



## Newsletter

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## THIS AND THAT

► Well, here it is; another year in the books. It wasn't a bad year at all for KCRC. We had our usual contests, with the usual number of contestants in the local events. Attendance in the SPA contest continued to be a little below the usual number of contestants. Maybe because of the price of gas., but more likely a result of the sorry state of the economy.

► 12/12/12 ! A day to live in infamy in my memory! It was the day that influenza symptoms began showing up. It was also the day I bit into the bone in a pork chop and broke off a front tooth. I look like the character in "Deliverance ". The symptoms got so bad the next day I was concerned. On Friday I went to the emergency room and my blood oxygen was down to 82%. I was seriously in trouble and spent the next four days in the hospital with an IV in my arm and injecting gallons of antibiotics. The stuff is a steroid and I swelled enough that I couldn't button my pants when I left. I gained about 12 pounds on nothing but antibiotics. I still don't think I'm out of the woods yet. I got about 5 hours sleep during the whole five days, and total food intake was about 4500 calories. I ate nothing the first three days. I counsel all of you to be very careful when being in an environment where the bug might be. **It ain't worth it and the bug is merciless!!!! I always get a flu shot. The A type wasn't included this year so that's what I got.**

► Randy Phillips sent me this photo of a group having fun on the first day of December. Looks like



## 2013 Elected officers

Pres.....Larry Hayes...[chayes65@bellsouth.net](mailto:chayes65@bellsouth.net)  
V Pres....Craig Dieter.....[cdieter@charter.net](mailto:cdieter@charter.net)  
Secretary..John Bobrek.....[john@bobrek.net](mailto:john@bobrek.net)  
Treasurer...Joel Hebert.....[hebertjj@gmail.com](mailto:hebertjj@gmail.com)

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Randy Phillips..[randy@accesssolutionsinc.com](mailto:randy@accesssolutionsinc.com)

Jeff Prosis.....[jeffpro@wintellect.com](mailto:jeffpro@wintellect.com)

Phil Spelt.....[chuenkan@comcast.net](mailto:chuenkan@comcast.net)

SAFETY Officer..To be appointed later

Historian...June Cope..[phillipcope@bellsouth.net](mailto:phillipcope@bellsouth.net)

they've cranked up the grill and had themselves an impromptu cookout.

Lots of fun ( and fattening food ) , and the weather looks very nice, too, ..Jim ■

## KCRC Meeting Minutes, November 2012

President Phil Spelt called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, December 11 at the Fellowship Church location. There were 19 members present. The minutes from the November meeting were approved. Minutes for each meeting are available in the next KCRC Newsletter.

## Officers' Reports

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

Jim Maines, Safety Officer, reported that 2012 was a good year for safety at the field. Minor cuts and bruises occurred but the one serious injury, John Heard's fall, was a serious one. John tripped over a dog leash and Jim suggested the need to adjust field policies in this area.

Phil Spelt, President, gave us information on his back surgery and rehab program. He hopes to be flying again in the spring.

## Old Business

Phil Spelt presented the KCRC club dues for 2013: Several members paid their dues to the Treasurer at the meeting. 2013 dues are payable now, and there are Late Fees due after the March meeting (\$5.00) and after the April meeting (\$10.00). Dues are the same as 2012.

**Individual Adult Membership: \$60.00**

**Family Membership: \$72.00**

**Student Membership: \$30.00.**

Our KCRC Banquet will be held at the Super China Buffet in Oak Ridge on Tuesday,

January 8, 2013 at 6:30 pm.

During the last meeting the problem of unleashed dogs was discussed. Larry Hayes asked Phil Spelt to lead further discussion on the topic. No action was taken at the November meeting. A motion was made to restrict dogs to a designated area at the west end of the pavilion. The motion passed 15 to 3. Signage will be needed to inform visitors.

### **New Business**

**The election for 2013 officers was held by counting votes by email, by letter, by website and by written votes at the meeting. The election results are:**

<b>President</b>	<b>Larry Hayes</b>
<b>ice President</b>	<b>Craig Dieter</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>John Bobrek</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Joel Hebert</b>
<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Randy Phillips and Jeff Prosise</b>
<b>Safety Officer</b>	<b>(to be appointed at a later date)</b>

### **Model of the Month**

Lynn Sheeley won the MOM award for his *Baby Blender* biplane. Lynn used Dollar Tree foamboard which kept the fuselage, wing and tail assembly cost to \$5.00.

### **Show and Tell models**

Joel Hebert showed off his recently completed EAM *Pop Fly* foam flying wing. Joel also showed an inexpensive three-axis gyro stabilizer from HobbyKing. Need glasses? Joel has found some great ones from zenniopical.com.

Rick Hampton is building a giant C130 from foam. It will have a 15' wingspan and four 60 size electric motors. Rick brought the beginnings of the fuselage to the meeting. Hopefully it will be completed by summer.

