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**The Annual KCRC Banquet, at which we will install new officers for 2004, will be held at Super China Buffet in Oak Ridge. This is the same place we had it last year. The place is located on highway 62 coming into Oak Ridge. I think it is the forth traffic light and turn left. 2nd Tuesday in January.**

**From the hanger  
 Jerel Zarestky**

We seem to be set for the new year at KCRC! It should be a good one; we have a great bunch of guys filling the club officer positions, some new faces and some familiar ones. We have a great field project just coming off the drawing board to be built this spring. And finally there are several repeat events planned for 2004 that were a success this year and I'm sure will be a big success again.

I'm sorry I missed the Chilly Chili Fly-in. It sounded like fun and I understand there was a good turnout even though the temperatures were a bit on the cold side...but it wouldn't have been appropriate to have it any other way!

Since this is my last column as president this year I want to take the opportunity to thank everyone at KCRC for their support in dealing with all the obstacles, trials and tribulations we sometimes run across in running a flying club. In retrospect they're all pretty trivial in the total scheme of things. The bottom line is that we have a great bunch of people to fly with at KCRC, a great place to fly and make friends there that we'll have for life. It's a very special hobby and sport and very special people in it.

I also want to thank my fellow club officers who were always there and thinking even when on more than one occasion I happened to.....not be. It was greatly appreciated. There are also several folks who were always there to take care of or handle the occasional necessary task at the field or piece of business to tend to. Thank you!

I hope you all had a happy holiday season. Have a great New Year and may all your landings be sweet!



**Moments From 2002 and 2003**

Thought you might like to reminisce a little. During the



last couple of years, we have had several well attended KCRC events that have been fun for all the members who took part in them, and for some of us who only went and watched. The top pic is from the May Float Fly held at

Fred Heddleson's lake front home in Kingston. The next one is from the October Float Fly held at the ramp at KCRC field. The turnout was about the same and

everyone had fun. The next picture is from one of the several Feed-Fun-Flys we had at the field. We have been averaging two a season, one in the spring and one in the fall. All of them have been well attended



and the food left absolutely nothing to be desired. Plenty



of deep fried Turkey and cajun baked ham, as well as all the things that go well with that kind of meat. I'm already looking forward to the spring when we will no doubt have another feed.....

# At the Field

Larry Roberts

Larry Roberts sent me pictures of the new tables he has finished for the convenience of KCRC members at the field. They look very good and should be a big help to flyers. I've been using a table since 1992 and couldn't do without one now. Unfortunately, Larry has only made five and



I'm sure they will be in use all the time, so I'll probably have to continue using the one I have.

Larry said

that Bud Weisser was at the field when he brought them up and helped him unload them. Attaboy, Bud....

On a cold winter's day that was so bright... I caught some roosting flyers sitting on the bench watching a fellow flyer as he takes his turn on the sticks. The date was December 10th, and there was seven or eight OFFA's braving the 40 degree temperature. Actually, the wind was calm so it didn't really seem that cold. One of the nice things about the south is that we can fly all year long ( as long as you remember your "Long Johns ").



One of the flyers taking their turn in the group above was Larry Roberts. He had a new bird to fly, and it was an ultimate thrill. The model was the Dave Patrick Ultimate ARF in the .40

size. Larry says it is the best he ever flew and I can vouch for the flyability of the model. It is also a gorgeous thing; on the ground and in the air.

Went to the Really Chilly Chili Cookout on Saturday, December 13th, and had a blast! It was cold and cloudy and windy, but a goodly crowd ( I think Karen Foley counted ~ 40 ) came out anyhow and ate a gob of chili. I took a pot full, Mike Foley brought a pot full, Denny Evans brought a pot full, and Larry Roberts brought a barrel full! There was cornbread, crackers, biscuits, cheddar cheese, sour cream and everything else you can eat with chili, and I think most all was eaten before the day was done. I ate five bowls myself because I wanted



to taste everyones version, and all were truly noteworthy.

