly-in - Aug. 21, 2004

September

JCRC Club Picnic - Sept. 25, 2004

Vic Koenig

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Notice to Membership

Access to the “Members Only” section of the JCRC Website is as follows:

Username= jcrc (lowercase)

Password= current gate combination

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Tuesday March 30th, 2004 6:45

PM at the Johnson City

Library.