



**November, 2003 Knoxville, Tennessee AMA Chapter 594**  
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**It is that time of the year again, kiddies. Time to pick another slate of officers for the year 2004! Can you believe that time has gone so fast? KCR C has been extremely fortunate in electing some outstanding officers the last few years, and with your help, we'll do it again! If the nominating committee comes to you with a request to run, please do. They wouldn't ask if they weren't serious or didn't think you can do the job.....Jim**

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### **From the Hangar**

The spur-of-the-moment picnic at the field last weekend (the 18th) was a big success! The food was again fantastic, the turnout very good, the weather almost perfect and the flying the same. My apologies to those who didn't get the word if they missed the Oct. meeting or didn't get the email announcing the event ( Ed. Note: There was also an announcement on the front page of the October newsletter. ) and to those who just couldn't make it out Saturday. Don't worry, everyone I talked to loves this event and most would like to do it two or three times during the flying season, so you'll get more chances to attend.

We have a lot on our plate for the November meeting. First of all, it's time to come up with nominations for club officers. If you can help here, either as a candidate or know of someone else who would be a good candidate, please let us know. You can email me at jerzee4@comcast.net or contact any one of the club officers listed above. We'll also be discussing 2004 dues, January banquet location and the December meeting agenda (flea-market, auction, ?).

The challenge grant from Knox county was approved in the amount of \$1000 for building our shade structures. Initial construction planning is in the works and actual work will start very soon. If you're interested in helping with this project please make it known to a club officer. We're trying to come up with something interesting and a bit of fun for the program. The one program everyone wants to see is covering (Monokote, etc.) but I'm having trouble finding a volunteer and as we've discussed, a format where someone could actually cover (pun intended) a significant number of details in 30-50 minutes. We may try something related to interesting R/C facts and tips as an alternative.

In the mean time, see you at the field!.... Jerel

### **Editors Note**

It was brought to the attention of the club at the October meeting that there might be a necessity to economize somewhat on the cost of the newsletter. In the past year, printing costs went up and it costs a bundle to buy stamps, plus it occupies a goodly portion of a bunch of days for me to do the work getting the newsletter together, printing, folding, addressing and stuffing envelopes, etc. The cost to the club runs about eighty cents per copy. Last year it cost the club almost \$1000 to produce the best effort I can put into it and distribute it to you.

The AMA states that a newsletter is the glue which holds a club together, and perhaps it is, but that is pretty expensive glue!

I also wonder at the number of people who actually read the newsletter. Several people commented that they didn't know about the picnic on October 18th. It was announced in a highlighted notice on the front page of the newsletter which came out a week before the event.

Therefore:: I am proposing that the issues starting in January, 2004, be mailed only to the members who do not have the capability of getting it off the internet. Both Jerel Zarestky and Ed Hartley maintain websites which provide for the downloading and the software required for reading it, and I can snailmail it to those who who can't get it any other way. There is also the possibility that an e-mailed version can be automatically mailed out. This will be looked into.

If this proposal is adopted, then I will need to be notified that you want the snail mail version. These are the only copies that I will mail out.

Finally, there may be someone in the club who can put out a more interesting newsletter or do a better job at it than I have done. If so, just let me know and you can start tomorrow. It is a lot of work, and there are expenses that the club is not asked to pay, but it can be a satisfying job.....

# At the Field

Well, it's fall again and the flying is great! I'm trying to get to the field as often as I can because it's not going to be long before you hesitate to go up on that hill where the cool breezes becomes a cold wind! Several of the OFFA's are getting out on weekday mornings and there doesn't appear to be a problem having someone to fly with, and naturally the fertilizer gets to be pretty deep also. It beats me how you can see some guys pretty often and never seem to hear all the stories they have to tell. To tell you the truth, I think I get almost as much pleasure out of just sitting and visiting with these old friends as I do out of flying.

Bill Pennell sent me a picture of his latest. Bill does



all his own work, from the designing and drawing the plans, to the building and flying. Phil Cope tested this one and says its a flyer. Looks good, too. Bill calls it the Skylark. It is number 8 in a continuing series of Pennell

designs. Bill says it has a wingspan of about 60 " and is powered by a pair of OS .25 FPs.

