

# KCRC

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I welcome all items to be placed in the newsletter. Send by the 20th of the month.

**This month's issue will be a coverage of the SPA Masters. Easily one of the  
more important contests we hold at KCRC field.**

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### **From The Contest Director**

I was most disappointed when I learned from Jim Scarborough that only 30 pilots had registered for the contest and two of those were pilots I had not expected. Eleven pilots were KCRC members and I think that may be an all-time record. If the 10 "noshows" that had pre-registered had arrived we would have broken the SPA record for attendance at a contest. However, later I realized that it was probably a blessing. Keeping 40 flyers on the move is considerably more difficult than with 30 and whereas we would have struggled to complete four rounds and the Memorial Trophy Fly-Off because of the Saturday morning showers, we were only a little past the scheduled noon finish time on Sunday with five rounds and the fly-off completed.

The first two rounds of Novice were flown using the double maneuver sequence which SPA adopted a few years back. Because of time restraints I decided that would have to be changed to the original single sequence. I was expecting groans from some of the 12 pilots in that group so I pleasantly surprised to learn from a couple of them that they preferred the shorter sequence.

From the outset my main concern had been with the judging. With such a large number of novice pilots the burden of judging falls on a relatively small number. Fortunately Jerel Zarestky and Paul Funk came to the rescue and that greatly simplified the task. The few non-competing KCRC members who came along to help did a magnificent job and I thank all of them for making this contest the most successful of all the pattern contests I have had the pleasure of running in the past 20 years. The weather couldn't have been much better and the overcast skies allowed us to continue flying well past the 4.30pm limit when the sun is shining. Everything, including the Saturday Lunch run by Angie May, ran smoothly and competing in the Masters also added greatly to my personal enjoyment.

Having AMA Past President Don Lowe competing was one of the many highlights of the event. Another was the Saturday evening banquet at the China Buffet in Oak

Ridge. Don Lowe's talk was most interesting and the good quality of the food was mentioned by quite a few of our visitors. Apart from the Futaba 9C system which was won by KCRCer Carl Sten at the dinner some 18 others prizes were handed out following the Awards Ceremony at the end of the contest.

Dennis Hunt  
Contest Director  
2004 SPA Masters



The Masters contest also included a flyoff for the yearly award for the Memorial Trophy, the most coveted of the Senior Pattern Association's awards. The winner this year is shown above receiving the trophy from SPA president Bruce Underwood. In case you don't recognise him, that is KCRC Member Emeritus Ed Hartley holding on to his smile and the trophy. The results from the contest are shown on page two.....

# At the Field

## Marvelous Masters!!!

That's the way Bruce Underwood, SPA President, headed up his write up for the SPA Masters held on October 9th and 10th at KCRC field. You can read his column on the SPA website found as a link on RCPATTERN.COM, as well as Ed Hartleys and Dennis Hunts writeups.

It garnered praise from everyone who was involved in the contest, and I will take this opportunity to thank all the members who helped make this one a huge success. You have to start with Dennis Hunt, who CDed the effort, and Scott Anderson, who labored mightily along with Ed Hartley to accumulate gifts for door prizes, as well as their admistrative efforts getting organized. Don Eiler worked Friday cleaning the general area and removing the cinderblocks and Monday as garbage man, Carl Sten worked on the electrical outlets so they operated properly, and Bill Dodge worked before the contest filling the cracks in the runway itself. Ed Hartley took care of the score keeping software as well as being assistant CD . On Saturday, Hal Travis, Harry hogan and I registered the flyers coming in while Dennis Hunt cranked up the flightline. Joel Hebert did the scoring, Jake Mays wife, Angela, and Dennis Hunt's wife Margaret, took care of the refreshments. Jerel Zarestky and Paul Funk pitched in with judging duties, Harry Hogan, Gary Lindner, and Rod Lane ran their legs off carrying scoresheets. Skip Dishner spent lots of time scouring the countryside for plane parts after the mid air, and George Campbell policed the area after the contest. I also saw Denny Evans and a couple other members there ready to pitch in if needed. I am sure there were more who contributed who's name I didn't get. Forgive me if I left your name out.

There were eleven ( although I only count 10 ) KCRC members who flew in the competition. Is this a record? The contest results are as follows:

### Memorial Trophy Flyoff

1st	Ed Hartley	Knoxville Tn
2nd	Jamie Strong	Pratville, Al
3rd	Dennis Hunt	Oak Ridge Tn
4th	Keith Watson	Marietta Ga

### Super Senior Expert

1st	Bruce Underwood	Guntersville Al
2nd	Ed Hartley	Knoxville Tn
3rd	Don Lowe	Altamonte Springs Fl
4th	Dennis Hunt	Oak Ridge Tn

### Expert

1st	Cass Underwood	Guntersville Al
2nd	Jamie Strong	Prattville Al
3rd	Keith Watson	Marietta Ga
4th	Steve Byrum	Cullman Al

