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It is my sad duty to report the passing of yet another Emeritus member of KCRC.



GEORGE EDWARD CAMPBELL, - age 89, of Knoxville, went to be with the Lord, Monday evening, March 18, 2013. He was a veteran of [World War II](#) serving with the US Army. George retired at age 70 as a mechanical engineer from Martin Marietta Y-12. He worked in the space industry at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama, from 1957 to 1970 and for the Panama Canal Company from 1971 to 1976, when he moved to Knoxville. He joined KCRC in 1999 and because of his efforts at being useful, as well as his willingness to do what was asked of him, was honored by being elected as an emeritus member in 2007....

2013 Elected officers

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THIS AND THAT

► Bill Leonard came up with a very good idea to promote building activity in the club. He has proposed a mild competition with all contestants building the same model. He proposes a simple, easy flying kit requiring an economical power source and a color and trim pattern of your own choosing to be presented as a **"SHOW AND TELL"** competition at a meeting, possibly in July or August. More information can be found in the **MORE THIS AND THAT** at the end of the newsletter.

► We have our annual SPA pattern contest coming up this month and I'm sure that Dennis and Phil will need your assistance. Seems like a lot of our members have no interest in this contest and just stay away during that weekend. I would encourage any and all of you to take an interest because it is an important part of being a fully accredited club. If all of the members looked at the club as just a place to go fly, it wouldn't be long before the field would become what it was before we put in all the work we've done making it into a well accepted AMA club. All members have a responsibility to give their best efforts to make the club strong.

► Looking back at the May 2003 newsletter I ran across this column I wrote for new flyers. I don't know how many new flyers we have now, but the advice is still good. **Prime Rule. Make a checklist and use it so you remember to take everything (with freshly charged batteries) with you before you start to the field.**

1. First two rules applies to members still flying on 72 mc transmitters. The first thing you do is check the frequency board to see if the pin is available.

2. **Never, ever, turn on your transmitter** unless you have the frequency pin. Be sure to put your AMA card in the proper slot. If your frequency pin is busy, check with the member using it so he'll know there are multiple flyers on that frequency. Remember, you are responsible if you shoot someone down.

3. If you are a new or nervous member, check to see if your instructor is there. If not, perhaps you could ask another flyer if he could stand by you on your first flight. If you have not soloed for your instructor, you might ought to wait until an instructor has checked you out. Your model will

last longer and that's a lot more fun than carrying a bunch of broken sticks home.

4. When you put your model in the pit area, set it so the prop blast doesn't blow your neighbor off the tarmac.

5. Always range check your model. Always check the control throw and direction of travel. It's easy to bump a trim or a switch when transporting your stuff and that invariably results in anxious, sometimes catastrophic, moments.

6. Be considerate about prolonged running of your engine in the pit area. Sometimes it is necessary in order to adjust the needle valve, but once its set, shut it down or go fly. It can be a little distracting to a nervous flyer when a loud engine is running behind him while he's trying to keep from crashing.

7. **Club rules specify that all flying is to take place north of a line along the far side of the runway and extending west to infinity and east to the lake. You can fly up and down the river on the east side. Do NOT fly over the water works on the west end of the field. Do NOT fly over the pit and parking area. Do not fly aerobatics directly over the runway. As much fun as they are, do not fly high speed low strafing runs down the center of the runway. You are to line up on the center of the runway for landings (and touch-and-gos) only.**

8.. **Read your copy of the club bylaws and safety rules and take part in the club activities. The club needs your participation and you will get more enjoyment out of your membership.....Jim**

NEW EMERITUS MEMBERS



At the April, 2013 meeting, there were three long time members honored for their contributions to the club by being elected unanimously to Emeritus status. The first is Phil Spelt. Phil served the club a record number of times as President. He served five years consecutively from 2004 through 2008 and

then added on two more in 2011 and 2012.

During his time in office he has served as a contest director and in other offices also. He has promoted much activity at the field with contests, float flies and other social events, Phil competes in SPA pattern contests regularly, and participates in all KCRC activities...