Larry Roberts has accepted the challenge of constructing some tables for use at the field. An article covering a similar project was published recently in R/C Technique magazine. I saw the article in another magazine

some time in the past and was impressed with the possibilities the tables offer. I've been using a folding table that was published in R/C Modeler in 1992, and I couldn't do



without one now. It makes the preparation for flying so much easier. Larry has completed one of them and brought it to the field.

I think I may have been the first to try it, but before I left, every one had tried it out, and I think everyone liked it. The club has authorized Larry to build two. Larry made a few changes from the published article, but I think the design profits from the changes, especially the cost. Larry says that he will make some changes in the next one that will make it more usable. That is Carroll Peabody's Easy Sport on the table.

Fellow KCRC member George Campbell called me the other night with information that a friend of his has soloed and now wants to sell his trainer. The information George had was that it was an Avistar, complete with motor and 4 channel FM radio and ready to fly. That is all the info that George had on the equipment. No price was given, but if you are interested in a total trainer package in good shape, give a call to David Beaman at home phone number 691-9907, or work phone 691-7865.

Went to the field Saturday and got to see John William's latest effort. A Vickers Wellington twin engine bomber from WWII. It is powered by two OS .20 engines with both throttles on the same servo. Wing span is about 50 inches and the plane flies like a very well mannered sport plane. Phil Cope was testing it and he said he even did low key aerobatics with one engine out! John is another member who does all the work from the decision to build to completion. A true scratch builder.

John Heard recently gave me a much traveled kit of an Ace 4-40 biplane that he couldn't work up enough enthusiasm to build. John had acquired it from Joe Parrott who had decided he didn't want to build it. Joe had gotten it from Bob Dilworth who likewise hadn't wanted to build it. I don't know who had bought the kit originally, but isn't it funny how you can get hooked on a model, buy it, and then lose the desire to build it? I'll bet it's happened to you, too.

Received the following note from Scott Anderson, who has volunteered to direct an AMA pattern contest next spring and is looking for help.

Hello fellow cub members;

I heard that the picnic was very nice. While I'm sitting here in upstate New York wondering about rain or snow tonight. I wanted to let you know about the AMA pattern meet sponsored by KCRC. By next week we should have a date in place ( E-mail is great! ) and I will pass it along to you. ALL club members are encouraged to come out and fly in the contest!

I'm looking for some help in key areas, field prep, concession stand, scribes for the judges, etc. We at KCRC can make a difference with a donation to the hospice house from the concession stand and would like to see a group of members running this. Any volunteers?

If anyone has any ideas or would like to help, please email me.

Thank You  
Scott Anderson  
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## Minutes , October 2003

The October 14, 2003 meeting of the Knox County Radio Control Society was held at the Dean Hill Recreation Center in Knoxville, Tennessee. President Jerel Zarestky called the meeting to order at 7pm. Joel Hebert gave the Treasury report. The September meeting minutes were passed as read in the newsletter. There were 33 members present.

One thing that came up during the Treasury report was a breakdown of all the expenses that KCRC has. It was noted that the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest expense was the newsletter! It costs 70 to 75 cents per copy for each member that gets the newsletter, which includes printing and mailing. Those who want to get a "hard" copy of the newsletter need to let Jim know. Otherwise, you can get it off the website, . It's in color and it saves the Club money too!

Karl Gerth said he still has nametags for members who haven't picked them up yet. These members are: David Johnson, Wingman, Tom Hill, Christer Gustafsson, Bill Marshall, Greg Tinker, Tom Lindquist and Richard J. Boget. Karl said he would have the nametags with him out at the field and at the Club meetings.

### OLD BUSINESS

The first order of business was the Harriman fly-in, which was held on Saturday, September 20th. There was a great turn-out, with Clubs from the surrounding area attending the event. There were over 70 planes there, everything from electric park fliers to Denny's 1/3 scale Extra, all lined up along the runway; and a flea market was held too! What a great event!

The next order of business was the float fly. David Dabbs gave a short report and said that everything went well, even the weather co-operated! He also wanted to get some feedback and ideas on what needs to be done differently or to improve the event. David also thanked those that helped set the event up and said he looked forward to having one next year, possibly at a different location. David also said that somebody left a red cloth cooler at the float fly, and he picked it up. If you are missing one, call 865-986-6153 and identify it.