Jeff Prosise brought his 1/6 scale *Skymaster F5* to the meeting to explain what he has been working on for the past two years. Its dry weight is 32 lb. and the Jet Cat 140 turbine inside drinks kerosene at a rate of 17 oz. per minute.

### **Crash of the Month**

There were no entries this month.

### **Next Meeting**

KCRC will not hold its usual meeting in January. Our January Banquet meeting, however, will be held on

**January 8<sup>th</sup> at the Super China Buffet in Oak Ridge at 6:30 pm.**

**Minutes submitted by Bill Leonard, subbing for John Bobrek, KCRC Secretary**

**Pictures courtesy of Ed Dumas. Thanks, Ed....**

This is **not** Lynn Sheeley's model. Its a picture I got from an ad. Unfortunately, the picture of Lynn's didn't turn out too well.



And here is Joel's show and tell flying wing. Looks like it might be a handful! A hot dog! A speed demon! A butterfly!! etc etc.



### **No One Flies Alone**

*by Ben Owen, Milwaukee Area Radio Kontrol Society, Wisconsin*



**I once lost** a big and expensive model on a test flight—a model that took many, many hours to build—sort of like the big and expensive  $\frac{1}{3}$ -scale Extra 330L I am finally painting. On that day I was trying to get the engine to run right, put the antenna up, then down, etc. I made the mistake of taking off with it down. Still the receiver was working when a friend called that the antenna was not out; he could have been closer nearby to help prior to takeoff but I don't blame him. Looking down to pull it out took too long and the model stalled and spun. My point here: it was way too soon for me after my first wife's funeral to even be out there. I should have asked for help? Yeah I know; it's a guy thing. We never ask for help right?

If you are in a situation without the full use of your facilities—maybe it is a personal loss, or the day was just too hot and you feel like crap, or one is not thinking clearly—ask for help, or just take the model apart and go home to think about it. Make things move a little slower, give yourself time. Use situational awareness; when it is hot, the sun is too high, you are physically or mentally down, you know what I mean.

We have clubs so we can be friends and help each other. Two minds are truly better than one. There has always been a competitive spirit in modeling but don't let it get to the point of jealousy or back stabbing, we all lose when that happens. It helps no one.

We do have losses in this hobby; let's just try to minimize them. A friend recently lost his model, in a vertical climb; he lost it in the sun. He did throttle back before it hit. Maybe those expensive sunglasses they advertise would help. Or maybe, one of us standing idly by but not helping, including me, should have been out there standing by him and maybe we could have seen something he didn't and helped. That's what a club is for. The excuses: it was the end of the day, it was hot, we were all tired, etc. I'm as guilty as anyone.

I can't always be on hand when someone flies and obviously, my so called "Safety Officer" brain was not working then. Let's make it a club rule: no one should fly without another pilot standing with him, watching for traffic, etc. Let's stop the senseless losses.

If you see someone flying alone, walk out to be that pilot's caller at the flightline to tell him where the other models are in the sky, etc. Even if unasked, it always helps. We guys, we never ask for help right? There is no sin in just helping, unasked. It is what friends do.

And when someone comes out to be your observer, accept it for what it is. In the past, I've had a pilot move away when I walked out to be his observer. He actually walked away—he wanted to fly alone. Then I called out the model traffic he was about to roll and loop into and he thanked me. Accept a friend's help, because we all need it.

Make it a rule: no one flies alone! ■

**I continue to make use of the articles of information I find in the AMA Insider. A great source!**

## Club Corner

### Why Did I Get Into This Hobby?

*by Jim Wallen, Club Corner Author*

**Think about** all the reasons today's modelers got into this hobby in the first place. The answers are numerous, varied, and wide ranging.

Perhaps decades ago you were at your father's or grandfather's workbench watching the magic taking place before your very eyes. Perhaps you were just driving by a flying site and stopped in to see what that buzzing up in the air was all about. Maybe you saw an advertisement for some AMA club meeting and decided to stop by and check it out.

You could have been fascinated with the remote control aspect and the feeling it gives you in dominating a small machine up in the sky. You might have been bored with your other recreational activities and just wanted to "change things up" a little bit. Many of us got our "juices jangling" when we stopped in to our local hobby shop and looked at some fascinating toys that were not really toys. The list of reasons is really endless.

What do all of these varied ways of getting introduced to our hobby have in common? They all center on having genuine *fun*. In one way or another satisfaction and fun is the hub of it all. Sometimes we tend to forget about the fact that we are all kids at heart and receive a great deal of satisfaction creating and flying our little toy planes.

Let's all try to remember this on those days we take ourselves a little too seriously...■

### Amen!!!

► And yet another great Show-and-Tell from the December meeting. Jeff Prosize brought his awesome F-5 he's been working on for a long while. Details in the minutes and a complete writeup in the December newsletter..



**Don't forget the Banquet. The January meeting will be at the Super China Buffet again this year.**