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Jeff Prosise, Randy Phillips, Dennis Drone

## THIS & THAT

**It's** November and getting on toward winter. The weather is more iffy and decidedly colder than it was last month, and if you are like me, you might be thinking about winterizing your equipment and staying in where it's warm. I wasn't always a wimp though, because this is really a pretty good time of year to fly, and when I was younger, I used to take advantage of it. The temperature might be a little crisper than you're used to, but consider it invigorating instead. I always felt like my engines ran a little better this time of year. Sure seems like the air is a little more clear.

With Thanksgiving coming up this month, you know the holiday season is here, and thoughts naturally turn toward food. Several years ago, KCRC had a cold weather get-to-gather and a slight competition with members bringing their own version of chili to the field. We called it " **A Really Chilly Chili Cookoff** ", and it was a huge success on a very cold day. About five or six pots of chili of various spiciness were brought, along with all sort of other condiments, including crackers, cornbread, drinks and desserts. We might think about having another.

**We also need to think about electing some new officers because next month is election time.** Please give some serious thought about who you're going to vote for. It becomes a popularity contest in a lot of elections and sometimes that's not to the good of the club. Seems like we've had good officers for a long time, so give it some thought and let's get another set for next year.

We also need to remember that the lease on KCRC field needs to be renewed in 2012. As I remember, we had a ten year lease ending in 2012 with a ten year option. We have always had a good relationship with the county because this is one park

area they don't have to spend any money on. We've always maintained the area and kept it mowed and clean. ....Jim ■

## KCRC Minutes, October 2011

President Phil Spelt called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 11 at the Fellowship Church location. There were 25 members present. The minutes from the September meeting were approved. Minutes for a meeting are available in the next KCRC Newsletter.

## Officers' Reports

The Treasurers Report was given by Joel Hebert and approved. This report is available from Joel or the other KCRC officers.

## Old Business

Tim Cox reported on the Helicopter Fun Fly event. Thirteen flyers flew and entertained a large group of spectators. The event made \$200 for our club

Phil Spelt reported on the Float Fly at the OR Marina. Five flyers exhibited their flying skills for a large Oak Ridge audience.

Phil Spelt was asked about plans to move the flying site from our hill top location to the larger space on the point of the Melton Hill property. We have submitted plans to the Knox County and we are waiting for feedback from the parks department.

Bill Dodge reported on the club fuel supply. Currently we do not have fuel. An email will be sent out to club members asking for fuel orders. We'll need orders for about 30 gals before we place an order for a 55 gallon drum. Otherwise, we'll wait until next year to order another drum.

## New Business

A nominating committee is needed for the upcoming elections. Several members volunteered

their services and the committee was formed (**Tim Cox, Jim Maines, Larry Hayes and Phil Spelt**). A minimum of two candidates are needed for each position.

Our January Banquet is coming up. The location has not been decided at this time. Contact Phil Spelt if you have a suggestion.

### Model of the Month

Andy Keeley brought his Great Plains *Escapade* to the meeting. It was powered by a Super Tigre 45 and is his second model. He described it as quite different from his first R/C model, a Sig Kadet trainer.

### Crash of the Month

Alex Cox won the Crash of the Month award with a tree landing of his Tiger Cub. He presented color photos of the recovery adventure and the re-kitted model. Several other members had mishaps but Alex's documentation and description touched the hearts of the audience.

### After Meeting Program

John Bobrek presented an excellent program on "First Person View" flying. FPV flying is R/C flying using a video camera mounted in or on the airplane. The flyer guides the craft by viewing what the camera sees. John described the equipment needed to start FPV flying and what he is currently using. He projected a number of his FPV videos on screen for our viewing.

### Next Meeting

Our next KCRC meeting will be at Fellowship Church on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. We will meet in the modular building on the west side of the church.

**Minutes submitted by  
Bill Leonard, KCRC Secretary** ■



Randy Phillips sent me these pictures of John Bobrek and his FPV ( first person view ) model and how he looks flying it. It's almost like being in the cockpit! John talked about this for the program at the October meeting. ■



*Illustration 1: What a well equipped Virtual Flyer looks like.*



*Illustration 2: Andy Keeley and his MOM winner. His daughter took the picture on her phone.*

### SAFETY FIRST

The year has really passed. Just a few more weeks until the club elections. Do not hesitate to state your interest in any office to our committee.

Over the year we have reviewed many safety



issues. To my knowledge we have not had more than a couple cut fingers and maybe something in the eye. Please, be always mindful that an accident is only as far away as one not thinking about what they are doing.

An example occurred to me while setting up my first electric plane. You know setting the throws, direction, exponential and dual rates. My last thing to set on this occasion was the throttle. Naturally I had the transmitter set at low throttle. My first test of the throttle I could not get the motor to turn. I then remembered a lesson from Phil Cope about moving the throttle to max for a couple of seconds then back to minimum throttle to reset the safety. When I did this the motor went full throttle with the transmitter set at minimum. Naturally this means that the throttle was reversed. To my surprise, the plane quickly went the full length of the tether I had on it before I could turn it off by moving the throttle lever to maximum. Fortunately I had the plane pointing away from me and tethered. I had positioned the plane without deliberate thought which means safe habits will save those who practice them.

This was a situation where I could have been injured. While I lived at home, my father drove into each of his sons to always think three steps ahead. I must admit that the few times I was injured was the result of my not thinking ahead.

As always, be safe, be happy and have great fun flying .....**Jim Maines, Safety Coordinator** ■

## AT THE FIELD

Randy Phillips sent me this great picture of Mike Miller and one of the bad things that can



happen to your model during the rigors of all-out combat. Look at that wing! Something ( had to be a prop ) really chewed it up, yet look at the smile on Mikes face.

