

# KCRC NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2008

Meeting; Tuesday, 9-September  
7:00 pm, at the Field!



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PHIL SPELT KCRC PRESIDENT

This month we will talk of several things of importance to the Club.

First, KCRC will hold its annual elections in December, at the meeting on Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup>. Four of the current people in significant positions will conclude their terms: Phil Spelt as President, Ed Hartley as Secretary, Bill Walters as Safety Officer (Guard duty calls) and Jerel Zarestky as Newsletter editor. KCRC needs you, as members, to step up and help the Club continue its long history as the East Tennessee area's leading AMA club. Joel Hebert has indicated he is willing to run for treasurer again. Our ByLaws call for a minimum of two candidates for each office, so voting members have a choice. Moreover, while the Newsletter editor is not an elected office, it is a vital position for the Club because the Newsletter presents the Club and our activities to others who are not members. Please volunteer to run for one of these offices. WE NEED YOU!!

Second, several members, including Jerel Z. and Dennis Hunt, as well as Dennis' grandson Michael Stern, and I have been discussing a new type of event for Club members. The concept is a combined scale and aerobatics event, with static and flight judging for scale, and (a) schedule(s) of aerobatics maneuvers to be flown and judged, perhaps during the scale judging session. A scale Extra 300 could take part in both portions of the event. "Rules" or guidelines for the event are open to discussion, and can be considered at the September meeting. I would envision there also being a Club cookout as part of this day, as well as some open flying and perhaps a flea market.

Finally, KCRC always does what we can to support our community. To that end, I remind us of the Marines' Mud Run on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. They use the non-runway part of the field for parking, and our pavilion and pit shelter for registration and other parts of their event. The field will be closed to flying on the 13<sup>th</sup> until the Marines and their guests are gone, usually by 1:00pm.

Also, I received a phone call recently asking if Cub Scout Troop 59 could use the field to shoot off "miniature rockets" on a Tuesday afternoon around 6:00pm. The person in charge of that event has not gotten back to me, but I indicated they would be welcome. As soon as I know something definite, I will notify our members by email.

Meanwhile, this is the Wingman turning final...pfs

## MINUTES: AUGUST MEETING

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Pres Phil Spelt with 16 members present.

Six Executive board members.

Minutes from July meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Joel Hebert gave Treasury report and it was accepted and approved.

A dedication ceremony was held to install name plates for Doll Thompson and Marc Sobolewsky on our honor panel on the pit shed. Phil offered the words of remembrance and Scott Anderson went up the ladder to mount the plates. A very nice ceremony. Our honor roll is getting longer as the membership ages, but I think this little ceremony is very appropriate.

### old business

Scott Anderson gave report on the AMA contest coming in two weeks. The site has been changed from the Harriman field to the new House Mountain field. Scott says he has pre-registrations coming in and he is optimistic about the attendance. He encouraged KCRC members to come fly or work. By the time you read this, it will be over.

### new business

Phil Spelt talked about a Float Fly in the fall. He has met an official from the group who manage the Oak Ridge Rowing Association and Phil mentioned that we had been interested in holding a float fly there and he said the official was enthusiastic about having us there. The problem will be in scheduling it when the site is open; UT has an open date or is out of town. More later.

Gene Waters said that the Junior Achievement School is interested in us participating at an event at their school. A display type participation. Gene will check for what they want and when.

Joel says he has firmed up the room at the church for winter meetings and we are go for the season. there will be directions on the website.

Gary Lindner has found a guy in Maryville who can embroider our logo on shirts and jackets. He wants \$40 for setup and then will do a shirt or jacket for \$7 for a small size logo. We will think about it some more.

Bill Dodge says the runway really needs sealing. We will have to wait for cooler weather to do it. \$20 for 5 gallon can. Bill says we can do it ourself but that might be debatable. We will consider it further when the weather cools.

Gene Waters said a guy was interested in the old metal rails we have in the weeds on the west end of the field. There was no action on a proposal to give/sell them to him and the motion was tabled for study until a later date.