Jere Zarestky is another long time member who has contributed greatly to the well being of KCRC. He has served in several offices, including five terms as President plus a couple terms as VP. He has done the newsletter for a couple of years, and served as contest director for pattern contests...



Also elected was Jim Scarbrough. Long time editor of the KCRC newsletter. He has served as an officer in the club and is a charter member of KCRC, Joined the old ETRC forerunner of KCRC in 1968...

KCRC Meeting Minutes April 9th

President Larry Hayes brought the meeting to order at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 9 at the Fellowship Church location. The meeting minutes from the prior meeting were approved. The treasury report was read by Secretary Joel Hebert and approved.

Phil Spelt reported they will spray fertilizer the weekend of April 4. He is also getting an estimate on getting the driveway dragged to smooth it out. The motion was approved.

Motion was made and approved for Larry to put together a group and go ahead with improvements and repairs to the airplane stands and replacement of tennis balls.

Three new emeritus member nominations were made for Phil Spelt, Jim Scarbrough, and Jerel Zarestky. The motion was unanimously approved. Congratulations to our new emeritus members! We are very grateful for your contributions to this hobby and especially this club. Very well deserved.

Phil Spelt reported that Jerry McClaughlin donated all of his RC equipment to the club. Phil will put flyers together and the equipment will be auctioned off to the highest bidder.

The May 14th club meeting will be at the KCRC field. Bring your planes and helis to fly before and after.

Special Meeting

Most of tonight's meeting was focused on the discussion and brainstorming of three important topics below. Larry asked for all club members to help out with these initiatives where possible.

IMPORTANT: If you are not receiving emails from Joel Hebert, please email him your current email address at hebertjj@gmail.com. The club will be sending more information and soliciting your input on the initiatives below and we want to hear your voice.

Ways to increase membership

KCRC has been involved in many activities in the past to raise awareness and increase membership. Activities such as attending church events, scouting events, hosting air shows, flyers in the hobby shop, and even placing a exhibit booth in West Town Mall where Phil Cope built a model for everyone to see. Most of these have had little to no result in increasing membership. What we are looking for are ideas that can add membership in the club and enjoyment while at the field. Send an Email to Larry Hayes , KCRC President at (Ichayes65@bellsouth.net) with your suggestions.

How to add interest in club meetings

Participation in club meetings is generally the same group of members on a monthly basis. We would like to get increased participation in these meetings so

that we can hear your voice and benefit from your input. We discussed several possibilities from changing the format of the meetings to scheduling speakers to present topics. If you have any ideas in this area, especially if you do not regularly attend, we would love to hear from you. What would make you look forward to attending club meetings? Email Larry Hayes (or any other officer) with your suggestions.

Increase participation at flying events

We are also looking at ways to increase attendance and participation at the scheduled flying events. The club discussed bringing guests out to the field, hosting picnics, doing a club plane build, and pattern flight training sessions. If you have any suggestions in this area, email them to a club officer.



Illustration 1: Frank and his good looking T-33.

Model of the Month

Frank Allemand showed his beautiful T-33 which is the trainer version of the P-80 Shooting Star. This plane was developed in 1943 and they made about 7500 of them total. The background of this plane was the the U.S. needed a jet during WWII. In mid 1943, the government approached Lockheed and asked them to build a jet and have it delivered in 180 days. They did it in 143 at a cost of \$500,000. In Jan, 1944, it had a successful test flight, but the plane was plagued with problems and great pilots kept crashing it. It made its air to air combat debut in Korea. Frank's model is made by RC Lander. He says the instructions are not so good. He's got a 90mm EDF in it which you can run on 8-10 cells. Frank uses a 10 cell battery.

Crash of the Month

Ed Dumas showed his Phase 3 F-16 which he brought to the meeting in a garbage bag in about 5 pieces. The evil trees on the west end of the runway reached out of the sky and grabbed his plane and claimed yet another victim. He probably could repair it, but he's got another new one just about ready to go so he'll keep this one for memories and spare parts.

