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THIS'N THAT

► I can't believe it's July already! Where has this year gone? Seems like only yesterday was Christmas.

► I told you last month about the **Topnotch Products** short kit version of the electric PT-19 that was featured in the October 2013 issue of the AMA "Model Aviation" magazine? Well, I've almost completed the main construction and I have to tell you that I was very pleased with the kit. The laser cutting was crisp and clean and the wood for the most part was chosen well to make up a strong light structure.

One place I thought things could have been better was the wood chosen for the two full length side pieces. One side was way more flexible than the other so I tried to be careful when glueing up the fuselage to keep it straight. It looked OK until it was covered but I ended up with a fuse that looked a little like a banana when I mounted the wing. I guess the model will fly like a boomerang.

The wood will undoubtedly vary with each kit.

As with all small balsa construction pieces, you can't be heavy handed. I am too clumsy to keep from breaking delicate things so I ended up re cutting several formers. There is plenty of wood in the kit so that wasn't a problem.

Speaking of the wood, most short kits I've seen have just the bare necessities. Not this short kit; it has all the wood needed to build the model, plus windshield material.

I'm covering the model in traditional blue and yellow Monocote and powering it with an old Hobby King 28mm motor and 30 amp ESC I had on another model. Also using some old micro servos I had

If things go the way most of my models go, it'll never be called upon to fly more than once anyhow.

If you are looking for a small model to build, check this one out at

topnotchkits.com,

Seemed like a bargain to me at \$69.95...

► Speaking of models, I got a couple pictures from **Frank Allemand** of his new **Cessna Citation**

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model. A beauty! Model is produced by **Dynam** and features two 64mm electric ducted fans.



Frank sent a picture of the model and **Randy Philips** took a picture of Frank taking a picture of the model. Guess this is what they mean "getting down and dirty".



► Got to go to another Saturday meeting. This one was postponed from 10:00AM to 2:00PM because of conflicts with another event that involved several KCRC members. See page 3.

KCRC Secretary **Phil Spelt** was out of town and I got to serve as a deaf secretary. Hope the minutes are fairly accurate. Thank goodness **Ray Curd** doesn't have a hearing problem.....Jim ■

June,2014 Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM on Saturday, June 14th, 2014 by Pres **Phil Cope** with about 20 members present. There were no visitors.

The Minutes for the May meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer report was given by KCRC treasurer **Joel Hebert** and approved.

Phil gave recognition and thanks to non member (but friend of the club) **Barry Onasta** for coming out and spraying for our carpenter bee problem. It apparently helped the situation.

Phil also recognised **Rick Thompson**. A former member who has returned to the fold.

Bill Dodge was asked to explain the way the club fuel sale is financed. He explained that the club neither profits nor suffers any loss by the way it is handled.

OLD BUSINESS

In recent meetings, some ideas and discussions about making the club safer by rearranging the way the safety fence, model benches and sitting benches are laid out. These suggestions were presented by the KCRC Safety Officer, **Ralph Colon**. There was a fair amount of discussion at this meeting about the pros and cons of the suggestions.. The most convincing arguments boiled down to the strain on our suffering treasury at this time. The resulting motion and voting went strongly toward postponing the work until a later date.

Phil thanked **Warren Oliver** and **Randy Philipps** for thier recent efforts at the Memorial Day Feed'n Fun event, which was very successful/

Phil also commented on the recent Senior Pattern Association event held at KCRC field. **Warren Oliver** and **Phil Spelt** did a great job at CDing the event. Thanks was also given to those KCRCers who came out and pitched in to make the contest a success.

NEW BUSINESS

Some comments were made about the vandalizing of the gate put up by the Marine Reserve during their recent Mud Run. Apparently the gate was knocked down and some vehicles came in and drove around in the field. Vandals driving vehicles onto the field has been a problem since the club was formed. The Marine Reserve dug a ditch along the road many

years ago and this solved the problem for the most part. Phil will ask **Phil Spelt** to contact the Marines and ask for their help in correcting the problem.

