

**KCRC NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER 2007**

Meeting-Tuesday
November, 13th, 7:00pm, at
Fellowship Church
8000 Middlebrook Pike



KNOX COUNTY RADIO CONTROL

PROPWASH



PHIL SPELT, KCRC PRESIDENT

Saturday, Nov. 3rd will be the Fall KCRC Flee Market, fly-in and picnic. KCRC will provide 'burgers, hot dogs, buns and drinks.

We need people to VOLUNTEER to bring side dishes to go with the stuff provided by the Club. You can email me chuenkan@comcast.net I hope to email out a form you can fill out & email back to me sometime Wednesday, but if not, please email me with what you will bring.

Also, **Dennis Hunt will have a BUNCH of items at the Flee Market for sale, as he is moving his factory to his garage. Come, shop and bring money!!!!**
(ed; November meeting- nominations for 2008 officers!)

MINUTES: OCTOBER MEETING

- The meeting was called to order.
- The minutes as they appeared in the newsletter, were approved.
- Treasurer's report was read and approved.

old business

• Ed Hartley gave the financial report on the SPA contest. It was the most financially successful contest ever. A debt of thanks to Sid Austin of Pyramid Hobbies (toll free 877-435-9866) who contributed enormously to that success .

new business

We will have a fall picnic and flea market November 3rd, rain date November 10th. Phil Spelt will purchase the food and Dennis Drone and Jeff Prosis will cook.

The meeting was adjourned.



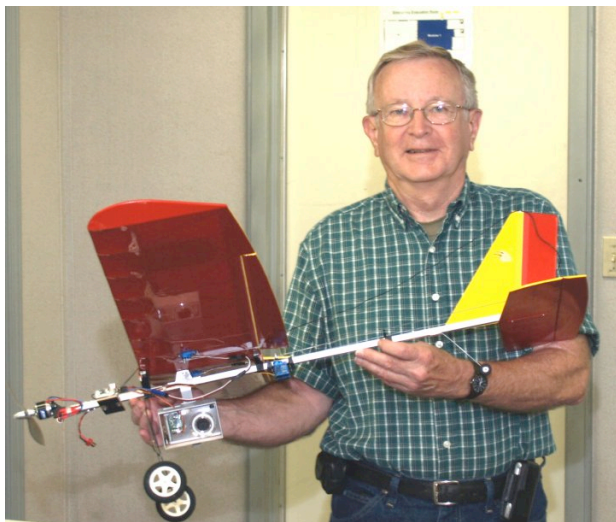
Doug Armitage tied with Ed Hartley for Crash-of-the-Month.

(The above pictures from the meeting are by Ed Hartley.)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3-Nov.....Fall picnic and Flea Market
Flea market and open flying beginning at 9:00 am with cooking beginning at ~11:30. Contact Phile Spelt (435-1476) to help with food preparations.
.....rain date 10-Nov.....

AT THE FIELD



Bill Tucker won Model-of-the-Month with a modified Slow Stick.



T.J. Albert heads for the flight line.

LESSONS LEARNED
JEFF PROSISE



Jeff Prosize focuses on flying his heavy metal warbird.



Dennis Garrison's Decathlon (or is it a Citabria?) gets some TLC from Phil Cope. Richard Horton directs the action.



Charles Wilson preps his Big Stick. T.J. approves all maintenance items.

No club member enjoys seeing another member's plane go down. But go down they do. And with every crash comes the opportunity for a valuable lesson learned—especially if the crash was caused by errors in setup or construction rather than dumb thumbs.

One of our members learned about construction errors the hard way this summer when he sacrificed his beautiful Mustang racer to the RC gods. The plane had flown flawlessly for several flights, and the pilot decided to have one more go before packing it in for the day. Soon after take-off, the elevator stopped responding. A valiant effort to get the plane down safely proved futile as it spun into the ground and broke into pieces.

A post-crash inspection revealed the source of the problem: the elevator pushrod had come loose from the pushrod connector on the servo arm. (*ed; sometimes called "E-Z connectors or screw-lock connectors*) Pushrod connectors are fine for non-critical functions such as throttles and nose wheels, but they should be avoided for elevators and other control surfaces that a plane can't fly without.

Z-bends are one alternative to these connectors for critical control surfaces, but over time, z-bends tend to wallow out the holes in nylon servo arms, leading to sloppy control surfaces. Clevises are a safer alternative, especially if they're soldered to the pushrod and secured with a "keeper," which could be nothing more than a piece of fuel tubing.



Whatever type of connector you choose, anything is better than losing an airplane to a 25-cent pushrod connector!

FOR SALE / WANT TO BUY

For Sale:

- Dennis Hunt has a BUNCH of R/C items for sale, as he is moving his factory to his garage. Please contact him at 482-6188 or email him at zimpro@comcast.net

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