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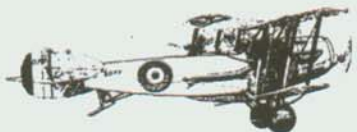
My first column as your new President...As you can see to the right, for those of you who have been somewhere outside the solar system, our good friend & KCRC member has left us. We will all miss him, as will those in the Southeast who flew with and against him on the Senior Pattern Circuit.

I want to thank the club for several things: for electing me President (think how embarrassing it would have been to lose to "unopposed"!). More importantly, I thank those of you who attended the banquet on the 13th of January. I think a good time was had by all. After a moment of silent respect for Ben, his son Warren Oliver took the floor to describe a Young Fliers Memorial Fund in Ben's memory. The Club voted an initial \$300.00 donation to the cause.

Great new directions for KCRC? Nah! The Club is running very well (many thanks to Jerel and his fellow officers). We will get the shelters refined and built, and I expect to keep in touch with the Knox County officials to be able to report on the status of a possible move down the hill toward the lake.

I look forward to a great year, with many good and fun events - all of which will depend on the usual KCRC volunteerism.

This is the Wingman, turning final.....pfs



We are sad to announce that long time KCRC member Ben Oliver passed away on January 8th, 2004. Ben has been a member of Knox County Radio Control Society for over thirty years. A past President of the club, Ben has served in a number of offices and always represented KCRC in a fine fashion. He is shown above in happier times receiving an SPA contest winners trophy from KCRC President Jerel Zarestky. Ben was very active in the Senior Pattern Association, and competed regularly. We will miss him.

The above picture is one of many that has been sent to me by Mike Foley. I try to keep as many as I can because I can use most of them sooner or later. Thanks to all who send me pictures of club events.

At the Field

Well, it's a whole new year, and things are already happening at KCRC. I went to the field on New Years Day to see if anything was going on and found Don Eiler and Karl Gerth

already there at nine twenty in the AM. It was fairly cool with the temperature in the high thirties at that time, but with a high in the fifties forecast. Got unpacked and



set up with my Hangar 9 PT-19, gassed up and got the first flight of 2004 in. Don and Karl set up and got their flights in and by that time, there were other guys showing up. We



had about ten flyers by the time I left at noon. The second picture shows the runway at about ten thirty. As you can see, the sun is trying to break through, which it did a little later and warmed up considerably.

Unfortunately, there hasn't been too many days since then for me. I'm getting more susceptible to the cold weather as I grow up.

I went to the field on January 13th and took my PT-19 as well as my brand spanking new Hangar 9 Cap 232 that Skip Dishner sold me. I just wanted to crank up the engine and run it a while and perhaps taxi a little. To fly it was giving me the shakes because I had read in some of the reviews in RC Universe that the model was kinda likely to tip stall under certain conditions. Especially landing and getting it too slow, or high speed, large control inputs. The engine was running nicely so I decided to taxi around a little to see how the ground handling went. I went up and down the runway a couple of times and the tail kept coming up like the plane wanted to fly, so I just added a little throttle and it lifted off as they say "like a homesick Angel". Man, that was so sweet! The model is a great flyer! I don't fly all that fast anyhow, or with high angle control inputs, and the landing was plenty slow enough for me, so I am VERY happy with the model. I'm hoping that I can stumble on another bargain like that one. One thing about this hobby is

that there is a big turnover in models because one man's junk is another man's treasure.

Another thing about this hobby is that it requires spending time outside in order to get in some stick time. At this time of year, there is a good chance that you won't be able to spend a whole lot of time in the great outdoors because of the weather! Therefore, how do we kill the time until we can get outdoors? For an RCer, the choices are not very limited. We can build a new model, which is always a fun thing to do, or we can repair an older model, which is not as much fun. I sit and look at one, trying to figure out the way that requires the least amount of work, which is not the recommended way to do it. If the job is going to require some recovering, then you might as well go ahead and start taking off the old wrap, being careful not to put so much pressure on the framework as to break something else. If most of the covering is OK, then just take off what is needed to affect the repair, then match the old color and repair. Sometimes, the old covering is faded or discolored and you can't get a good match, so I take it all off and start over. At least, that way you can see all the things that need fixing, and you end up with a model that looks new.

