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AT THE FIELD

Ed Hartley sent me some info on the Andersonville, Georgia, SPA contest last month along with a couple of pictures. The KCRC contingent as usual did OK but seems like there were



2009 ELECTED OFFICERS

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Jeff Prosize, Karl Gerth , Phil Spelt

fewer of them in attendance than usual . Ed got a second in Senior Expert, (seen here losing a smiling contest with Scott Sappington), Karl Gerth got a first place in Novice (also getting his trophy from Scott). Bill Dodge got a forth place, Phil Spelt a fifth place and Don Eiler a tenth place in Sportsman.

Speaking of the SPA, I understand KCRC will be hosting the SPA Masters next year. If it goes as well as the last Masters held here a few years ago, it'll be a winner...

In the picture here that John Heard sent me , I recognize Mike Miller and Karl Gerth, but its hard to



make out who else is in it. However, there's no difficulty in identifying the activity going on..My wife would call it laziness, but I call it demonstrating the science of conservation of energy, and it looks like these guys have gotten it down pat. Whatever you want to call it, the activity is giving both of them a great deal of pleasure, and that's what we pay the big bucks for, isn't it?.....Jim ■

MINUTES, October 2009

President Dennis Drone called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM on Tuesday, October 13 at the Fellowship Church. There were 23 members present.

Minutes for the September meeting were approved as printed in the October Newsletter.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

The Treasurer's Report was given by Joel Hebert and approved. The only expense was for the driveway maintenance. A copy of the report is available from Joel.

OLD BUSINESS

Concern was expressed that the new east safety fence, in its present location, decreases the available flying area at the east end of the shelter. It was proposed that a second set of holes for supporting the safety net be installed. Dennis asked that members review the situation for further discussion next month.

Dennis reported that the trench for the RV electrical service is dug. There was considerable discussion about the electrical service to be installed. Dennis to pursue this.

The Marines beat us to the punch on trimming the bushes around the gate.

NEW BUSINESS

It was noted that Rick Hampton had mowed the field in the last few days. A motion was made, seconded, and approved for paying Rick for his work.

Dennis is investigating possible use of the runway at an air park community near Blaine.

Bill Dodge has Morgan 15% glow fuel at \$12/gal.

Jeff Prosis reported that the new web site went live about 4 PM today. He's looking at the following new features – My Hangar, an area for videos, discussion forums, and a KCRC Store. There was discussion about advertising, the directory, phone numbers, and members' profiles on the new web site. Jeff will get user names for the club members who do not yet have them.

Dennis passed on reminders from Safety Officer Scott Anderson to turn off the electrical circuits and to be careful around props. Scott has been made aware of several prop accidents lately.

Dennis reported that Richard Bass has donated several nice models to the club. Dennis proposed that they be made air worthy and be placed in an airplane pool for use by club members. After considerable discussion of the pros and cons, it was decided that Dennis should appoint a committee to study the proposal.

Dennis reported that Doll Thompson's estate has donated a very nice label maker to the club. It is available for use.

It was reported that the Futaba buddy box is unserviceable. Several members are investigating replacements.

Dennis appointed a nominating committee consisting of Bud Weisser, Matt Conser, and Charles Wilson.

Dennis is to look into scheduling another indoor fly-in.

OTHER

New (former) member Richard Bass was recognized.

Phil Spelt reported that Dennis Hunt had a pacemaker installed today and is doing well.

Jerel Zarestky reported that the House Mountain Fly-In has been rescheduled for Oct. 31.

Phil Cope reported that Skip Dishner's surgery went well.

Dave Marsden will be going in for knee surgery on Nov. 16. We wish him well. Dave has a Bladestar indoor model to keep his flying skills sharp during his recuperation.

MODEL OF THE MONTH

None.

CRASH OF THE MONTH

Phil Spelt related the demise of his Panzer. He had just equipped it with a Li-Po flight battery and voltage regulator. In the middle of a practice pattern, the plane developed a

mind of its own, especially in elevator. The good news – it impacted Mother Earth in the middle of the field in front of the runway. The bad news – the debris field was extensive and the plane was a total loss Phil won COM.

PROGRAM

None.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Minutes submitted by Don Eiler, KCRC

Secretary. ■



KCRC CALENDAR of EVENTS

November meeting at Fellowship Church, 8000 Middlebrook Pike, November 10th, at 7:00 PM

Vote on approving 2009 field Rules will be added to officers election ballot at election in December.

SAFETY ISSUES

by Scott Anderson

Well, building season is getting closer as the temperatures start to drop and the tree colors change. So remember to use good shop safety as there are many tools just as dangerous as or more so than a spinning prop or a charging battery.

Remember not to have loose baggie sleeves or clothes around saws, disc sanders, drill presses and such. **ALWAYS** wear eye protection in the shop while running a tool, it might sound like too much but until you have an eye injury, you don't know how you value your eyesight.

