



## NEWSLETTER... ..... May 2009

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Jeff Prosise, Karl Gerth , and Phil Spelt\

## Cool Gadgets for RC Enthusiasts

I love gadgets. I really love gadgets—especially when they're RC gadgets that I can use to dress up an airplane or increase its reliability. Gadgets abound in the RC world, and it seems new ones are appearing every day. Here is one of my favorites.

### LADO electric retracts

<http://www.lado-tech.net/>

Mechanical retracts are a pain, and air retracts are only as reliable as the air systems that drive them. That's why retracts from LADO are superior to both. LADO sells electric retracts for a variety of popular planes from Hangar 9, Top-Flite, and other manufacturers that are worm-gear driven. There's virtually nothing that can fail, so the likelihood of having to execute a gear-up landing is remote. The

retract circuitry has a mechanism built in that prevents your battery from being drained if the retracts bind, and the current draw is minimal. Moreover, the gear takes several seconds to fold in or out, which lends a scale-like appearance to your warbird, and most LADO retracts can be programmed for staggered operation, just like the gear in full-scale Mustangs and other big birds. I own two pairs of LADOs and they have performed flawlessly. You can also buy LADO kits to convert existing air retracts into electric retracts. Best of all, they're no more expensive than retracts from brand-name manufacturers such as Robart and Spring Air!.....Jeff Prosise

### CALENDAR of EVENTS for KCRC

*May 12<sup>th</sup>, Club meeting always held on the second Tuesday of each month. ,May meeting at KCRC field 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 to non-contestants from Friday noon till Sun afternoon.*

*Please police the area before you leave and keep the field clean..*



## THIS AND THAT

I always get a big kick out of Gary Lindner's reports on his trips to Perry, Georgia, and the Joe Nall Fly In. He is entertaining as he tells about the great buys and the great models he sees at these places.. Because I don't travel well, I get my kicks out of the Flea Flys we have at KCRC field. There is always a good deal waiting for some one there. One year I took a Lou Andrews Aeromaster to sell. It was a well traveled model but it was in good shape. I put a cheap price on it because it was only the model and no motor or radio. There was one fellow who kept coming back to look at it but he wasn't making any offers. It was getting close to the time I had to leave so I told him I'd take \$10 for it. He still wasn't buying so a little later I started packing up to leave and he came back again.. I didn't want to take the model home so I told him to take it free. He insisted on paying me \$5 so I took it. .He got a good deal and I wasn't too disappointed because I was tired of storing the model.. At the last KCRC Flea Fly, I got repaid when I found a prime U-Can-Do with an extra new wing. I paid what Ray was asking because it was a terrific buy at his price.

**We have a Fleafly and picnic coming up on May 9<sup>th</sup>, and in addition to some good food and good conversation, there will be some good buys.. Come on out and have a good time, courtesy of KCRC.....Jim**

## From the Presidents Corner

### Dennis Drone

Our first Indoor Flying Event held at the airport went off without a hitch. We had as many spectators as pilots. Taking home all the oohs and aahs was fellow KCRC'er Craig Dieter. Everything from micros to heli's graced the miniature captive sky. The response from all of those who attended was positive to my knowledge. Although KCRC only had 3-4 members present, a larger presence would have been nice. Many of those who just brought the non flying lawn chair came to see what it was all about. Orders are probably being placed this week for an appropriate aircraft for the next indoor event. The hangar was booked for 3 hours. 2 hours seemed more than enough time. I hope our next event will entice KCRCers to bring an indoor appropriate aircraft and

join fellow modelers of all ages. I look forward to hearing suggestive dates for the near future. Please call or email me with those dates and times.....Dennis

## April Club Program

At the April meeting, George Shacklett presented a program describing the Society of Antique Modelers (SAM). He brought 2 models as examples of SAM type airplanes--one was a 1940 Goldberg designed Sailplane powered by an original Ohlsson 60 (ignition) and the other



was a 1936 designed Buccaneer powered by an original Super Cyclone. A general discussion was held regarding how SAM originated and description of some of the events at contests, some of the appealing features of SAM airplanes, and some of the SAM rules. It was noted that these models can be flown for "fun" as well as in competition. For more information about SAM, contact George Shacklett at [shack11@bellsouth.net](mailto:shack11@bellsouth.net) or phone 865-525-1369. He is an emeritus member of KCRC club.