What about the hinging on the control surfaces? I personally think it's best to cut the CA type hinges off and recover the control surfaces before rehinging. If you used the big plastic hinges, you might want to cover with them in place. I'm no expert at this, since I've only been struggling with this sort of thing for 35 years, so you might want to check with a good builder before doing anything.

Another thing you need to do, since you can't go to the field, is oil and turn over your engines. If you store them in an unheated garage or attic, the temperature changes cause moisture to condense on the metal. This causes rust on the ferrous parts, so it's a good idea to make sure that all surfaces are well covered with oil. When you put in the after run oil, turn over the crankshaft a few times to spread the oil. I don't know how often this needs to be done; some folks do it weekly, some take a chance and do it monthly.

This is also a good time to check out the servos and various connections and pushrods. Are the servo screws still tight? are the horns still on correctly? are the clevis's still tight on the pushrod? They do get loose unless you have the nuts against the end of the clevis to keep it from vibrating and wearing out the threads. I lost a model once when the clevis started sliding on the elevator pushrod. I lost another because I didn't do a good job of lashing the metal rod to the balsa pushrod and it came loose. There's no feeling like the feeling you get when everything is working but the elevator and you watch it dig its own grave.

While you're at it, you might want to service the batteries that you depend on. Some folks take them out of the radio and model and store them. I've heard that storing them discharged is the way to do it, and I've heard that you ought to charge them up to store them. If you charge them up and store them, they're just going to self discharge, so it seems to me that either way is OK.. Read up on the batteries you're using and act accordingly.....

Meeting minutes

The January 13, 2004 meeting and banquet of the Knox County Radio Control Society was held at the Super China Buffet in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The banquet started at 6pm and a short, informal meeting was held at 7pm. There were approximately 75 people who attended the event. There was lots of good food and fellowship.

After we all finished eating, outgoing President Jerel Zarestky called the meeting to order at approximately 7pm and welcomed all members, guests and family members. There was a short summary of what had happened in the Club in the past year, and thanks to all who were involved with or helped in the projects. It was mentioned that the Club has a lot of events coming up this year, and some obstacles to overcome.... but we can do it by continuing to work together.

With that said, the meeting was turned over to incoming President Phil Spelt. Phil was presented with the honorary K.C.R.C. "airplane" hat. After a round of applause, he said he had 4 short items to talk about. He said he looks forward to a good year, and that we have some potentially important items coming up this year, some items that will need to be given special attention and a number of special events that are planned for this year.

The first order of business was an addition of a gavel to the Club to be used to call attention to the front during Club meetings. The gavel has the inscription engraved on it, "Knox County Radio Control Society", and will be passed on to future Presidents.

The next order of business was the announcement of an important birthday of one of our Club officers, Jordan Foley, who will be turning 21 years old on January 17th. Happy Birthday Jordan!

The next order of business was an award for the Most Improved Flyer. We had 2 Club members that received the award. They are: Kenny Green and Glenn Valentine. Kenny was not able to attend the meeting and will receive his award at a later time. However, Glenn received his award at the meeting.

Congratulations guys!

A request was made to have a moment of silence to remember a fellow Club member and a good friend to us all, Ben Oliver, who passed away on January 8, 2004. We will miss Ben dearly.

I will refer you to the President's Corner to get the information on the final item of business.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm
Michael J. Foley, KCRC Secretary

As you can see, the banquet sort of curtails a lot of club business and other activities, so there's not a lot of activities to report on. I am including a couple of pictures



from the banquet to show the quality group of people we had who attended. I had to get a picture of our hard working Treasurer in. Poor Joel always has to work at these functions. The banquet is

probably the busiest time of the year for him, since that is the time a lot of the club members pay their dues.

