



KNOX COUNTY RADIO CONTROL

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Coming Soon: The New Kcrctn.com!

I'd like to thank everyone who attended the March meeting for allowing me to demonstrate the new Web site for you and for providing comments and feedback. In case you weren't at the meeting, I have volunteered to build KCRC a new Web site that ups the ante in terms of being a resource for club members.

One of the primary goals of the new Web site is to support user-generated content. For example, as a club member, you'll be able to log in to the site, create photo galleries, upload photos, advertise items you wish to sell, view and search the membership database, and more. In addition, most of the Web site maintenance will be decentralized. Anyone who's an officer of the club, for example, will be able to log in, post news items, change the announcements featured on the home page, and more.

A screen shot of the new home page appears on the back page of the newsletter.. The home page will change some before the new site is rolled out, but this image should at least give you an idea where we're headed and what to expect. If you have suggestions or ideas regarding the site, please feel free to contact me and let me know. After all, this is *your* site, not mine, and to a large extent, how useful it is will depend on how well our members embrace it and how active they are in uploading content to it.....Jeff Prosis

Let's see now; here it is April, hard to believe we are starting on the fourth month of the year already. I actually got a flight in on March tenth the morning of the March KCRC meeting, we had scheduled the combinations to be changed that morning, so I thought why not take a plane just in case ,had a good flight or 2 before the wind picked up.

Speaking of the meeting we had another good'n. Jeff did a wonderful job in presenting his new KCRC web site to the club and if you didn't make it to the meeting you really missed a fine presentation, you



would have thought Jeff did that sort of stuff for a living!! I want go into any of the particulars here but when you see it up and running you will be amazed at what he has put together for the club and when you see him tell him how much you appreciate his efforts.

On Friday, March the 6th, a contingent from KCRC left for the Southeast Model Show, held each year at Perry Ga. Myself, Karl Girth, Mike Miller and Raymond Curd and his wife drove down just to see what was happening? Because Lord knows, none of us really need any more model airplanes. Now if you have never been to the Perry show try to picture 4 very large buildings crammed full of tables lined up end to end and row after row and every one of them full of every type of model paraphernalia that you could imagine!! New stuff, used stuff, old new stuff, old old stuff, lots of good junk and a lot of not so good junk laying around everywhere. Now you can't make a 600 mile round trip to Perry expecting to save enough money on a radio or airplane to pay for the trip because I don't think that could ever happen. You go just to experience all that stuff pulled together at one place and all those hundreds and hundreds of modelers looking for a deal they just can't leave without. To boil it all down, it is a heck of a good time and I would recommend the trip to anyone that enjoys model airplanes. Ask those that went this year and let them tell you about it and then you might want to make the trip too

At the April meeting, Dr. George Shacklett will be presenting a program on the SAM (Society of Antique Modelers) which is an official SIG of the AMA. It should be very informative and I'm looking forward to learning about what they actually do and to see what they fly. So mark your calendars for the meeting. We will be at the Fellowship Church on Middle brook Pike for the April 14th meeting. Looking forward to seeing you there... Gary

The Presidents Corner....

Dennis Drone KCRC President 2009

I have confirmed with the "Powers" at the airport that our inside flying of electrics is a "GO!" I look forward to seeing our members have an opportunity with hands on micro flying. All we need now is your participation to make this event fun and involved. Please pass on suggestions for times, dates and any other pertinent items for discussion. Spread the word to make this a family event so that our members of KCRC as well as AMA members in the area will get

involved. AMA memberships will be checked at the door. No card, NO FLY!

So lets kick some ideas around. I am confident if we mention the word "cookout", that our turnout will be tremendous. Thanks again for making our meeting attendance pleasantly full. When possible, I will have door prizes just to mix things up a bit. Nothing like receiving something for FREE!
Dennis

CALENDAR of EVENTS for KCRC

April 14th, Club meeting always held on the second Tuesday of each month. March meeting at Fellowship Church on Middlebrook Pike, 7:00PM.

May 9th.. Picnic and Flea Market. KCRC field. 9 AM Till ?.

May 23rd... Float Fly KCRC Ramp. (AM till ?.

June 13-14... SPA contest. Field closed from Friday noon till Sun afternoon.

Please police the area before leaving.

A Flight into the Past

by Harry Hogan, KCRC Emeritus

Joe Ott was a modeler, designer, a manufacturer, and a showman. He was from the Chicago area and so was I. During the depression years of the 1930's, Joe Ott models cost .10 cents, one thin dime. They were high quality balsa wood, with ribs, formers and wing tips printed on the balsa. (tricky to cut out with a razor blade). Sometimes Joe Ott kits came with a tube of glue included. Most models were of world war one bi-planes and early 20's racers. We powered them with rubber bands, and paid the price of back meeting front if we over-wound. It was pre-air conditioning and Joe loved to walk into an executive office 20 stories up, and watch Jim Walker toss a flying model out the window, and catch it as it returned through an open window around the corner. This really got the attention of the mark. Who could not give an order fast enough. The media had been invited, and if they arrived on time, would gladly write about it. Joe's business fell into decline after his warehouse caught

fire. The fire department, not knowing the properties of thirsty balsa wood, poured water, on, on, and on until the whole building collapsed with Joe's inventory. Later, Joe became interested in radio control. He would join a parade and watch Jim Walker steer a radio controlled lawn mower to the delight of the spectators. He would do zig-zags and figure eights. Jim had to stop this antic after a scheduler assigned him to follow behind a Shiners horse troop. It really hit the blades....Harry Hogan, KCRC Emeritus

P.S. Our club was U-control, named The Garfield Park Grass-hoppers. Carl Goldberg, still in free flight, stopped at our field every so often....Harry

MINUTES , MARCH 2009

President Dennis Drone called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM on Tuesday, March 10 at the Fellowship Church. There were 26 members and visitors present

Minutes for the February meeting were approved with one correction to those printed in the January Newsletter. I had written that Phil Spelt served as KCRC President for 4 years. He actually served for 5 years.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

The Treasurer's report was given by Joel Hebert and approved.. Contact Joel for treasury contents... We have 71 paid-up members.

