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November 2025 Newsletter

President – Jimmy Russell Vice President – Richard Love Secretary – Bill Lewis Treasurer – Todd Thomas Safety Officer – Phil Cope Exec Committee – Warren Oliver Exec Committee – Brandon Drummer Exec Committee – Craig Dieter

President's Corner

By Jimmy Russell

I hope everyone has been enjoying the Fall and looking forward to the holidays. I would like to thank Bob for writing this column for me last month. I was busy with work and Family. For the last couple of months, I have been building a Great Planes P-51D Mustang balsa kit. The kit is long out of production but should be a great flyer. It is 40 sized with a 55" wingspan. Mine will have retracts and will be powered with a 6s 3300 LiPo. I think it will end up around 5.5-6lbs. I plan to select a prop to deliver around 1000 watts with the 600kv motor I have for it. That should be enough power to do some nice high speed strafing passes.

It's that time of year to vote for new officers. The only officers we have more than one candidate for are Vice President, with Travis Brasier or Dan Tombs, and Safety Officer, incumbent Phil Cope or Craig Dieter. The other officers will donate their time for another year. Please keep a lookout for an email regarding voting. At our December meeting we will vote in person and tally the email votes. We have really had lackluster attendance at meetings lately. I would like to hear your ideas about how to increase interest. I have a few ideas

for 2025 that might increase participation, but I really need yours!

Well, happy holidays and I hope you have a nice season with your families and maybe Santa will bring you some neat RC gear!

-Jimmy

KCRC Meeting November 11, 2025

By Bill Lewis

The meeting was held at Pellissippi State Meeting Room F150 at the Lamar Alexander Building.

The club meeting was opened at 6:40pm by the President Jimmy Russell.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer read the report, and the members accepted the report. Todd said we now have 85 members.

Safety Report

Phil Cope said that there was little flying and no issues.

Old Business

Looking forward to next year, some of the old issues were brought up again. Checking the fire extinguisher for renewal, repairing and building new flight stands, and filling and sealing the cracks in the runway were discussed.

New Business

Voting for officers for the Year 2026 will be on the agenda for the December meeting. Several officers from 2025 are accepting to be nominated for 2026 and if anyone would like to run for any of these positions, please let us know. PLEASE ATTEND THE MEETING AND VOTE IN PERSON. Mail in ballots will be sent out also.

Crash Of the Month

Bob Morris had the battery fall out of his transmitter and of course his plane flew straight into the runway! OUCH!

Show and Tell

Jimmy Russell brought in the P-51 he is building. The balsa plane is a war bird but has a sport style main wing, so he expects it to fly a little better/easier than a true war bird. It has retracts and will be flown on a 6s LiPo battery. He's going to cover it with China Coat and will be Yellow Tail colors.

New Members

No new members this month

Members in attendance

Eight members were in attendance.

Members running for office are as follows:

President: Jimmy Russell

Vice President: Travis Brasier & Dan Tubes

Treasurer: Todd Thomas

Secretary: Bill Lewis

Executive Committee Members:

Rick Thompson

Brandon Drummer

3rd place open

Safety Officer: Phil Cope & Craig Dieter

The meeting was closed at 7:30 by the president Jimmy Russell

Upcoming Events

No more events for this year; remember to come to the December meeting and vote! We need your participation.

Tell your ideas and plans for next year to the officers or email them if you can't make the meeting. Time is getting short. Let's make next year an exciting one!

Meet the New Member

On hold for a while. We hope to see some new people singing on for next year. Tell your friends.

Elections

Please consider running for office and help make the club a better and fun place to fly model airplanes. We need your input and ideas to make the club a better place!

Support your club and vote!



Building Projects

I hope you all have some projects in the gueue for the Winter building season. The bad weather is a great time to fix up those older damaged planes and to start some new projects. You can start that kit that has been sitting around for a couple of years or assemble that foamy you got for your last birthday. Just remember to be careful with the glue and paint vapors (check the ventilation) and remember to remove the prop from any motor you are adjusting the speed controller on. We want to see you at the field in good health and in one piece next Spring! Also remember to take a few pictures and send them to me so I can put them in the Newsletter to help inspire others to finish up their planes. If you have any hints and tips on construction, send them to me as well and I will pass them along.

Here are some pictures of Jimmy's P-51 project that he brought to the last meeting. There is not much more to do to it to get it into the air.

First the edgy (and not so politically correct) pilot:



And the just about done airframe just waiting for the radio, motor, and covering:



So, send me pictures of your ongoing projects and maybe a brief text about where it is all going and you can be in the newsletter and an inspiration to others. A little creativity can get us all out of a rut and put a little humor into our hobby!

Spring is coming faster each year, so get going now so you can wow us in March. Even a dressed up foamy can raise your spirits on a dreary Winter's Day and generate interest at the field.