Larry Roberts outdid himself on the preparation for the event. he spent most of Friday putting plastic sheeting around the



pavillion. The wind ruined the better part of his efforts but it still helped. Mike Foley sent me some pics so I could give you an idea how it went. Top is a bundled up Ed Lee and his SPAD stunter. An awesome flyer in the hands of Phil Cope. Next picture is of the crowded runway. I couldn't believe how many flew. I flew an electric as soon as I got there, but I think it got colder as the day went on.

My recommendation for the "ATTABOY " award for this month goes to Larry Roberts, who really worked to make the cookout a success, and also built the model tables for the convenience of the flyers. A true KCRCer.

December has been a good month for the club this year. A fair amount of reasonable flying weather, a productive meeting that provided new officers for 2004, and even a club event that was well attended in spite of typical winter weather. Lets hope that it is the harbinger of a good winter of flying.

Hope you have all had a good year, and I hope that the New Year brings you nothing but good things, with lots of pretty models that fly well. See you at the field.....Jim

## Minutes from December 2003 meeting

The December 9, 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 and welcomed all members and guests. The meeting minutes from the November meeting were passed as read in the newsletter. Joel Hebert presented the Treasury report. There were 38 members present at the meeting.

The first order of business was a vote for the Club officers. Ballots were handed out to those who hadn't voted either online or by mail. It was reported that 42 members did vote online for this election (that's up from last year!). The votes were tabulated and the results are: Board of Directors-Ed Hartley and Dennis Hunt, Sergeant at Arms-Jordan Foley, Treasurer-Joel Hebert, Secretary-Mike Foley, Vice President-Carl (Bud) Weisser, and President-Phil Spelt.

### OLD BUSINESS

We still have the Club of the Month and the AMA Award patch that was given to us by Jim McNeill. If you haven't gotten one yet, you need to see Jerel either at the meeting or at the field.

The next order of business was the plane stands at the field. If you've been out at the field lately, I'm sure you've seen the 6 airplane stands that are in the pit area. They are a really nice addition to the field, as they allow you to assemble and start your plane without having to bend over. Larry Roberts did a really nice job on them and he received a round of applause from the members present at the meeting. A motion was made to compensate Larry by giving him his 2004 Club dues. The motion was seconded, voted on and passed by the members present.

The next order of business was the banquet. There was only one person that had any information about were we could have our January banquet. The information was provided about the Super China Buffet in Oak Ridge, and the cost for groups of 60 or more would be \$8.25 per person, plus drink and gratuity. It was asked if anyone else had any other places that we could have our annual banquet, and there was complete silence. A motion was made to have it at the China Buffet, it was seconded and a vote was taken and passed by a majority of the members. So be sure to mark your calendar for Tuesday, January 13, 2004 at 6:30pm. I'll see you there!

The next order of business was the pattern contest. We do have the sanction and everything is on track for the event. Further information will be provided as it becomes available.

The next order of business was the shade structures over the pit area. Tony Wylie was asked if he had anything to report. He said that he talked to Dennis and he (Tony) said that the drawings with the revisions are done and that we have a contract to do the construction. Thank you very much Tony for you're hard work and effort!

The next order of business was the chilly, chili fly-in that is scheduled for Saturday, December 13. It was reported that everything is ready for the event. Bring out a plane and join in on the fun! And remember to bring your own drink(s) and a sandwich, if you want it.

The next order of business is the Club dues. After a short discussion, a motion was made to keep the dues structure for 2004 the same as the present structure, which is \$48 for a regular membership, \$24 for a student membership and \$60 for a family membership. The motion was seconded, voted on and passed by the members present. It was noted that the 2004 dues are due by the February 2004 meeting. After that, the \$10 late fee *does* apply.

### NEW BUSINESS

The next order of business was a short discussion about giving a turkey or ham to our neighbors for Christmas. After a short discussion among the membership present, it was decided to give our neighbors a ham. A motion was made, seconded and a vote was taken. Phil Spelt said he would take care of getting and the delivery of the

hams.