### Sportsman

1st	John Gausby	Glenn Allen Va
2nd	Robbie Walker	Cullman Al
3rd	Phil Cope	Knoxville Tn
4th	Bill Kite	Kingsport Tn
5th	Scott Sappington	Marietta Ga
6th	Joe Holton	Marietta Ga
7th	Richard Witt	Cullman Al
8th	Jim Rogers	Marietta Ga
9th	Carl Sten	Alcoa Tn
10th	Scott Anderson	Knoxville Tn

### Novice

1st	Warren Oliver	Knoxville Tn
2nd	Jon Lowe	
3rd	Jake May	Knoxville Tn
4th	Bill Dodge	Oak Ridge Tn
5th	Jim Oliver	Prattville Al
6th	Jim Slocum	Temple Ga
7th	Don Eiler	Knoxville Tn
8th	Dan Toombs	Maryville Tn
9th	Rhea Starnes	Kingsport Tn
10th	Vic Koenig	Johnson City Tn
11th	Matt Hampton	Marietta Ga



One of the contestants who showed up to fly in our contest is among the best known names in the RC hobby. Presently active as a writer in one of the major hobby magazines, and obviously still competing in RC events is Don

Lowe.

We are always pleased to see Bruce Underwood, shown judging on the flightline here. Bruce is President of



the Senior Pattern Association and a true "Southern Gentleman."

In the next picture we see CD Dennis Hunt taking a moment to talk to Angela May....

The October 12, 2004 meeting of the Knox County Radio Control Society was held at the Deane Hill Recreational Center in Knoxville, Tennessee. Vice President David Dabbs called the meeting to order at 6:57pm, and welcomed all members and guests to the meeting. The meeting minutes from the September meeting were passed as read in the newsletter. Joel Hebert presented the Treasury report. There were 24 members present at the meeting.

#### OLD BUSINESS

The first order of business was a report by Dennis Hunt on the SPA Masters contest that was held at KCRC field on October 9 and 10, 2004. Dennis said there it was good fun for all who attended and was the best contest that we ever had. It was said by the guys that attended the meet that very few Clubs have the facilities that we have. Very few of the guys that came set up portable shelters, they gathered under the covered pit area and a lot of friendly conversations were held there. Out of a possible 40 contestants, there were 10 no shows. However, he was disappointed in the turn-out by KCRC members and the lack of participation in the Club. Ed Hartley said he purchased software for the contest. A motion was made and seconded to pay Ed for the software. The motion passed.

The next order of business was a short report about the float fly that was held September 25<sup>th</sup>. It was reported that 6 pilots registered and 8 planes flew. We had some spectators come by to watch too. We had some nice weather for the event. Mike Gross brought his boat in case we needed it to recover a plane in distress, but it was never needed. Thanks Mike! There is talk of having a 2 day event next year. Stay tuned for more info.....!

The next order of business was the Gold Leader Status for the Club and the requirements to achieve it. It was reported that we, the Club, were given approval to give Model Aviation subscriptions to Oak Ridge High School, Robertsville Middle School and Jefferson Middle School. It was reported that President Spelt will finish the application to the AMA for the Gold Leader Club status.

The next order of business was the plaque for Doug Bataille. President Spelt said he ordered the award.

The next order of business was the announcement of a swap meet in Lexington, KY on Saturday, November 13, 2004 at the National Guard Armory from 9am until 2pm. Admission is \$3. For more information, contact Joe Woods at 865-272-1898.

The next order of business was a short report about the EAA event at Island Home Airport for the Tennessee School for the Deaf. It was reported that only one KCRC member attended.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Karl Gerth said he still has name tags that some members have yet to pick up. He has tags for: Greg Kincaid, Richard Boget and Tom Lindquist.

Phil Cope said that there were some members that were interested in having a war bird fly-in at the field and wanted to know if there was a possibility if we could have such an event in the near future. There was a short

discussion about it and it was decided that it could be done. Jim Scarbrough also brought up the fact that we have yet to have a Club picnic this year. It was decided that we could do both, and include all aircraft, not just war birds. A motion was made that the Club allocate the funds for the picnic, it was seconded and passed. A volunteer was called for to be the CD for the event. Mike Foley said he would try to get everything together, with Jim Scarbrough's help. The date for the fly-in and picnic is October 30, 2004. Mike said that since time is short and the picnic would be held before the newsletter came out, that he would send out a mass e-mail to all the members, and post a notice at the field.

The next order of business was the upcoming election of officers for the 2005 season, and the need for a nominating committee. After a short discussion, it was requested that Ed Hartley head the committee. He said he would be glad to. Phil Spelt was nominated to serve on the committee as well. Phil Cope volunteered to serve on the committee.

The next order of business was a short discussion about having another pattern contest next year. It was proposed that the Club have another SPA Pattern contest in September, 2005. A motion was made by Jim Scarbrough, seconded and passed by the members present.

It was noted that Bill Dodge had filled the cracks in the runway during the time that we had our float fly and the field was closed. A motion was made to reimburse Bill for what he spent to fill in the cracks in the runway, was seconded and passed by the members present. Thank you Bill.....!