Gene Waters announced that he had fuel for those that ordered it at the meeting. He also wanted to know if anyone was interested in getting another drum of fuel. If there was enough interest, he'd order another drum of fuel. A sign up sheet was passed around during the meeting. If you'd like some fuel, you can e-mail Gene and let him know how much you want or need at . A motion was made to cover Gene's cost of buying the fuel until he can reimburse the Club after he sold the fuel. The motion was seconded and passed by the members present.

The next order of business was the field improvements. There was a meeting at the field last Sunday to discuss the location of the shelters at the pit area. After a short discussion, it was decided to build 4 shelters, starting with the first 2 being built this fall/winter at the edge of the fence on the east end of the runway extending back towards the shed, one over the grass and one over the concrete pit area. The remaining 2 shelters would be built in the spring of 2004, hopefully before any contest(s). It was also decided not to build any shelters on the left side of the field, due to the fact that the ground drops off rather sharply on that side, or in front of the shed. There are some engineering things that are not quite finished yet. After a short discussion, a motion was made and seconded to build the proposed shelters.

### NEW BUSINESS

A request was made by one of our members to not park directly in front of the open areas between the posts, as a courtesy, so that members can get their planes and equipment to and from the field. Some members have mentioned that they are having problems getting between the cars or trucks with their planes. Your help and cooperation is appreciated!

The first order of business was the repair of the frequency control board by Scott Anderson. It was said that the frequency board needed to be updated so all aircraft frequencies would be shown and the board could also house the first aid kit and a fire extinguisher. Joel Hebert said that if you don't have your AMA card in the frequency slot, just to

write your name on a \$20 bill and leave it in there. That brought a good laugh from the members. Thanks Scott!

The next order of business was the picnic that is going to be held on Saturday, October 18, 2003 at 9am. Members are asked to bring a covered dish and whatever they like to drink. And don't forget your airplane! Flying starts at 9am, lunch is planned for noon. A mass e-mail is being sent out to all members about the picnic.

The next order of business is the nomination of Club Officers. Ed Hartley was asked to chair the committee to recruit Club members to run for office. If you are interested in running for any of the offices, please contact Ed.

The next order of business was the discussion of the Club dues. It was decided to discuss this more at the meeting next month.

The next order of business was the announcement of the possibility of 2 pattern contests for the 2004 season. The first one would be an AMA Pattern contest held during our normal May/June time slot. It was also announced that there was the possibility of getting to host a SPA Masters Pattern contest held in September at KCRC field. A motion was made and seconded to host the contest. A vote was taken and the motion passed. Scott Anderson would be the Contest Director for the event(s). Scott said that he would like to have all Club members participate in the event, either by flying in the contest or by helping with the event. So get out there and start practicing!

The next order of business was a request to build 6 wooden plane stands. Larry Roberts said he would build one so members could see if they wanted to build more of them. If more were needed, then we would build them. Thanks Larry!

A question was asked if there was any interest in having an airshow next year. In the years past, KCRC has put on shows and they have been a hit with the community! Lots of people have asked when we were going to have another one. If you have an interest in taking on this event, please let us know.

### CRASH OF THE MONTH

There were 2 entries for crash of the month. First up was Larry Roberts, who told about his misfortune with his Lou Andrews Aeromaster bi-plane. About 3 weeks ago, he had the plane out at the field and he and Phil did some changes to the way the clevises hooked to the servo arms. They soldered the clevis to the control rod. The next time Larry brought the plane out to the field, shortly after he took off, he said the plane "rolled over on its back and dove toward the ground". Larry tried to pull out of the dive, but the plane wouldn't respond. He said the wings sheared off the plane when it hit the ground, and the fuselage broke in 2 pieces, right behind the turtle deck. He fixed the damage and had the plane flying again the next weekend.

Joel Hebert then told the group about his misfortune with his ACE Cloud Dancer ARF. He charged his batteries up on the way to the field and he started it up, taxied out and took off. He thought to himself, "Hey, that was a nice take-off" and he noticed the plane was drifting to the left, so he fed in a little right aileron..... and nothing happened. The plane continued to drift left and Joel continued to add in some right to correct it and then he realized he had no control over the plane! He cut the throttle and started yelling "I ain't got it! Look out!" There were some guys standing in the parking lot off the left hand side of the runway and they thought Joel was just kidding around, until they saw the plane heading their way and Joel hollering at them. Fortunately, the plane hit the ground before it got back to the parking lot. The plane was destroyed and it broke the needle valve off the engine. Joel said he checked what was left of the plane and he couldn't figure out what went wrong. Someone suggested that the battery pack may have had a dead cell. Anyway, Joel said he was relieved that no one was hurt.