If you're using auxiliary heating source like a electric unit, make sure it has a tip over switch to turn off it off if that should happen and don't have it near any combustibile items, if you're using a liquid source like I do, a Kerosene heater, make sure it's safety devices are working and there is some fresh air available like a window or door open a bit so the carbon monoxide levels don't build up too much..

Smoke detectors are a great idea for the shop, and add a good 1-5 pound ABC fire extinguisher, it could be the difference. Don't forget to check your other smoke detectors and change their batteries at least once a year, and if you have AC powered detectors get some battery ones and mount in the same area for when the power is out. Put oil and solvent soaked rags in a small metal garbage can with a lid, to cut down on odor and possible fire.

Don't forget to store Lipo batteries at 80% or 3.8 volts per cell if you're not going to use them for an extended time and it is always recommended to store them in a metal box (ammo style) or a Lipo guard bag.

Enjoy building next year's planes and do it safely.Scott. ■

INFO FOR USING NEW WEBSITE by Jeff Prosis

Now that KCRC's new Web site is up and running, here are a few tips for using it effectively.

First, the new photos section has already seen a lot of traffic. Keep those photos coming! You can upload photos of any size, but once a photo is uploaded, it's reduced to a width of 1,024 pixels. To make uploads faster, you can use your favorite photo editing tool to shoot pictures down to that width before uploading them. The resulting photo will look exactly the same, but since reducing the number of pixels reduces the photo's file size, the upload won't take as long.

Second, if you haven't already changed your password to something other than the default, be sure to do so. Also try to pick something that's not very obvious. Making up a password such as "fooxap" makes our Web site more secure by preventing hackers from guessing your password using a

dictionary attack (a type of hack that works by using an electronic dictionary to guess passwords.) Another strategy is to combine two words and separate them with a punctuation character, such as “keeper*birth.” It’s not a bad idea to change your password from time to time, either. Our site includes sophisticated countermeasures to prevent hacks, but a chain is only as strong as its weakest link, and an easily guessable password is an open door for hackers.

Third, be careful about putting your e-mail address in ads you post in our For-Sale section. That part of the site doesn’t require a user name and password, so Web trawlers—programs used by spammers to harvest e-mail addresses from the Web—can see them. If you post your e-mail address in a public page, don’t be surprised if the level of spam you receive increases. The e-mail addresses in our club directory are encrypted so that trawlers can’t sniff them out. That part of the site also requires a login, which should keep trawlers from even finding the e-mail addresses in the first place.

Fourth, remember that our online club directory is searchable. As you browse the directory, you can type a search term such as ”pattern” or “turbine” into the search box near the top of the page and find other members with similar interests. The search feature is only as good as the data in the directory, so if you haven’t already, be sure to log in and update your profile with your interests.

Finally, our site is protected with a feature that automatically suspends an account if someone provides an invalid password for that account several times in the space of a few minutes. This is a safeguard against password-guessing attacks. If you try to log in and are told your password is invalid but you know it’s not, contact me so I can unlock your account. Also contact me if you forget your password so I can issue you a new one. (I can create a new password for you, but I can’t recover your old one because the passwords are stored in an encrypted format that no one, not even a Web site administrator, can decrypt.) Eventually, our site will include a forgotten-password page that you can use to have a new password sent to the e-mail address in your profile.....Jeff ■

From the Presidents Corner: by Dennis Drone,

Another fall season is upon us. Perhaps its building time for some or just a retreat indoors to warm up by the fire. Either way election time is rapidly coming soon. Matt Conser, Charles Wilson and Bud Weiser were appointed to the candidate finding committee. Captain Bud has dropped out of the race due to personal issues. So please don't run and hide nor check your caller I.D. if Charles or Matt come calling. On the other news area, I am in possession of many great models that Richard Bass dropped off. Craig Dieter has already prepared the Fokker Tri plane for flight. If anyone is interested, just drop me a line and I will let you know when we intend on having the plane at the field for a little buddy box time. Our indoor flying @ TAC AIR is scheduled for Oct. 28 6:00PM. Get those indoor models ready and lets have some fun. A \$5.00 landing fee has been initiated for all flying pilots in attendance. Hope to see you there!.....Dennis ■

ELECTION TIME AGAIN

Every year about this time, the powers that be in KCRC begin struggling with a ballot for new officers for the upcoming year.. This past year, as with most all years, has been blessed with good officers, and if the past is any guide, some (or all) of them will continue to serve in the upcoming year. This has the advantage of KCRC having experienced leadership, but sometimes it is the result of not finding anyone willing to replace them. I can certainly understand hesitating to take on a job that takes a great deal of time and effort, but none of the jobs of officers in KCRC fall in this category. We've had officers in the past who put very little effort into it, and we've had officers that put a lot of effort into it. It usually shows up in meeting attendance and club enthusiasm for field events when we get these leaders who are really enthusiastic about club activities. It's a learning experience for newcomers in office, but there's lots of help from past officers on duties, so if asked, please become a candidate. Shoot, maybe you won't be elected anyhow!Jim ■