Jeff Prosize said he has a friend who is a photographer and he is interested in coming out one Saturday and taking

pictures of planes at rest and in flight and posting them on his website. Jeff will let us know when. He also said he has a friend who gives jet model demos and we might prevail on him to put one on for us.

There were two nominations for Emeritus status from Ed Hartley and Phil Spelt. Bill Dodge and George Campbell were elected unanimously. These nominations appear in a separate write-up.

Again the subject of a club Picnic-Fun Fly-Flea Market came up. Everybody wants one so a time will be picked in October. Scheduling will be later.

**Model of the month;**

There were two entries;



Steve Bayless entered his scratch built Saberjet. Powered by an Axi motor and a 60 amp controller and a 6S 25C LiPo battery and retracts. A very nice job.



Gene Waters brought a beautiful unnamed model with a pattern model wing and a gorgeous fuse that started life as a Chipmunk. Powered by a .70 OS four stroke.

Gene didn't want his entered for judging so Steve won by default.

**Crash of the Month;**

- Joel told of his pilot assisted pancake landing of his Intruder which caused some damage. Trying to stretch a dead stick landing.
- Bill Dodge told of his problems at Asheville when his engine acted up on takeoff and he tried to get it down quick. Bill has already won once this year so he did not enter it.
- Phil Spelt told of his misadventures in Indiana where he lost control and pretty much totaled his Panzer

Joel won the glue.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM

*Minutes by Jim Scarbrough, secretary*

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In the other case, Phil Spelt brought the name of George Campbell before the club. George Campbell has been a KCRC member for a lot of years. George flies very little but he takes part in almost every meeting and at most contests you will see him quietly going around and picking up trash and doing whatever he can to help.

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## AT THE FIELD

We dedicate the *At The Field* section of the newsletter this month in memory of Marc Sobolewski.

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## MARC SOBOLEWSKI

Robert (Marc) Sobolewski, -age 46, of Knoxville, passed away Tuesday, August 5, 2008 following a short battle with cancer. He was a member of KCRC, Academy of Model Aeronautics, and a certified scuba diver.



Marc with a 1937 Buccaneer, scratch built from plans by his dad, Bob Sobolewski.

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## MODEL TECHNIQUE

No Model Technique this month...as we had last month, a moment of silence, this time for Marc.

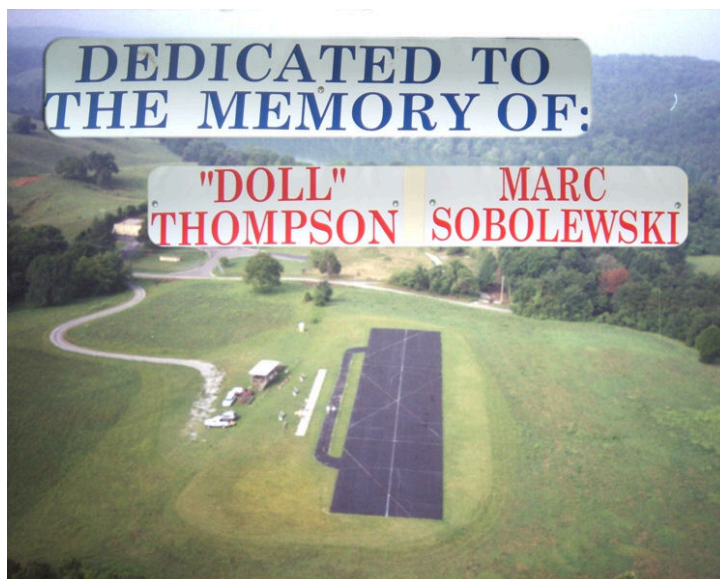
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## 2008

Marc's frequent presence at the field, positive attitude and readiness to help others will be missed by those of us privileged enough to be his friend and his flying companion.



Marc with his Kaos.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October.....KCRC Picnic, Fun-Fly, Flea-Market,  
date to be announced

TBA.....Fall Float Fly, possible Oak Ridge  
Marina venue, date to be announced.

11-Nov.....nominations for club officers, Nov.  
meeting- Get Involved! Volunteer! This is  
**YOUR** club!

9-Dec.....vote on 2009 club officers, Dec. meet-  
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