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Our club is committed to the hobby of R/C model aviation. We are an AMA Chartered club and are based at a Metro Park called Peeler Park.

We fly a wide range of RC aircraft ranging from small park flyers, to giant scale aerobatic and scale planes including turbine jets. We have a new R/C Pilots Training Program starting May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Read more about it in this newsletter. We also provide a monthly newsletter called the Flightline, past copies are available on our Web-Site. Come join us !!

## In our Prayers

Currently known members dealing with illnesses. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Mike Denton  
Kenny Skelton  
J W Plummer

## June Meeting

**Next meeting - June 20th – 6PM**  
Music City Aviators Monthly Meeting  
We eat at 6:00, meeting at 6:30



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## Dates to Remember

May 20<sup>th</sup> - MTRCS Float Fly – Poole's Knob

May 20<sup>th</sup> - Hendersonville Spring Fly-in

May 31<sup>st</sup> - Old Farts (Secret Contest) John Forehand TBD

June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Cumberland Flyers Memorial Fly-in

June 17<sup>th</sup> - MTRCS Warbird and Classic Fly-in

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## May Meeting Recap

### Music City Aviators , May 2017 Meeting Minutes

**Presiding:** Tom Bible, President

**Opening Remarks:** Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm. Tom welcomed and thanked everyone for coming out and thanked the chef for preparing the club provided dinner. Motion made and carried to accept the club minutes report from April, 2017.

**Treasurers Report:** Hayes Graf reported our current club fund balance to be \$6,070.70. Hayes stated that 45 MCA club members so far have paid their 2017 club membership dues. Hayes reminded everyone that payment of club dues can be made to any MCA club officer, or via the Pay-Pal option on the club website. Tom stated that he had sold an R/C boat hull that had been left over from the Phillip Durham swap meet/estate auction. The \$20 will be added to the previous proceeds of \$1,125 from the auction. Motion made and carried to accept the Treasurers Report.

**Old Business:** Tom stated that the only left over items from the recent club work day were some weeds growing through the cracks in the runway that need weed killer sprayed on them and some rotted boards on the NE edge of the clubhouse that need replacement. The mower is working well after the deck was leveled and the weather station Internet access is still a work in progress. The club E-Flight Apprentice trainer plane and buddy box setup is ready for use. Four individuals have submitted their registrations with the AMA Introductory Pilot Program as Intro Pilot Instructors and last month we voted to designate Wednesday afternoons from 4-6 pm as a formal time to conduct training for interested individuals. It was previously agreed that aside from the designated time, any interested new flyer should be able to contact one of the Intro Pilot Instructors and set up a time that's convenient for both. This will be a learning experience for all involved and policy improvements can be implemented as we go. Tom stated that Dick Tonan , President of the Middle Tennessee R/C Clubs Association, (MTRCCA) reported that the recent Association Spring Fly-in hosted by the Cumberland Flyers RC Club at Cedar Hill TN was a success. The AMA sanctioned event had to be rescheduled to the following day due to inclement weather but it was a good turnout by folks from all area clubs.

**New Business:** Tom asked if we want to plan a club fly-in event for this year. We will discuss this more at the next meeting. The MTRCCA supported Scot Perry Air Academy for Youth, hosted by the Beechcraft Museum in Tullahoma, TN. is looking to expand this highly successful program to include two separate classes. One in the fall as has previously been scheduled and conducted, plus a new one to be started in the Spring of 2018. Tom gave testimony to the personal satisfaction that one gets from helping interested youth cultivate an interest in model and general aviation.

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## May Meeting Recap Cont.

**Announcements:** Our sister Metro flying club at Cane Ridge (MTRCS) plans to host their Float plane Fly-in at the Pooles Knob lake area starting at 9 am the morning of 20 May. The Hendersonville R/C Club is hosting their 2017 Spring Fly-in on the same day (20 May) starting at 10 am with a "rainy day" rescheduling date if necessary for the 21st. The Cumberland Flyers RC Club at Cedar Hill, TN has scheduled their 2017 Memorial Fly-in to be held June 3rd starting at 8am. Concessions will be available. The MTRCS has their "Warbird and Classic Flyin" scheduled for the 17th of June, 2017 at their Cane Ridge flying field with concessions available. This event, like the others, offers a free show for spectators. The MTRCCA has been granted permission to use the Dickson Airport for the Fall fly-in scheduled for Sept. 8th, 9th and 10th. We will have access to long runway/taxiway open areas with overnight parking/camping availability, port-a-potty, food truck services and a spectator area. The Dickson airport and the local Tri-County R/C club is totally supporting this event, which is open to all AMA members, and will be promoting it through community involvement and advertising.

**Closing Remarks:** Charles Waterston reported that Mike Denton is back in Skyline Hospital. Kenny Skelton is unable to be tended to at home and may be transferred to the VA Care Facility in Murfreesboro. Frank Schwartz is unable to drive until the end of the month at the advice of his physician and Gerald Farris is recovering at home from a major hip replacement with therapy 3 times per week. Tom asked that we keep these members and friends in our thoughts and prayers.

**Next Meeting:** Scheduled for 20 June, 2017, 6:30 PM at our Peeler Park flying field with club provided meal to be served at approx. 6 PM.

**Adjourn:** 7:25 PM



James Harkreader  
MCA Secretary



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## L.A. Johnston Honored

L.A. Johnston was recognized May 17 for his many years of service to our wonderful hobby and the many modeling organizations he has assisted over the years. L.A. has been an integral part of numerous Radio Control organizations and continues to be an active member of several R/C clubs and the SAM (Society of Antique Models) organization. L.A. was presented with a gorgeous scratch built Valkyrie complete, ready to fly. The original Valkyrie was designed and built by Carl Goldberg in 1937, and now (2017) by master builder Tom Nelson. The Valkyrie model was ahead of its time in many ways. It was one of the first airplanes with an elliptical shaped wing and horizontal stab. The next airplane to use this design was years later and it was the famous Spitfire of WWII fame. The success of the design was due in part with its extreme light weight. Goldberg designed the aircraft with 18 truss supported spars made of 1/8 inch wood. The ribs (52) are also trussed structure. All in all over 1000 pieces in the wing.

Pictured below from left to right are Clyde Fussell, Tom Nelson (Builder of the Valkyrie), L.A. Johnston, and George (Doc) Shacklett. (More photos follow)



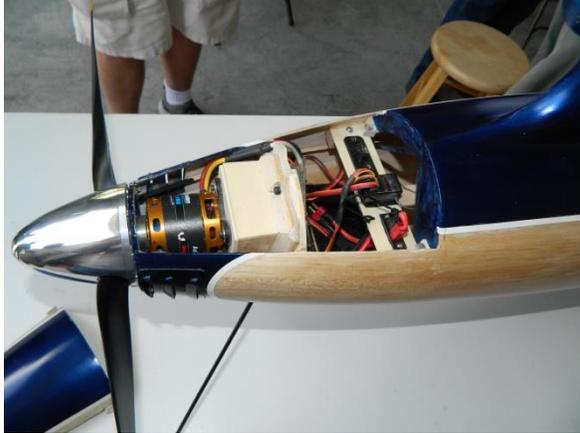
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