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Don't forget that this meeting will be the one at which new officer candidates will be introduced. If you are asked to be a candidate, please give it the consideration it deserves.

THE MASTERS

A really big deal

On Saturday, October 9th, 2010, KCRC once again hosted the Senior Pattern Association's season ending Big Bash; The SPA Masters. KCRC has been honored several times by hosting this contest, but this time seemed special. For one thing, the weather couldn't have been better; both days were absolutely



Illustration 1: Getting ready before the fog lifted.

gorgeous! As far as I could tell, only one problem for the contestants occurred; Jake Mayes had a balky engine and failed to get in a flight. Every one else got

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in up to five rounds of flying in outstanding conditions.

Check out the SPA website for other notes , results and pictures.

OBSERVATIONS

■ There were 30 contestants (down some from previous years) and 5 states represented. Ellis Newkirk came all the way from Texas, several from Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama and one from Kentucky.

■ The models were a smorgasbord of early seventies kits. A few years ago I saw mostly Daddy Rabbits. Then the Intruder became the one. This time, maybe there were a couple more Dirty Birdies than anything else. There were Curares, Daddy Rabbits, a Kwikfli, Intruders, Dirty Birdies, Compensators. an Oliver Twist, a Taurus version and maybe even a Kaos or two. There could have been others that I fail to mention. Craftwork on the models was excellent. My personal favorite was the Dirty Birdie of Jerry Black.

■ Radios were mostly 2.4 ghz. I think I counted only three 72 mhz band transmitters.. Among the 2.4 ghz group, most brands were represented. JR, Spectrum, Futaba, Hitec and Airtronics are the radios I saw. Incidentally, KCRCer Scott Anderson is now on the Airtronics team and was flying their top of the line 2.4 radio. It was a good looking radio. Ed Hartley was flying the Hitec Aurora, which also was a good looking radio. (KCRCer Mike Miller is the proud owner of a new Aurora thanks to a lucky draw at the raffle. I was hoping that I would win it).

■ The contest ran a little long this time for some reason. It was around three when the flying ended, then came the raffle, and finally the awards. I felt for the guys who had to drive a far piece to get home for some rest. I know I was pretty wasted.....Jim ■

MINUTES, October 2010

In President Dennis Drone's absence, Vice-President Gary Lindner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 12 at the Fellowship Church at 8000 Middlebrook Pike. There were 23 members and one visitor present.

Minutes for the September meeting were approved as printed in the October newsletter.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

The Treasurer's Report was given by Joel Hebert and approved. A copy of the report is available from Joel or the other officers.

VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS

Sid Tibbs introduced himself as a visitor planning to join the club. Sid is nurturing a long-standing interest in model aviation. Please make him welcome.

OLD BUSINESS

Gary Lindner reported that damage to the field from the Mud Run had been repaired.

Phil Spelt reported that the Sept 25 Float Fly at the Oak Ridge marina was a success with seven pilots participating. Phil stated that we have a standing invitation from the Oak Ridge Parks Dept. for future floats.

Dennis Hunt reported that the SPA Masters pattern contest on Oct. 9 and 10 was a huge success. Net proceeds of \$613 will go to the club treasury. Dennis chastised the club for poor support of the event. Phil Spelt noted the SPA Masters logo caps and photo plaques that were presented to contestants (29 in all) and workers. Ed Hartley related the occurrence at the dinner at the Super China Buffet Saturday night when Jerrilynn Robinson drew her husband's name in the raffle. Dan Toombs stated that he enjoyed the contest very much, flying in the Novice class.

Scott Anderson and Tim Cox reported that all is ready for the Heli Fly-In on Oct. 23. Landing fee will be \$15. At least one factory rep. (Terry Moore - Airtronics) is expected to help with the models and do demonstrations. Anyone who can help with the event – concessions, in particular – should contact Scott or Tim.

Joel Hebert and Bill Dodge reported that the last of the club fuel for this year has been sold. Special thanks to Gene Waters for expediting delivery of the fuel (the 55 gal. barrel must be shipped and received as hazardous material). Another barrel will be ordered next spring. The club treasury benefited slightly as the \$12 selling price slightly exceeded costs.

NEW BUSINESS

Phil Spelt, Larry Hayes, and Randy Philipps have volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee this year. They will report on their efforts at the November meeting. Please step up and stand for election. Your time and effort (and not a great deal of either) can make our club better!

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to spend up to \$400 for runway crack repair and other needed runway maintenance. Bill Dodge will coordinate the work. Please help Bill when he asks.