There are several KCRCers that get together a couple of times a week to try to do this to each

others model. Actually they're trying to cut a streamer that's tied to the tail of the model. Some of the guys who are heavily into this mayhem are Larry Weston,



*Illustration 3: Larry Weston and John Heard tangle up. Both survive. John Heard sent me these pictures.*

Don Eiler, John Heard, Randy Phillips, Jeff Cody, Craig Dieter and of course Mike Miller. There are



probably others that I don't know about, but they all say the same thing; “ **Get you a Slo Stik and come on out and we'll have us a good time!** “. The models used are GWS Slo Stik models that are usually hopped up a little with brushless motors.. Easily repaired with tape or glue, and inexpensive to buy and operate, they are also fun just to get out and fly...Jim ■

## KCRC BYLAWS for OFFICERS

### ARTICLE II, OFFICERS (2009 revision)

► 1. The officers of the Club shall consist of: **President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Safety Coordinator.** The term of office for elected officers shall be one year.

► 2. **Executive Committee.** The above listed officers, the Immediate Past President and two elected members shall serve as the Club's Executive Committee.

► 3. Duties. **The President** shall preside at all meetings. He shall be Chairman of the Executive Committee and is responsible for the composition of all other committees, both Standing and Ad-hoc. He is also a member ex officio of all committees.

► 4. The **Vice President** shall serve in the President's capacity at all times when the President is absent. He shall automatically assume the presidency if the Chair becomes vacant.

► 5. The **Secretary** shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the membership and the Executive Committee. He shall keep a count of members attending meetings, records of resignations, expulsions, and delinquencies affecting voting privileges. Additionally, he shall mail to the member's notices of all special meetings, attend to all required correspondence concerning AMA notifications, and comply with the Bylaws requirements relevant to elections and/or amendments to the Bylaws. The Secretary at his option may appoint a deputy to assist in the many requirements of the office. The Deputy shall not be an officer except in the event the Secretary is absent at which time he may function in the Secretary's stead and with the Secretary's permission. In the event the Secretary's position becomes vacant the Executive Committee shall appoint a replacement.

► 6. The **Treasurer** shall have charge of Club funds, pay bills when approved by the President, or by vote of the membership, and make a monthly report to the membership during scheduled monthly meetings. The Treasurer may disburse funds for such recurring services as approved by the President provided the expenditure for any single service shall not exceed \$150.00. In the event it becomes necessary to increase the \$150.00 limit, the membership may vote to increase same upon recommendation of the Executive Committee.

There shall be two types of Club funding categories, Budgeted and Discretionary. Budgeted funds are those formerly approved expenditures required to meet all ongoing and previously obligated costs, and may be disbursed by the Treasurer upon receipt of a proper invoice. Discretionary funds are those funds remaining and available which are in excess of those funds required to meet the Club's budgeted pre-obligated, and/or anticipated costs.

Discretionary fund approval and disbursements must meet the following criteria. Amounts not to exceed 1/3 (33%) of the then current discretionary funds available must have the approval of a simple majority of those attending a general membership meeting. Amounts in excess of 33%, but not greater than 66% of the then current discretionary funds available must have the approval of a two-thirds majority of those attending a general membership meeting. Amounts exceeding 66% of the then current discretionary funds available must be approved by a Poll Vote.

The Treasurer's monthly meeting report shall at a minimum provide the current budgeted and

discretionary funds available at that time.

► 7. **Safety Coordinator** - The Safety Coordinator shall be appointed by the Club president. He shall maintain order at all meetings and in addition he shall be chairperson for the Field Committee. In addition he is to promote increased safety awareness on the part of all members, improve the public perception of modeling as a safe and desirable sport, and provide a means by which important safety information can be shared between clubs. AMA chartered clubs will be required to establish the position of Safety Coordinator. This person will act as a communications liaison between the Club and AMA Headquarters to ensure timely distribution of safety related material and as such, he must have E-mail access.

#### **Recommended Duties:**

- Provide a communications link between AMA and the Club in matters related to safety.
- Act as a safety advisor and resource manager for the Club and its members.
- Assist AMA in the establishment of a national safety program to reduce accidents/incidents.
- Develop, promote and encourage a climate of safety awareness within AMA clubs.
- Safety Coordinator activities include the following:  
Inspect operational areas for proper signage and safety equipment as applicable.
- Distribute AMA Accident/Incident Report Forms and assure they are properly used.
- Conduct safety awareness training and related programs during Club meetings.
- Conduct, at least annually, a safety audit of Club facilities, equipment, and grounds to ensure everything is in good working order and safe for normal use by members and the public.
- Act as a liaison with the local EMS/Fire Department. Establish a Club emergency action plan to handle serious accidents/incidents.
- Coordinate appropriate first aid training for members using qualified instructors.
- Develop an appropriate communications plan to assist Club officers and members.
- Review emergency procedures (fire and rescue) with Club members on an annual basis.
- Immediately report to AMA Headquarters any incidents at the Club field....■

I have included in this issue the bylaws concerning the offices and duties of the elected officers of the Knox County Radio Control Society, Inc. In the next ( December ) issue, I will hopefully be able to list the bylaws affecting elections and voting. Perhaps this will help in deciding who in your opinion will be able to perform the duties listed with the greatest good to the club. It might also encourage some of you to put your name forth as a candidate. All these offices ( except the elected two members of the Executive Committee ) are exempted from paying dues as a small token of appreciation for their efforts.....Jim ■