Vice-President and Program Chairman Lindner reported that the April meeting program will be Society of Antique Modelers activities presented by George Shacklett. Ralph Colon was not available to present the Safety Refresher program

OLD BUSINESS

Karl Gerth is still taking orders for name tags.

Gary Lindner has changed the combination of the gate and storage box locks.

Randy Phillips of Access Solutions displayed sample caps, tee shirts, etc. with the KCRC logo. A sheet was passed around for orders of items. Joel Hebert has the sheet for additions to the orders. Randy's samples became door prizes for the meeting.

Jeff Prosis demonstrated the new web site he is working on. It is almost ready for beta deployment.

It has many interactive features – shopping, public (open) access, member (restricted) access, potential advertising and revenue generation, etc. Jeff will try to have it deployed for limited use this month.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to proceed with implementation ASAP of Jeff's new KCRC web site.

Dennis Drone reported that we are close to being able to fly in the TAC-AIR hangar at McGhee-Tyson.

Phil Spelt has obtained a date of Sept. 12/13 for a float-fly at the Oak Ridge Marina. It was moved and seconded to hold the meet.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to update the power feed to the field with cost to not exceed \$400. GFI protection, as well as the apparently defective lightning arrestor at the pole, will be addressed. Dennis Drone to implement.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to spend no more than \$400 to replace the safety fence. Gary Lindner to coordinate the effort – acquiring materials and scheduling a work day.

Phil Spelt has identified a source of logo items – cups, bumper stickers, etc. He is going to investigate further.

John Bobrek, webmaster of the WestKnoxFlyers.com web site and new KCRC member was introduced. There was a discussion of flying at the KCRC field with a AMA Park Flyer license. All felt this was appropriate, within the limitations of the Park Flyer license and park flyers and indoor flyers are welcome.

New KCRC member Gary Aumaugher was also introduced.

The business meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

MODEL OF THE MONTH (no entry)

Visitor Dan Baird displayed two indoor micro aircraft – a Kyosho 4-channel, 16-inch wingspan Cherokee and a flat foamy Sukhoi SU-27 that weighed something like ½ oz.!

Craig Dieter showed his bargain almost RTF FA-18 EDF from Hobby Lobby.

Dave Marsden presented his Radian motorized

sailplane. It is another ARF with all radio equipment.

**CRASH OF THE MONTH (no entry)
PROGRAM**

Jeff's web site demo served as the program, although I reported it as part of the business meeting.

Maybe a dozen door prizes were awarded from the items provided by Randy Phillips and Dennis Drone. I didn't attempt to record who won what.

MINUTES BY DON EILER KCRC SECRETARY



The pictures are from the meeting in March. The first is Dan Baird and his tiny little models. The next is David Marsdem and his new toy. The reviews on it are pretty good. The next is a picture of Craig Dieter and his new jet. He says it is fast but that it lands like a Cub. I think I'd have to see that

before I'd believe it.

In the last picture, Joel Hebert is demonstrating the latest in fashion wear.. I think it is a testimonial to the quality of the meetings lately. Coffee, donuts of all kinds and cookies. I tell you, guys, if you're not at the meetings, you are missing the boat.They have been worth attending.

The last page of the newsletter is a screenshot of Jeff's new website efforts. Page may not be included in the snail mail copy. Take a look at the features he is building into it. I think it might serve as a model for all club websites in the future. Members will be able to access and update their profiles and find all sorts of club information.....Jim

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Next club meeting is
7:00 p.m. Tuesday,
March 10 at
Fellowship Church on
Middlebrook Pike

RC Fun for Everyone!

The Knox County Radio Control Society invites everyone to visit the field and experience the excitement of RC aircraft first-hand. There's no such thing as too young...or too old! Our **pilot training program** can get you flying quickly by pairing you with a qualified instructor to teach you skills and aircraft safety, too.



Maps and Directions

KCRC is located in West Knox County near Melton Hill Park, just a 15-minute drive from Farragut and 30 minutes from downtown Knoxville. Get directions to the field and find out why KCRC is THE place to be in Knoxville!

[read more →](#)



Getting Started

Want to get started in RC? The first step is to hook up with a KCRC instructor who can teach you the basics of aircraft handling and safety. It's free, and we'll have you off the ground in no time!

[read more →](#)



About KCRC

KCRC is an AMA charter club with more than 80 members who have broad experience with all types of RC aircraft including props, electrics, helicopters, and turbines. Learn more about the club and how to get in touch with the members.

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Fun on Floats

KCRC's spring float fly is just around the corner. Get those float planes ready and check out our beautiful lakeside venue!

Recent News

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- Bud earns his turbine waiver

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