A vote was taken and Joel won a bottle of glue.

### MODEL OF THE MONTH

There were no entries at this month's meeting. Bring an airplane to the next meeting!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm. Michael J. Foley,  
Secretary KCRC



# This'n That

## Upcoming KCRC Events

May 2004.... David Dabbs is planning another Spring Float Fly. Date and details will be announced.  
May, June 2004..... AMA Pattern contest at KCRC field. More details to come.  
September 2004.... SPA Masters is being applied for. More information to come.

As you can see from the little preliminary note above, much action is being planned for next year. We have several people stepping forward to take an active part in the planning and leadership positions of upcoming events and that just has to help make us a better club. One of the hardest jobs in any club activity is getting someone to actually step forward and lead it. Most of our members are willing to assist and fill job positions, but nobody wants to take on the responsibility of planning it. Dennis Hunt and Ed Hartley have pretty much had to do all the pattern contest planning, and it can get to be a real load. Scott Anderson and David Dabbs, along with Paul Funk doing the planning for the Fun Fly events, look to be a welcome addition to the planning functions of club events.

By the way, planning doesn't get the job done unless the membership pitches in to make it a reality. If you help out, everything goes smoother, and "the more the merrier" is a true statement.....

The October Fest Feed held on October 18th went over like it was supposed to, the weather cooperated beautifully, the food was outstanding, and lots of planes were in the air.

Mike Rogers deep fried two turkeys, one with cajon spices, and they were done perfectly! Denny Evans did up his Cajon baked ham and my mouth is watering just writing about it. Many covered dishes, both finger food and desserts were brought by members who appreciate eating. One of the things that President Jerel Zarestky pushed for was getting members out to fly. and it is



obvious from the pictures here ( taken by Gary Lindner ) that he got his wish. These were taken fairly early, because when I looked about eleven o'clock, the pit and the end area were both completely full. We even had the witch flying to celebrate Halloween.

I think I counted about 50 present but folks were

moving about and hard to count, so I'm going to say that the number present was about the same as our previous feeds;



something like 40% of the membership ( and the others

don't know what they're missing ). The event seems to be gaining in popularity among those who attend and I heard comments that we



ought to have one every week! That might be gilding the lily, but three or four held during the flying season wouldn't be out of line.

One other thing about the picnic. T.J. Albert says that a knife that he brought is missing. It is one that is special to his wife, so if you happened to have packed it up with your stuff, give him a call, or bring it to the November meeting. It's a miracle to me how everything gets back to where it belongs anyhow, there is such a great number of dishes and utensils scattered everywhere.

That's it for this month but I hope to see you at the field, because the flying is pretty good this time of year....

### FOR SALE

JR 8103 ( PCM/PPM tx ) radio system. Complete system with two extra flight packs.....\$400  
if interested, call  
Joe Bolinsky at cell 803-4594 or home 675-1786

### FOR SALE

16" Delta Scroll Saw...Almost new.....\$100  
or  
Trade for good .50-.91 four stroke engine  
call Rod Godwin at 690-5750

The November meeting of KCRC will be held at Deane Hills Rec Center on Tuesday, November 11th, 2003, at 7:00 PM. The business at this meeting will be the naming and nominating of candidates for 2004 club officers. Everyone is encouraged to attend and make your preferences known. It is the second most important meeting of the year. December usually being the most important because that meeting elects the officers and sets the dues for 2004.





I thought you might like to see some pictures taken during the past few months. One of the perks of the online version of the newsletter is that it is easy to add a page or two. The only problem with adding pages is that the downloading time is increased. Sometimes there is something that comes up that would be nice to put into the newsletter and there is no room. The snail mail version is pretty much locked into 4 pages. Front and back on a 11 x 17 sheet of paper. This is because of printing costs and cost of stamps. More than the 11 x 17 sheet might require extra postage. At any rate, let me know what you think. I can put in building tips, how-to articles, review articles, etc.....