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From the Hangar

Jerel Zarestky, KCRC President

The January meeting/banquet was another well attended event. I think the count was something around 60 people. We didn't conduct any business, just the food and a lot of hanger talk, which is the way it's supposed to be!

Congratulations again to Jamie Evans for being awarded Most Improved Flyer for 2002 at the banquet.

We'll be back to our regular meetings on Tuesday, February 11th at Deane Hill Recreation Center. The program will be a video of the PBS Nova program, 'Spies That Fly'. Nova does a great job of covering technical subjects without the typical 'dumbing down' and I have no reason to doubt they did a great job on this topic as well. C.D.Martin recorded it for us and says they cover everything from satellites, through the Predator and beyond.

We have a couple of points of business to discuss at the meeting. Joe Parrott has provided the sound stickers so we can do some planning on sound measurements for the year. Ben Dickmann has moved to Florida and decided to give up most of his R/C stuff for reasons of space and time. Thanks to Ben's generosity we have, if we choose to keep it, a club trainer; complete airplane/engine/radio plus trainer box.

Don't forget to bring your completed models for model of the month. Remember also that we have the meeting room at 6:00 (meeting at 7:00) so that the hanger talk can start before the meeting. You could bring any building projects you'd like to "Show and Tell" or that you'd like some advice on. See you at the field... when it gets a little bit warmer!

Until then I'm sure Phil and Denny will be there... ;-)

.....Jerel

Heres a picture of our hardworking Treasurer.....



On Flying Alone

Got a note from one of our members and thought it was pretty good.

"I left an airplane at the field today! I got there about 1:30 PM and no one was there. I started thinking about Jim's article about flying alone, but I thought 'I'm here and just one time'. The engine started and ran quite well. The takeoff was perfect but then about halfway around the engine began to sputter and I thought 'Land NOW!'. Because of the sputtering engine, wind stronger than I thought, and pilot error, I got too close to the tree line. As I passed over one of the trees on the east end of the runway, that tree reached up about three feet and grabbed the plane and pulled it down and held it close to its breast. The plane was too high to reach with anything I had, and the tree was too big to shake. I thought 'I'll climb it!', then I thought 'Yes and probably fall out and lay there all night until someone comes tomorrow'. So I decided to cut it down. Either the saw gave out, or I gave out, or both so I went home. Probably tomorrow I'll go back."

(This was from the oldest member of the OFFA). A later note said all is well and the model has been recovered with the help of a couple of good guys.....

This'n That

Well, can you believe that it is a brand new year? 2003 already! Seems like 2002 was just getting started when we had elections for new officers and started looking for a place to have a banquet.

2002 was really a pretty good year; we had a well attended SPA contest back in the first of June, we had a float fly in the spring and another in the fall that were very successful, and we had several funflies, and two picnics that left nothing to be desired. We had at least two Flea markets (these can be classed as good or bad, depending on how you came out), and the meetings were well attended and we got a lot of business completed. But I think the crowning achievement of KCRC for 2002 was the airshow. The weather did not cooperate all that well, but we had a large bunch of people come and watch us have fun, and the club members turned out in force to do the jobs that needed doing. There was some outstanding models, and some outstanding flying, and I think the spectators went away impressed.

The members of KCRC turned out the whole year to make all the events we had successful and I can't remember when I've enjoyed the hobby more. I'm looking forward to 2003 with great anticipation. I think it'll be bigger and better than 2002.

Don't forget that 2003 dues are now due. Dues paid before or during the February meeting are as listed in the January newsletter. After the end of the February meeting of each year, a \$10 penalty will be added to the delinquent dues. This was passed a couple of years ago because several members who do not fly during the cold months would just plain forget about the dues until spring rolled around. The bad thing about this was that we never knew who was dropping out or who was staying in.

The club newsletter will also not be mailed to members who become delinquent in February.

Got an e-mail from new member Jack Halburnt wondering what the number on the address label of the newsletter was. He thought it might be a club ID number or something like that. Since we have several new members, I'll put in some information that they need. We (I) tend to forget that there might be some confusion about practices that we (I) use regularly, not realizing that there are folks out there that don't have a clue what I'm talking about. On the address label of the envelope containing the newsletter that I send out each month, the top line contains first the combination to the lock on the gate to the field. Members need to keep this confidential. We don't want the vandals that we have had in the past. Next on the label is the AMA number of that member receiving the newsletter. If there is no number there, he needs to get in touch with me or Joel Hebert and give us his AMA membership number. Every thing else on the label is his home address.

One thing Jack mentioned was the fact that no one

sent him a note welcoming him to the club, or mentioning the fact that he was now a member. That is not the face we want to present to new members! I haven't been doing it, but if I have an e-mail address, from now on, I'll send a note welcoming a new member and sending some information about the club. So I ask that all new members contact me with their e-mail address.



Mike Foley sent me a couple of pictures that I'm showing here. The first at the top of the page is new member Bruce Butler and his Avistar. Mike has been acting as the instructor for Bruce and his daughter Jessica, and the smile on Bruce's face says he is enjoying it.

Another picture Mike sent was of Denny Evans and his new Morris Sudokoi stunt plane. If you don't know what a



Morris model is or what they do, then you have a pleasant surprise in store. All of the models sold by Morris Hobbies are fantastic stunt planes that fly very nicely. Slow them down and use less throw on the controls and, while not exactly what you call a second model, they are quite reasonable as stunt trainer.

George Campbell at 690-0734 has all the 2000-2001 issues of RC Report for anyone who wants them. If interested, give him a call. He doesn't want to just throw them away.

Send me a note describing your all time favorite model or engine and tell me why you liked it.....