A question about new model benches was asked by **Raymond Curd**. Phil says that **Ralph Holder** was taking responsibility for the construction of some new benchs when costs can be met. **Dr. Steve Jones** said that there was a possibility of some free wood that can be used for the construction. Several members said that weather proofing could be done easily by a work party. Ralph will be contacted about this.

Model of the Month

No entries

Crash of the Month

This award always brings out some laughs. There was talk about a model losing its tail during a flight and the model making a somewhat odd type landing, but apparently the rest of the model got by with no damage. The pilot of this fiasco didn't want to take credit for it so there was also no entries in this event either..

The meeting was adjourned at ~2:30 Minutes taken by **Jim Scarbrough** with **Raymond Curd** keeping me straight on things I didn't hear.....■



Illustration 1: There was no Model of the Month entry but I liked this one. **Carroll Jernigan** scratch built this good looking Jenny.

Cruise-In

Every year, the **First Baptist Church** of **Lenoir City** has an event they call the Cruise-In. It is a great celebration of America's love affair with wheeled

vehicles and is well attended. Also, every year it is the scene of a very good show of radio controlled models. It started with the **Harriman Eagles** but this year there were three clubs represented. The Harriman club, the Blount County club and KCRC. I saw **Raymond Curd**, **Phil Cope** and **Randy Philipps** there and heard that **Ralph Holder** was working somewhere in the mass of humanity. There may have been others from KCRC in the huge crowd.



Illustration 2: Here is Randy Philipps and Phil Cope. Phil has been to every one of them.

I didn't count them but there was a great number of models there, and there were some outstanding flying demonstrations. The comments I heard at church Sunday morning was amazement at the sight of a flying lawn mower..

outstanding stunt flying with a 20cc gas-powered profile model.

Next is **Bob Freels** (in the white shirt) of the Harriman club and his B-25. A really great looking model. Also below is a view of some of the models on display early in the morning



This event was the reason that the KCRC club



meeting was put off until 2:00 PM instead of the scheduled 10:00AM time.



On the right here is former KCRCer Lou Cotton who now flies with the Blount County club. Sitting with him is Blount County member Mark Campbell, who wowed the crowd with some

There was about a mile of fancy cars, tractors and other kinds of wheeled vehicles to see. All this and free food! A great event!!.....■

MORE OF THIS'N THAT

► Frank Allemand sent me a couple more pictures of his stable of EDF powered models. These are all powered by 80mm fans.



Illustration 3: This F-86 was test flown by Frank at the long Chattanooga runway.



Illustration 4: This Intruder was test flown by Phil Cope at KCRC.



Illustration 5: This DH-112 Venom was also tested by Phil at KCRC.

Frank says they all fly well but he's glad he had Phil to test fly them and get them trimmed at KCRC. That saved him a trip to Chattanooga..

► After getting the meeting minutes typed up, I sent them for proofing to club president **Phil Cope** and club treasurer **Joel Hebert**. Phil sent me a return that said the safety fence problem had been taken care of. He didn't know who had done the work or when. Whoever did it gets a couple of "ATTABOY's" from the membership. Thanks, guys.

► I don't think there are many newsletters I've done that didn't include some mention of this years club president, **Phil Cope**. Most of you know him, but I thought that, since I have some info on him, I might introduce him to those who don't.



Illustration 6: Phil at the 2013 Cruise-in..

Phil joined KCRC in 1978-79. He was a winner from the start at most events KCRC has had since then, and has served as a club officer many times over the years. He joined up with several members who are present day members, **Joel Hebert**, **Don Eiler**, **Bob Dilworth**, **Julien Morrison**, **Warren Oliver** and **Roger Luebke**. Present Emeritus members **Don Bowman**, **Carl Gibson** **Jerel Zarestki** and **George Shacklett** were active about that time also.

Phil has been a great source of help to all who needed help with the many problems that crop up in this hobby. He has taught many new flyers to fly and been a mentor and service man for all kinds of engine problems.

Phil is the only member ever to hold his wedding on the runway at KCRC. **June Yett** and Phil were married on June 5th, 1982 with many well wishers and KCRCers present. They had champagne and food and it was a very festive event.....Jim ■