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Jeff Prosize, Karl Gerth , and Phil Spelt\

The following is a note from KCRC Emeritus member Dr. George Shacklett. Doc was the first president of the newly named and incorporated Knox County Radio Control Society. In 1973, we moved from the Lovell Road site in the clubs second move in three years. A lot of sweat went into the transformation of the former East Tennessee Radio Control club ( ETRC ) to today's KCRC.....Jim

I will be presenting a program at your April meeting about the Society of Antique Modelers (SAM). Most of you know that we have had SAM contests for the past 12 years at the Rockwood Airport and the Tennessee Eagles' field at Harriman. These contests usually draw 18-20 contestants which is small, but they come from all over the eastern US. (FL, NC, GA, TN, AL, IN, OH,---and one guy comes every year from Boston!)

My goal for this program is to go back a ways in modeling to free flight days and talk about how we have resurrected some airplanes from the 30's and 40's and utilized them as SAM approved models with RC assist. SAM has a group for free flight, but we have no suitable field in East Tennessee.

Another goal, of course, is to try and develop some interest in SAM in KCRC. The old time models are slow and inherently stable. They have

lots of dihedral +/- or polyhedral with large stabilizers and long tail moments. This makes them very easy to fly. SAM approves both glow engines and antique ignition engines. They must be easy to fly, since old heads like me only occasionally crash one. Sam has some electric events also for those interested.

Hopefully I'll be having the 13th SAM contest again this year--hope to see you at the April meeting.

George Shacklett ,KCRC Emeritus member. AMA L-191

**CALENDAR of EVENTS for KCRC**

March 10<sup>th</sup>, Club meeting always held on the second Tuesday of each month. March meeting at Fellowship Church on Middlebrook Pike, 7:00PM.

May 9th.. Picnic and Flea Market. KCRC field. 9 AM Till ?.

May 23rd... Float Fly KCRC Ramp. ( AM till ?.

June 13-14... SPA contest. Field closed from Friday noon till Sun afternoon.

KCRC field open to members and their guests only. Flying is from 9 AM until dusk. Please police up the area before leaving.

## MINUTES, FEBRUARY 2009

President Dennis Drone called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at the Fellowship Church. There were 30 members and 7 visitors present.

Minutes for the December meeting were approved as printed in the January Newsletter. As there was not a business meeting at the January banquet, no January minutes were submitted.

### OFFICERS' REPORTS

The Treasurer's report was given by Joel Hebert and approved. We have 52 paid-up members. There was discussion of how best to get "membership stickers" to those who have not picked theirs up. Joel to work the issue.

### OLD BUSINESS

Dennis Hunt reported that the sanction for the SPA contest on June 13/14 has been applied for. Gary Lindner made a motion, seconded by Phil Spelt, that the field be closed to non-contest activity from noon on Friday June 12 until the end of the contest on Sunday afternoon, June 14. The motion carried unanimously.

Karl Gerth is taking orders for name tags.

Ralph Colon is having weatherproof boxes made for storage of membership applications at the field.

Phil Spelt is to make copies of the membership application form and a map of the field location for the boxes and for distribution from HobbyTown.

### NEW BUSINESS

Randy Phillips of Access Solutions can provide caps, tee shirts, etc. with the KCRC logo. He is going to make up a price list. Jerel Zarestky is to provide Randy with an electronic copy of the logo.

The gate combination will be changed on March 10. The new combination will be mailed to current members about March 1.

Dennis Hunt asked about a club roster. Joel Hebert is working on one and Phil Spelt is working on a Member's Only area on the web site with a roster.

Dennis Drone reported that Jeff Prosize is working on an alternate club web site.

Possible club events for the year were discussed. It was decided that a Picnic/Fly-In/Swap Meet will be held on May 9. Lindner will take care of burgers and dogs. Hebert will bring the drinks left over from last fall's picnic.

A float-fly will be held on May 23 at the east boat ramp in the park. Phil Spelt in charge.

Spelt to check by the March meeting on a date for a late summer/early fall float fly at the Oak Ridge Marina.

Drone presented a plaque to Spelt in appreciation of Spelt's service as club president for the past 4 years.

The business meeting was adjourned (kinda) at 7:45 PM.

### MODEL OF THE MONTH

Visitors Dan Baird and Chad Welsh displayed (and Dan flew!) a number of their indoor micro aircraft.

Craig Dieter won the MOM prize with his EP J-3 Cub based on a Pat Tritle L-4 Cub short kit.

Doug Armitage showed a reduced-size Golden Era 60 based on plans in the May 2008 Model Aviation.

Jerel Zarestky presented a sophisticated hand-launch free-flight glider made from a Stevens Aero kit.

Capt. Bud Weisser displayed his in-line, twin-engine, gravel-ballasted, flying wing "Dream Pipe II".

### CRASH OF THE MONTH

None reported.

## PROGRAM

Dan and Chad did an informal presentation with micro RC models, including laps around the interior of the meeting room (duck, Dieter!) by Dan with one of his models!

Phil Cope presented a demo and discussion of the repair and maintenance of four stroke engines using a Saito for demo..

