



The Field Box

All the news that fits (And other tall tails)



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What's Been Happening At The Field

Finally! It's about time I got another newsletter published! There has been a lot of activities outside of the hobby at my house this summer which has limited my club secretarial duties for which I apologize. It has been two months and two club events since the last newsletter and a lot has been happening at the field.

We had our annual spring fly-in on Saturday, May 17th. The weather once again cooperated on that Saturday with clear sunshine and warm temperatures. The wind was blowing a little more than usual but that sure didn't slow many people down. We also had the rare opportunity to have several RC turbine jet pilots fly their models during the fly-in. The flight exhibitions, aircraft performance, and piloting skills exhibited were nothing short of amazing. With the residential neighborhood to the south and the trees to the east, our field is on the small side for these high speed aircraft. However, the jet pilots took this in stride and put on a great show. I do not know the exact number of registered pilots but the turnout was comparable to past fly-in events which says a lot about our club and field considering the high cost of traveling to this type of event.

On June 21st our club hosted the 2008 edition of the Mid America Combat Championships. I believe there were 25 registered combatants. They came from Maryland, Wisconsin, Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, and of course the state of Tennessee was well represented. Pilots began to arrive as early as Thursday with the majority arriving Friday afternoon in time for has been affectionately call "Macho Madness" or Grass Top Test Flights. This was only a prelude of what was to come on Saturday. Saturday began with a little fog which quickly burned off and at around 9:30, combat began. There were 8 rounds with 3 heats per round and at the end Mike Fredricks of Wisconsin was your winner. Sunday's paper provided an added bonus as the Jackson Sun ran an article featuring the Mid America Combat Championships, The West Tennessee Radio Control Flyers, and many of the combat participants. All good publicity that the hobby and our club can use to our advantage.

A special thanks goes out to all of the club members who helped prepare the field and volunteer for all

of the administrative and culinary (cooking) duties required to make these events first class and smoothly run. Our field and club always receives high praise from visiting pilots who participate in our events. The combat pilots specifically always rave about the good times, high quality flying site, smoothly run contest, and helpful club volunteers experienced at our event. It has been rated as a "Premier Contest" and a "Must Do" event for combat flyers. I believe that our club has set the bar.

As you can tell, things have been busy this summer for our club and that is just on the activity side. There has been a lot of work taking place to keep the field and facilities in tip top shape. As everyone has noticed, the runway, pits, and parking area is always mowed and trimmed when we come to fly on the weekend. There has been several parking rope posts replaced, round-up has been applied, and the electrical service has been installed at the club shelter. Please take the time to thank the guys that have taken their time away from flying to make sure we have the greatest field to fly off of in west Tennessee. Better yet, volunteer to grab up the weed eater or mix up some round up for the posts, or just walk the runway to pick up debris. There isn't as much work when everyone does a little bit.

From The Editor

Dates Of Interest

**Saturday August 9th, 2008 (Rain Or Shine)
WTRCF Club Meeting, 2:00 PM the club field.**

Dates of other local events will be published at the August Meeting.

Anyone that has something that they would like to put in the newsletter, please forward to secretary@wtrcf.com



See ya at the meeting !

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