(picture below)

Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes taken by John Bobrek, KCRC Secretary.....



Illustration 2: Ed and his good looking crash.

MORE THIS AND THAT

► Bill Leonard came up with a winner with his idea of a club building effort. There has been a lot of interest in it. The final decision was to have two different models to give builders a choice on what looks good to them. Bill will lead the builders of the Contender and Phil Cope will do the same for the RV-4. Andy Keely was the first to let me know that he had his Contender and was getting started right after the kits were decided on.. Bill is doing an email account of progress on his build. He said he had invested in 5 meters of silver Solartex to cover his when construction was done.

I would like for other builders to keep me up on their progress. It makes it more interesting for me and I think other club members might also like to see whats going on.

► Bill's mention of silver covering reminds me of my first experience with metallic silver Super Monocote. I used it to cover a Midwest P-51 Mustang in 1996. You can see a picture of it in the May 1996 newsletter in the KCRCTN.com archive. I was using a JR X-347 radio on channel 29 and I had the radio antennae inside the fuse. When I range checked it, I had no range. The covering apparently shielded it. I brought the antennae out side the fuse, but if it was in contact with the covering along its length, it still had no range. Once I lifted it away from the covering, it was OK. The guys who were there that day couldn't believe it until they saw it.

► Trying to promote enthusiasm for modeling and club membership is a tough proposition. When I was young, there wasn't a lot of choices on what to do for entertainment, and if you happen to be a curious sort, building models kinda felt natural.. Today, there's just too many activities available for young people to try, and building models is very demanding of time and effort. Most new members of KCRC are transient; that is, they see a model, buy it and fly it until the new wears off or until they get bored, then they move on to something else. Most members who last more than a couple of years are modelers who have been in it since they were

young. How to motivate young people is beyond my skill set. I tried to push my son into building models but he chose the guitar.

► Here are the "RULES" as Bill Leonard spelled them out for me for the "build competition".

: "Jim, we are calling it a Club Build. There are almost no rules here. Two groups of about seven guys are working on two different kits, the **TF Contender** and the **RV-4**. "Kit Bashing" might happen so we do not expect them to all turn out looking the same. I am hoping to get some ideas for future models from seeing the different ways these kits can be finished.

There is plenty of room in each of the two groups for late joiners. There is no fee for joining in. The main guideline is for a guy to get one of the kits and begin work on it ASAP. Hobbytown USA will special order both kits. Our goal is to bring them all to the July meeting and see what we have. Builders can get help from other members but I do not expect a team of two people to form up for this build. (It would be no crime if some guys decided to do a group build. Hiring Dave Platt for the project would be a crime.)

I have a personal interest in this project. I hope to learn a bunch about building. Phil Cope has already shown me some moves related to sheeting the curves of turtledeck areas.

Jim, let me know if more information is needed.
.....Bill BILL283@outlook.com

NEW APPOINTMENT

From president Larry Hayes:::

"Frank Allemand has accepted the position of the KCRC Club Meeting Program Director. Frank will canvass RC blogs and Club members for suggested agenda topics and develop a set of RC topics for the Hot Information Topics and Show-and-Tell section of our revised meeting agenda. Frank's program will be combined with the other agenda topics, and a full agenda will be sent to the KCRC members five days before the upcoming meeting. Frank has also developed a Club Flyer that will be used to advertise our Club and, hopefully, bring in new members. "

► This is a new office for KCRC and one that I filled in the old ETRC club at one time. It is a hard, thankless job and in order for it to work requires more than a little input from the members of the club. It also is a job that can vastly improve the interest in attending meetings, so come on, KCRC, get behind Frank and give him a hand..

KCRC has tried over the years to promote programs to increase interest in attending meetings but it seems that it becomes harder and harder to find subjects of interest and folks to bring the programs. After a while, we drift back into the agenda of 15 or 20% of the membership getting the business done and going home. This time it can work if we offer Frank our help and suggestions.....■