Minutes submitted by Don Eiler, KCRC Secretary.



Above is a picture Gary Lindner sent of the crowd at the February meeting. An outstanding program and presentation kept everybody happy and awake.....Jim

Below is a picture of the Model of The Month contest winner. Graig Dieter built this beauty from Pat Tritle plans and a short kit,. The short kit means that the formers are furnished and you furnish the rest. In a picture this small, its hard to see what a good job Graig did. Picture is from Gary Lindner.....Jim



## NAME TAGS

At the Feb. and Mar. KCRC meeting, orders for KCRC name tags will be accepted. The charge will be \$6.00 for Pin-on type and \$7.00 for Magnetic type. All name tags must be paid for in advance. They can be paid for by check (Made out to Karl Gerth) or Cash will be accepted (Bring correct change.) The pens will be delivered at the April KCRC meeting.

To mail your order to Karl his address is Karl Gerth, 104 Powell Rd., Oak Ridge TN 37830

## VP 's CORNER

by Gary Lindner, KCRC VP

One sociologist I read (and ya'll thought I couldn't read) maintained that the long Nordic winters contributed to the violent behavior of the Vikings. They would huddle together in their communal homes for weeks--maybe-- months sitting around the fire staring at the same person sitting on the other side of the fire. It almost seems understandable that sooner or later someone would snap; grab an axe and say "Let's go pillage something!!"

I think we've all felt the stress from this winter season. The days have been shorter; the cold has knocked us out of our outside activities and forecasts that seem to change by the minute have left us unsure about how to plan any activities. Well January and February are now in the history books and both of them did not allow for a whole lot of decent flying weather. Wet and damp and cold and windy do not make for the best conditions to enjoy a morning or afternoon at the field. But better days are coming and soon we'll be complaining about the heat. I can't wait. Can you??

At the March meeting we will have our new "Safety Coordinator" Ralph Colon going over the AMA safety rules and the KCRC field rules. Plus he will be discussing some good old rules of field etiquette (this was moved from the February meeting at Ralph's request) so mark your calendars and plan on being there.

Speaking of being there, I find it hard to express my excitement and surprise at the number of members and guest that attended the February meeting, if you were there, you know what I mean! If you missed it, you missed a gooden !! We had a little something for everyone! And everybody I talked with had a great time. That is what the KCRC monthly meetings should be, fun and informative. I look forward to the rest of the year and remember, it takes all of us working together to have a great club.

Still looking for suggestions and Ideas for programs or anything that might be RC or r-plane related that we might use for a future meeting, let me know. I'm pretty easy to get hold of ☐

You will soon, and may have already received, a post card with the new combination on it. It will be changed on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Let me caution you to be careful with the new number, when you unlock a lock be sure to dial the combination off before you leave it. It always takes a while for everyone to get use to a new combination (can you believe some people don't write it down and keep it in their billfold or vehicle ) so if you receive a request from someone standing at the gate and can't get in just be sure he's a member before you give the number away.  
I will leave you with this thought:

*I am only one, But still I am one.  
I cannot do everything, But I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do. Gary*

## President's Corner

by Dennis Drone, KCRC President

Fellow KCRC'S, my many work travels landed me this week in Kissimmee Florida.

Pulling out the trusty computer and going to [www.modelaircraft.org](http://www.modelaircraft.org) (AMA website), I searched the local zip code of where I was staying (Cocoa Beach Florida) to find the local field. Time permitting, when I travel I try and look up the local club so I can compare them with what we are fortunate to have in East Tennessee.

Eleven miles away I found Spaceport RCers Inc. Co located with the county's ball fields, I arrived to find 3 cars on a clear, sunny, light breezy day in the upper 70's. After visiting for 20 minutes or so, I left there with 3 important thoughts in the back of my mind.

( 1.) People are never satisfied with the great field that is right in front of their face. Spaceport's field looked to be 600-700 ft long on level ground with 2 covered flight prep areas. In one of the very few conversations I was able to extract from the 3 flyers was; " not many people use this site because it's too small and intimidating so most flyers use our other site which is much bigger."

( 2.) Always preflight your aircraft to ensure EVERYTHING is set properly. Lets just say the score settled out at large scale Sukhoi--0 (zero)  
Saw Palmetto plant--1 (one).

( 3.) Be as friendly and inviting as you possibly can to people you don't recognize. You never know who they might be. The first impression might be your last opportunity to make one. Lets continue KCRC's wonderful tradition of extending a smile and light conversation to our visitors. Perhaps this small token might forge an aviation path in a young child's mind for modeling or perhaps as a career! ..In Unity, ..... Dennis

There was a lot to put into this month's issue. Not so much what we've done, but what we're going to do. Also, there weren't many photos to put in because there hasn't been a lot of action at the field to produce them.

I was very pleased with the meeting last month. There was a good turnout and a couple of interesting programs. I was especially impressed with the Model Of the Month entries. All of them were essentially scratch built or kit built models representing the very best of what modeling is about. A little imagination, a little work and a lot of fun... Jim