The next order of business was a discussion about flight training at the field. As many of you know, we have Club members helping others learn to fly their airplanes at no cost, but there are others that want a full time instructor and are willing to compensate them for doing so. A question was asked by a member if they could start a flight training program at our field and get paid for doing so. This was brought before the Executive Council and there were many comments made about the subject and the main comments that were heard from our Executive Council was if someone wants that kind of one on one instruction and demands the guy be there, and wants to pay for it, then that is between them. And a suggestion was made that we contact the County and the AMA. A call was placed to the AMA and they said that as long as it was an arrangement between 2 individuals, one compensating the other for his/her time, then the AMA insurance is still good and they are fine with it. If it gets to the point were it is a full blown business, like you are running a full time flight school (a corporation), then the AMA insurance does not apply. Knox County Parks and Recreation was also called and they said that happens all the time. They have golf courses on their property and they have instructors that teach golf and they get paid for doing so. So they had no problems with it at all. Several questions were raised at the meeting, like the crowding of the frequencies, how would it be advertised and a few others. As far as frequency crowding, we share frequencies at the field, and it was thought that there would be no problems. It was suggested that advertisement could be done by word of mouth or by putting a note on the board at the field, much like you would sell a plane or other equipment. However, if a note is posted at the field, it should not mention the cost. When we get new members, we can tell them they have 2 options for flight training. One option is the free training that we presently have (and have had in the past) and a one on one, paid flight training program. They can make their own choice.

### CRASH/SAVE OF THE MONTH

There were 2 entries for Crash of the Month and one entry for save of the month.

Carl "Bud" Weisser told the group that he had 2 misfortunes this month. The first was with his new Great Planes U Can Do 3D 46. Carl said he had the plane in the air doing "whoop-de-doo" when the engine quit. He turned the plane back towards the runway and when the plane was about 6 feet off the ground, it stalled, hit the ground and destroyed the airplane. Carl said the good thing about it was the plane was replaced by Great Planes because of a structural deficiency. He wrote Great planes a letter and they said to send the plane back to the, which he did and he received a new one a few days later. The second was with his Hobbico Easy Sport ARF, when the wing separated from the aircraft. Carl thinks that the tab on the front part of the wing failed, allowing the wing to pull free from the fuselage.

Phil Spelt told the tale of the unfortunate demise of his SIG Ultimate Biplane. Phil flew the plane several laps around the field, when the plane shed the left hand side of the elevator at half throttle. There was a brief flutter from the elevator, the left side of the elevator came off and the plane developed its own sense of direction. The plane then went vertical for a short distance, and then arched over into a vertical downline from about 75 feet in the air. Phil said he still had aileron control, but no elevator control. The plane went in nose first into the runway and left a 1/4 inch deep hole in the runway. The crash tore the engine from the plane and bent the aluminum spinner. The plane was destroyed in the crash but Phil said the engine survived!

Larry Roberts said he had a save, that he saved his Kaos. He said he took it up for a flight around the field and then he landed the plane. Larry said he sat around and "shot the breeze" for a bit and then fired the engine up on the Kaos and took back off. Larry said the plane was in the air for about a minute and a half, when it ran out of fuel.

# This'n That

Well, we have a new slate of officers for 2004, and I think we did a pretty good job of selecting them. Mike Foley, Jordan Foley, and Joel Hebert returned for another year as Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Treasurer,



respectively, while Ed Hartley and Dennis Hunt returned on the Board of Directors slots. Phil Spelt is an long time member of KCRC and a familiar face at

all KCRC functions, and never hesitates to do what he can for the betterment of the club, and now he has an opportunity to do much more as the new President Elect. Carl "Bud" Weisser is the new face at the Vice President's office, and I think he will do well because he has the enthusiasm of a young (?) and vigorous new flyer, and is familiar with the problems and needs of the new members. Altogether a fine group and we are looking forward to a great 2004. That's Phil on the left in the picture from Mike Foley above and Bud on the right.