#### CRASH OF THE MONTH

There was no entry for Crash of the Month.

#### MODEL OF THE MONTH

There was one entry for model of the month. Jordan Foley showed off his ACE Simple Series Texan dressed in yellow covering with red trim. The plane is guided with a HiTEC Feather single conversion FM receiver with Expert micro servos on the ailerons, elevator and throttle. The plane is powered by a Thunder Tiger .07 2 stroke with a 6 X 3 Master Airscrew prop, and flies the plane very well. Jordan said that all the instructions to build the plane were on the plans ( 6 steps ) and all the hardware is included in the box, except the fuel tank and the motor mount. It has a foam core wing with carbon fiber added for strength. The plane has 2 flights on it. The first flight was short as it landed in the grass shortly after being hand launched because the plane was too nose heavy. The second flight went better and the plane flew very well once it was trimmed out. Jordan said he started building the kit and Arnaldo Caiado finished the plane. Jordan said the kit cost around \$30. Nice job Jordan!

Since Jordan was the only entry, he won a gallon of fuel for his efforts.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm  
Michael J. Foley, KCRC Secretary



# This'n That

## From The Assistant Contest Director

I started working in earnest on the contest in February when I contacted Sid Austin of Pyramid Hobbies and asked if he could get us a Futaba 9C radio. As usual, Sid said no problem! Well, Carl Sten is happy that Sid fulfilled his promise.

I enjoyed the great fellowship. Words cannot express my personal enjoyment seeing and spending some quality time with my old friend Don Lowe! Each of us participating in this hobby owe Don a major debt of gratitude for his many years of tireless work on our behalf.

It seems like each SPA contest is better than the last for fellowship and fun. Dennis, Scott Anderson and I did what now seems like much more work than usual on this one. It was well worth the effort judging by comments and emails from those who attended.

The only bad thing this weekend was the mid air between Matt and Keith. I felt very sorry for both. Keith had to fly a borrowed plane in the fly offs. I and several others offered to let him use ours. He opted to fly Jim Roger's beautiful Atlas. As great as it flew, I am sure Keith would have faired much better with the one he had practiced with.

We acquired Derek Koopowitz's PASS software for this year. This is great stuff! It allowed us to easily enter all the pre-registered folks and made sign-in extremely fast. We need to thank Joel Hebert for his tireless work entering and compiling scores.

Thanks to all who played pass around Ed's camera for many of the pictures associated with this contest. Be sure and visit the "Rogues Galery". (Ed note: See writeups and pictures on the SPA website.)

I look forward to seeing everyone on the circuit next year!

Ed Hartley  
Asst. CD

**KCRC wishes to thank the contributors who furnished merchandise and certificates to the SPA Masters contest we just completed. A special thanks to Sid Austin of Pyramid Hobbies and Futaba for supplying the FUTABA 9C radio system. A special thanks to**



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Above is the winner of the Model of the Month contest for the October meeting. Jordan Foley did an excellent job of constructing the model from an Ace Simple Series AT-6 kit. The model is powered by a Thunder Tiger ..07 two stroke RC engine. Jordan says the model was a fun model to build and fly.

This is a good example of the enjoyment a lot of folks are missing by using the ARF models all the time. There used to be a financial savings in kit, but in most cases unfortunately, that is no longer true. Kits are still fun to build, however..

## FOR SALE

JR Datasafe I, diskettes, 9 to 25 pin adaptor, Tx cable...\$60  
CSM 360 heading hold gyro.....\$45  
Novak speed control w/BEC, 6-8 cell, hi freq, 150 A.....\$30  
Ace Super Smart, similar to Sirius peak charger.....\$40  
Hobbico Quick Field Charger, dual delta peak charger..\$30  
view items <http://mywebpages.comcast.net/thezs/fallsale/>  
If interested call Jerel Zarestky at 482-7953

## FOR SALE

Zimpro 1/4scale Dalotel w/Brison 2.4 gas.....negotiable  
Balsa USA Bristol M-1 w/ Enya .8 4st and JR radio.. “  
Zimpro 1/6 Dalotel w/ OS .7 4st, JR 347 radio..... ”  
Field box and support equipment..... ”

This is quality equipment. If interested call  
Rod Godwin at 690-5750

**Don't forget the meeting on November 9th at Deane Hills Rec Center on Morrell Rd. Meeting is at 7:00 PM. Nominating Committee will announce candidates for 2005 officers.**





Here are some pictures of a few of the guys from KCRC who came out to help out at the recent SPA Masters. Some flew but most here were just there to help out. Top left is Dan Toombs calling for Don Eiler flying in Novice class. Both Don and Dan flew regular sport models which put them at a decided disadvantage. Top

right is Gary Lindner and Harry Hogan, taking a little rest. Middle left is the busy registration desk with Hal Travis, Harry Hogan, Ed Hartley, and Dennis Hunt working. Right is Paul Funk and Denny Evans, Lower Left is Joel Hebert doing the scoring. Above is Carl Sten and the Original Old F\_\_t himself, the one and the only John T Heard.....