Illustration 2: Rick's beautiful C-160

MODEL OF THE MONTH

Rick Hampton presented his NitroPlanes C-160 twin-engine transport. Rick has repainted the model in an airbrushed camo scheme. It looks very nice. Rick took home the MOM prize gallon of fuel. By the way, the model is electric powered. The maiden flight is awaiting delivery of flight batteries.

CRASH OF THE MONTH

Raymond Curd won the glue with his description of the loss of his Javelin. Radio failure – Ray regained control for a second or two about 3 times – resulted in the plane coming to rest in the top of a big tulip poplar. A trip up the tree was required to retrieve the model.

The business meeting concluded at 7:31 PM

Program

Ed Hartley demonstrated his Airview Spectrum Analyzer. The analyzer displays the signals being broadcast by spread spectrum RC



Illustration 3: Ed conducting program

transmitters operating in the 2.4 GHz band. Both direct sequence (JR/Spektrum) and frequency hopping (Hitec/Airtronics) transmitters were operated (nine on at one time for a few minutes) and the resulting signals observed.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 PM.

Minutes submitted by Don Eiler, KCRC Secretary. ■

ELECTION TIME AGAIN

It just doesn't seem like its been a year since we were choosing candidates for another year of KCRC!

Every year in the month of October, we get a Nominating Committee for finding candidates to run for office in the club. It probably should be written "run FROM office" as it seems the committee finds it increasingly difficult to get folks to put their name in for consideration. I think one year we even had a family pet named on the ballot in order to fulfill the requirement that we have at least two candidates for each office (and they were both in the same family).

As one who has served in a small way in the club, let me assure you that it is not like some places where you might get shot if you get elected. The other members really do appreciate your efforts even if it sounds like they are complaining sometimes. Besides, there's usually not that many attending the meetings to worry about anyhow. (This is my ongoing fuss about meeting attendance. I know that it gets to be a drag, and I really can't fuss at you because I can't drive at night myself, but we ought to be able to beat twenty percent at most meetings.)

I might point out that if you don't offer to serve, your complaints about those who do don't carry much weight. ■

Inaugural KCRC Helicopter Fun FLY

....by Scott Anderson, CD

KCRC hosted its first Helicopter Fall Fun

Fly on October 23rd 2010 with a cool start and the portable fire pit going to stay warm, Tim and Alex Cox did a great job prepping the field and getting some extra help for this event. As it warmed up more pilots showed up to fly every size glow and electric helicopter. We had 18 registered pilots traveling from Orlando FL, Atlanta Ga, and Nashville and northern TN. We also had three vendors present with one being from Ohio selling a glue product. About a dozen plus KCRC members were present to talk and watch our local pilots as well as our guests fly the helicopters. One thing that was great, we had a large number of families come out to watch and spend time at our field and ask questions. We had several people inquiring

about KCRC membership and we referred them to Joel.

Tim and Alex along with new KCRC Member Scott Bruer and his family (Lisa, Corey, Megan and Max) did a great job serving up lunch and all enjoyed the meals. Terri Lloyd also did a great job manning the raffle prize table. The following donated prizes to KCRC Helicopter Fall Fun Fly event.

- ☐ **HobbyTown – Turkey Creek**
- ☐ **TNT Hobbies – Oak Ridge**
- ☐ **Performance Sports & Hobbies – Louisville TN**
- ☐ **Performance Model Aviation**
- ☐ **Terry Moore / Airtronics**

Phil Spelt helped with photographic duties as he stated “I don’t win anything” well Phil’s luck has changed as he won 3 prizes on 3 different tickets. Phil is a proud owner of a new micro size 3D electric helicopter and Airtronic servos. As well as a gallon of 30% fuel and a lipo charging bag, several other locals won as well as the guest pilots.

The pilots all had the same statement on how this was a great site for this event.

The Helicopter event raised \$225.00 after expenses to put into the club account... ..Scott

■ If I might make a comment; It is good to see the heli flyers get their own event at KCRC. We have a number of guys in the club flying them and they deserve their own event.....Jim



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Pictures by Phil Spelt..■

THIS AND THAT

■ KCRCer Dan Baird got a nice mention in the November issue of “ Model Aviation “, the AMA magazine, in Joe Malinchak's Micro-Flying column. Dan is doing some awesome work in the tiny tiny world of micro modeling. Check out the size of that brushless motor he built just to see how small he could go!

■ We are getting into the late stages of Fall and right now I'm fighting to stay ahead of the falling leaves accumulating in my yard. I'm also anticipating the upcoming building season! When the cold winds blow and the snow falls, it is time to get into the workshop and repair the old stuff and start something new for next year. Why not try building a kit this year instead of assembling an ARF?

■ **Have a Happy Thanksgiving!!..Jim**