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December 2023 Newsletter

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President's Corner

By Warren Oliver

KCRC had its second monthly meeting at the Dean Hill Community Center. We will be meeting there throughout the winter at 7:00 PM on the second Tuesday of each month. The **exception** is January's meeting which will be at the **Golden Coral in Oak Ridge** on the second Tuesday (Jan 9th) of the month at 6:30 pm. We elected a new set of officers to serve in 2024. We made a few personnel changes as summarized later in this newsletter. The new vice president is Jimmy Russell, and the new treasurer is Tod Thomas. I am already planning what I can download to these folks!

I have not made it to the field much this last month although the afternoons have presented decent weather for flying. Unfortunately, I have been very busy at work this month and have not had too much time to play. Now, of course that the Christmas season is upon us, I am frantically trying to come up with appropriate presents. I have put in some suggestions for some model airplane items for myself. This is the season to get the toys we want with no push back!

I have done a little building as well as some maintenance on existing aircraft. This is a good time to have a hard look at some of your gear to avoid costly accidents. I know many pilots that send their transmitters off to the manufacture during the winter and have them go through and do what needs doing. I have always had very good luck with the Spectrum products I use when working with the manufacturer. They get things done quickly and have invariably charged me less than I expected they would. Another thing to consider is the age of various components in the aircraft. Servos and especially batteries and switches do not last forever. Any jumping or less than smooth motion from a servo indicates age or damage and a potential failure. Vibration can be hard on in-plane components, especially with glow/gas engines. Motors, both electric and nitro, can wear out. With electric motors it's basically just a bearing. They are easy to replace. Nitro motors can be a bit more complicated. I think it is safe to say the leading causes of crashed aircraft are receiver batteries or in-plane switches (or the nut that holds the control stick 😊). They don't cost much and if you have a nice airplane replacing a switch yearly is not much of an expenditure.

In any case merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all. Enjoy whatever Winter flying you can get in.

December Meeting Minutes

By Richard Love

President Oliver opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was held at the Deane Hill Recreation Center with 13 members in attendance.

Old Business:

Phil Cope reported no safety incidents for the past month. Also, Phil has reserved the Golden Oak restaurant at 6:30 PM for our January 9th dinner meeting.

Todd Thomas presented the Treasurer's report. Todd will update the officer contacts list to AMA and our registered agent to the state after the 1st of next year. Venmo was suggested by Travis Brasier as an additional due payment method. Todd will investigate.

Todd told us that the official KCRC email is FLYKCRC@gmail.com. This will be posted on our website www.KCRCTN.com.

New Business:

The election for 2024 officers and executive committee members was held. Results will be formally announced at the January meeting during the banquet. See the remainder of the newsletter for the informal results and the volunteer help for next year.

The vote to keep membership dues the same as this year was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

Meet the New Member

Stay tuned for next year! In the meantime, say hi to your old friends at the field and look forward to the Spring.

Upcoming Events

Yearly Banquet at the Golden Oak restaurant in Oak Ridge on 9 January 2024 at 6:30 PM. Make plans to attend.

Officers and Additions for 2024

We had our yearly election, and these are the results:

Office	Person
President	<i>Warren Oliver</i>
Vice-President	<i>Jimmy Russell</i>
Secretary	<i>Richard Love</i>
Treasurer	<i>Todd Thomas</i>
Exec Committee 1	<i>Brandon Drummer</i>
Exec Committee 2	<i>Craig Dieter</i>

Please support them so the club can do well in 2024! Let us know of any problems or ideas you may have; let's make 2024 a smooth-running year with lots of fun and activities. Articles and comments for the newsletter are welcome.

We also have new club Email address:

FLYKCRC@gmail.com

Look for upcoming announcements about the club and events. Make sure it stays out of your SPAM folder.

Finally, it takes more than a few people to make the club run smoothly and here are the others that are involved with keeping the club going:

Support Function	Person
<i>Safety Officer (Appointed)</i>	<i>Phil Cope</i>
<i>Exec Committee 3 (Last President)</i>	<i>Rick Thompson</i>
<i>Newsletter (Volunteer)</i>	<i>Bob Morris</i>
<i>Web Page (Volunteer)</i>	<i>Jeff Prosise</i>
<i>Face Book (Volunteer)</i>	<i>Brandon Drummer</i>

Now is the time to be thinking about activities for next year – fly-ins, picnics, contests, any field repairs needs, and introducing new people to the hobby. Also, take a break from the computer and fix up those old planes, clean out the field boxes, and finish up those projects so you will have a good start in the Spring.