January 2003 Minutes

The January 14, 2003 meeting of the Knox County Radio Control Society was held at the Super China Buffet in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The banquet and meeting was held in the banquet room of the restaurant and the banquet started at 6:30pm.

This month's meeting was very informal, lots of good food and fellowship. There were 58 people who attended the banquet/meeting.

After everyone finished their meal, President Jerel Zarestky called the meeting to order at 7:15pm and welcomed all members and guests to the meeting. The regular reading of the Treasury report and meeting minutes were dispensed with for this meeting.

The Club Treasurer, Joel Hebert, was taking up money for Club dues, collecting information on members, like current e-mail addresses, phone number, etc. and distributing the 2003 Club sticker to put on your AMA card.

A brief recap of what happened during the past year was presented by the President. Some of the things that were mentioned were the static display at the Museum of Science and Energy, two really great float flies, the SPA Pattern contest, two fun flies, a great air show, the Delta Dart program that was held at the Children's Museum, a couple of picnics and the flea market(s).

We also got quite a bit of business done, like getting the lease renewed, getting the Club incorporated, getting the sound rules and revised by-laws established. There was quite a number of people that were involved with the different functions and events that went on this year, and everybody helped. It was a great year! A round of applause went up from the members present.

The new officers were announced for 2003. They are: Board of Directors-Ed Hartley and Dennis Hunt, Sergeant at Arms-Jordan Foley, Recording Secretary-Mike Foley, Treasurer-Joel Hebert, Vice President-Phil Cope and President-Jerel Zarestky. Jim Scarbrough is continuing the newsletter, and there is one office that was changed from an elective office to an appointed office was the Club Historian; June Cope (ed. note; June has already been doing it for many, many years.) was again appointed to that position. There was another

round of applause from the members present.

Although we don't give out too many awards, one that we present each year is the Most Improved



Flyer. An e-mail was sent out to the Board of Directors, Officers and other people involved and it was a "hands down" choice. A plaque, prepared by Joe Parrot, was awarded to Jamie Evans for the most improved flyer of 2002. There was another round of applause from the members present.

It was announced that the regular meetings will start in February. The program for the February meeting is a video tape of a NOVA special called "Spies that fly" and has a lot of R/C related stuff and it is pretty interesting. Be sure to come to the meeting next month!

Also, it was announced that the Club now has a trainer, more or less donated by Ben Dickmann. We have to decide what to do with this, whether we want to keep it, sell it or whatever. We'll discuss that at the February meeting.

Also, if you have a winter project, it doesn't matter if it's finished, bring it out for "show-n-tell" at the February meeting.

Joe Skorski (Ed. Note: Joe is one of KCRC's Emeritus members who date back to the very beginnings of the club, even before it became an exclusive RC club and has seen the club grow from five or ten members to the size we now are.) said it was a great thing that we (the Club) have so many young people involved in our Club, both wanting to learn how to fly their plane(s) and with an interest in the activities that our Club has. He hopes it continues.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm
Michael J. Foley, Recording Secretary

Club Activities

Got a note from Ray LeBlanc concerning his winter project. He's working on a 20% Edge 540. The model has a 60" wingspan and projected weight will be 6.5 to 7 pounds (hopefully),. He's planning to use a Enya .90 four stroke which should be just about the perfect size power plant to fly it. The fiberglass cowl and wheel pants are made by Dennis Hunt. He says he is having a great time building it but that the plans (from J & L Designs by C. Doug Lee) are quite detailed and that the construction is different from most of



forward to flying something smaller than the big models (not counting the electrics) that I've been flying. One thing that I don't like about the kit is that the fuse is

completely built up of Lite ply. I really don't like that type construction because of the brittleness of the wood, even though it is being used an awful lot in models. I don't mind it as a doubler, but I like balsa surfaces.



his previous endeavors. The construction has lots of fiberglassing..He is completeing work on the wing at this time. He says that the wing has a span-wise airfoil and has built in wash-out.

Keep us posted, Ray.....

Got a note from C.D. Martin saying that , because of some medication he's on, he hasn't had the energy or the enthusiasm to stay very busy on his project. He did say that the project

was a Dumas Mr Mulligan, and that it was framed up and had the servos mounted. The wingspan is a huge 30 inchs. The model was designed for a rubber band motor but C.D. has mounted electric power as you can see.



I'm anxious to see this one fly.....

The next picture is my own project for however long it takes. It is a Goldberg Freedom 20 and I intend to power it with a HB .20 2-stroke. It has a Wingspan of 55 inchs and a length of 45 inchs. It is a pretty good kit and all parts were accurately diecut and fit together nicely. Most all models designed by Dave Patrick are good flyers so I am looking

I made a mistake in reporting on Mike Foley's winter project. He bought the Sig 4Star-120 from the builder, who had never flown the plane; he'd just spent a lot of time screwing around with it and got tired of it and sold it to Mike. Here is Phil Cope, chief test pilot, looking over the situation before test flying it



Sometime back, Denny Evans and I were dickering over a JR PCM10 transmitter that Chris Luck was selling. I finally bought it and Denny ended up with a later model from Paul Funk. If Denny is as happy with his as I am with mine, then we both came out a winner.

For Sale

.60 size Bridi Chaos, Real good condition Sport/aerobatic model, includes 2 mini servos in wing and 18 oz fuel tank. No engine or other servos included.

Has minor hanger rash. Covered with orange and white Ultracote with black graphics.

Asking \$200. if interested call Jordan Foley at 865-986-6759

The next meeting of the KCRC will be at the Deane Hills Recreation Center on Morrell Rd. It will be on Tuesday, February 11th, 2002 at 7:00 PM. There will be some important issues discussed.