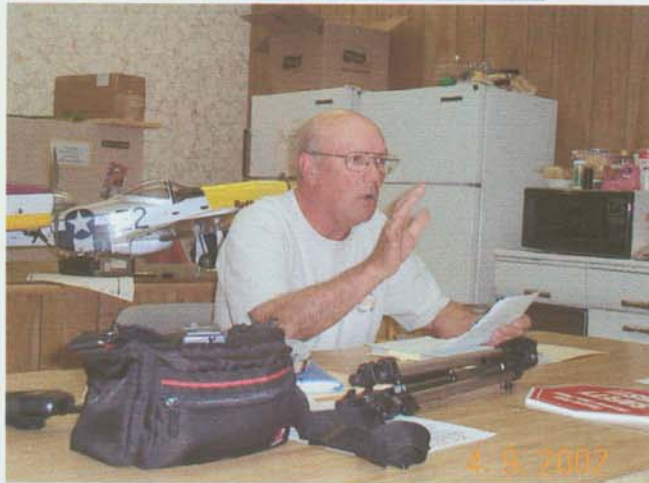


I can't say enough good things about the Super China Buffet, this is the second (maybe third) time we have been there for our banquet, and they go out of their way to make us feel welcome. The food is very good and the price they charge us

leaves nothing to complain about. The only way it could be more convenient is if we had the banquet in June, when it's not so cold.....



This'n That



Above is Ben Oliver in a picture taken while he was presenting a program after one of our meetings at Deane Hills Rec Center. Ben's son Warren sent the following note to the membership.

" If you are considering sending flowers please note the following alternative. Our family has set up a fund to help kids learn to build and fly model airplanes (kids and model airplanes are two things Dad really enjoyed).If you would like to make a donation, send to;

**The Ben F. Oliver Memorial Young Flyers Fund
C/O Warren Oliver
11333 Freels Bend Point
Knoxville Tn 37931**

We will see to it that the funds get used appropriately. Two additional alternatives are donations in Dad's name to;

The Tennessee Valley Unitarian Church, or an animal rescue fund of your choice."

The club voted to make a donation to the Young Flyers Fund.

I have known Ben since he came into RC about 35 years ago with two small boys with him, Warren and Dan. I especially remember the first scale contest we had in 1971. Ben and his boys won the event with a model of the old Monocoupe on a very windy day. I (and others) couldn't get the models off the ground.

The annual KCRC Banquet went off without a hitch (except for letting out the hitch in your belt) on January 13th at the Super China Buffet in Oak Ridge. A good sized crowd (~ 70) attended and had a great time. New officers were installed and many members got caught up with their dues for 2004. Glen Valentine won the Most Improved Flyer award for 2003 and that was pretty much all the club



business that was conducted. Mostly it was just food and fellowship in spades. I think that we ought to install a few more awards (both serious and silly) for next years banquet for a little more fun.

Normally, everyone has a plate full of food before them, and are busy shoveling it in, but after the food and before folks start dozing off, is a good time to have some laughs.

I want to apologize for the quality of the pictures. It's hard to get the flash to fill up a room as large as the one the Super China Buffet gave us to have our banquet in.



It is a long way to drive from Lenoir City, but they really do a great job with the hospitality and with the food. If it wasn't for good old Mike Foley, I wouldn't be able to get there. Thanks, Mike, for the ride. Here are a few scenes from around the room. I wish I could have gotten



every one in, but I didn't have enough room for that many pictures.

Don't forget that dues are due before or during the February meeting to save paying a late penalty of ten dollars.



The next meeting of KCRC will be at Deane hills Rec Center on Tuesday, February 10th, at 7:00 PM. Last chance to pay dues without the penalty.