It is always a little sad seeing the old officers stepping down, especially when they have done such a great job in 2002 and 2003. Jerel Zarestky and Phil Cope were uniquely qualified as the President and Vice President in KCRC because, like Phil Spelt, they have been members and very active in KCRC for a long time. The past two years have been very good years, with lots of activities and interesting projects. We've had a lot of interest to come from the Spring and Fall Float Flys we've hosted in both 2002 and 2003. We've also had Spring and Fall Flea-Feed-Fun Flys, as well as AMA sanctioned Pattern contests in both years. We have generated a presence at the Celebration of Flight days hosted by the Oak Ridge Science Museum as well as always making KCRC available for any worthwhile project in the community. In addition to all that, I have just enjoyed being at all the club meetings, thanks to Mike Foley for driving me there.

We will have an opportunity to say "Well Done" to Jerel and Phil, and introduce our new officers, at our Annual January Banquet. It will be held again at the Super China Buffet in Oak Ridge on the second Tuesday in January, 2004. I hope every member and his spouse comes this year. Every year seems to find about 60 to 70 folks who bother to come, and with almost 140 members, I think we could do lots better.....

( Minutes continued )

Someone asked if he forgot to refuel the plane and Larry said that he didn't forget, "The plane didn't need anymore fuel." Larry said he couldn't make the runway, so he landed beside his truck in the parking lot, between the latrine and the fence. Another member said everyone there was hiding under the benches! Everyone got a good laugh out of that. (Just a reminder..... as a matter of safety, *all* landings should be done on the runway, unless it's an emergency!)

A vote was taken and Carl Weisser won the Crash of the Month and a bottle of glue.

## MODEL OF THE MONTH

Larry Roberts brought out his Dave Patrick Ultimate Biplane 40 sized airplane that he bought from a fellow Club member at the meeting last month. Larry said he was told that the plane was hard to handle, and he was scared to death of it. But he said the plane is a real pussycat when flown on low rates. Phil Cope flew it first and then handed the transmitter over to Larry. The plane features ailerons on both wings, pull-pull rudder and an OS 46FX 2 stroke for power. Larry said this is the first plane that he's had that has pull-pull on all the flight controls, and he is very well impressed with it, and recommends it to anyone who is willing to set it up. He said he went out and bought pull-pull cables for his Kaos because he thought it would make the plane a better flyer. He also said he brought the plane out because he's low on fuel, that he's burned 8 gallons of fuel this year. That brought a good laugh from the members present.

There were no other models to be presented. However, due to the fact that Larry had submitted his Balsa USA Cub in May, 2003 and won a gallon of fuel for his efforts, he did not win another gallon of fuel for winning model of the month this time. Remember, you can submit your model for model of the month as many times as you'd like, however, you can only win a gallon of fuel once a year. It makes it fair for everybody.

Gene Waters said he didn't have any more fuel, and he wanted to know if anyone was interested in getting some more fuel. Many of the members said they needed fuel so a sign up sheet was passed around. If you need fuel, you'll need to get in touch with Gene and let him know how much you need. Gene also said he needed some jugs to put the fuel in, so if you have any empty, please leave them inside or under the shed out at the field.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Michael J. Foley, Secretary KCRC

Got a nice note from Ray Le Blanc thanking the folks who worked so hard getting up the Chili cook out. He said he had a fine time. Also he wished every member a Happy and Prosperous New Year for 2004. (Ed.Note..So do I)

## FOR SALE

**Ace Seamaster ARF, w/ OS.46 FX and JR servos.  
Excellent flyer and condition.....\$ 250  
If interested call Denny Evans  
at 588-8895**

**The January meeting of the KCRC will be the Annual Club Family Banquet and will be held again at the Super China Buffet in Oak Ridge as it was last year. It will be on the second Tuesday in January, 2004, at 6:00 PM with the business meeting to be held at 7:00 PM ( or as near those hours as possible ). Try to be there. Dutch Treat ( everybody pays their own way ).**