### Local SAM contests--

13th Annual "SAM in East Tennessee"  
September 7&8 @ Rockwood Airport.  
September 9&10 @ Harriman RC Park

(Ed. Note: The old timer models are rc assisted because there's not enough open land to free fly them. )

## MINUTES, APRIL 2009

**Minutes submitted by Don Eiler, KCRC Secretary.**



President Dennis Drone called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 14 at the Fellowship Church. There were approximately 27 members present.

Minutes for the March meeting were approved as printed in the January Newsletter.

## OFFICERS' REPORTS

The Treasurer's Report was given by Joel Hebert and approved. A copy of the report is available from Joel. Two new members have joined the club – Rick Hampton and Benjamin Colgrove. Rick was present at the meeting and introduced himself. His latest project is a big gasser Cub.

Joel also presented the CY 2009 Budget, listing Budgeted Expenses and funds available for Discretionary Expenses. The Budget was approved.

Ralph Colon was not available to present the Safety Refresher program

## OLD BUSINESS

Karl Gerth delivered name tags that had been ordered earlier.

Randy Phillips of Access Solutions delivered tee shirts with the KCRC logo that were ordered last month. There was discussion of follow-on orders for polo shirts, caps, etc.

Phil Spelt reported that the sanction for the Fall Float-Fly at the Oak Ridge Marina is bogged down somewhere at AMA Hq. Phil is going to call to check on it.

Dennis Drone reported on the procurement and engineering for the field electrical system refurbishment. Rick Hampton offered to assist with material acquisition. One new feature for the system that was approved was installation of three 120 volt receptacles for RVs and campers.

Gary Lindner reported that he has bought the foam padding for the safety fence refurbishment. He was waiting on procurement of the netting and rope until the 2009 Budget was approved and Discretionary Expense funds were identified. All present concurred with continuing these two projects even though they were approved before the Budget was adopted.

The Hangar-Fly was confirmed for April 15, 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM.

It was reported that development of the new web site has been delayed due to Jeff Prosise's real job workload.

## NEW BUSINESS

Ed Hartley distributed the new 2009 KCRC Membership List. Thanks, Ed!

A \$30 donation was made to the club by Donna

Porter in honor of Karl Gerth's 39<sup>th</sup> birthday. Thanks, Donna.

Tasha Funk will mow the field again this year.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Skip Dishner has been diagnosed with cancer. Our thoughts and prayers are with him.

Several KCRCers attended the Senior Pattern Association Judging School in Chattanooga on April 4. We are now certifiable pattern judges.

Dave Marsden brought a bunch of nice lanyards to give away.

## MODEL OF THE MONTH

Luke Armitage was the winner of the MOM with a very nice, kit built House of Balsa P-51 Mustang with an OS .15 LA engine. Luke says it is fast. It is about the size of a Quarter Midget racer. Brings back many fond memories.

## CRASH OF THE MONTH

None reported.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

## PROGRAM

Dr. George Shacklett gave an excellent program on the Society of Antique Modelers. Their local contest will be in September. It is great fun just to go and watch. I hope to participate soon.....Don

## THE VP NICHE NOTES



April is gone and May is trying it's best to show up. Sure hope the weather in May is better than March and April. We have really had to work hard at finding a really good day to fly. I learned a long time ago that I could not do anything about the weather, so I will just roll with the punches that come my way and take what I'm given just like everybody else. But that does not keep me from wishing!!

The opening of the SPA pattern season was held April 18 and 19 in Cullman, Ala. Several KCRC members

went down for the event, leaving on Friday and returning Sunday afternoon. Due to the weather moving in on Sunday morning only 4 rounds were flown Saturday. Ed Hartley and Bill Dodge both were in the wood at the end of the fourth round Saturday. We all had a good time meeting new flyers and seeing some old friends from all over the Southeast. KCRC's SPA contest is scheduled for June 13 and 14. Mark your calendars bring a chair and watch some really good pattern flying with the older airplanes. I'm sure Dennis Hunt will be asking for some help from the membership that weekend to help make this another success for KCRC.

The big air show in South Carolina "Joe Nall" is scheduled for May the 13 thru the 16. If you have never been let me assure you that you will not be disappointed if you go. This will be my 4th trip and I really look forward to it all year. If you like model airplanes this is the place to be each year the week after Mothers day in May. Just do a search for "Joe Nall" and there's lots of info to be found on the event. Just don't wait till Saturday to go over, people start pulling out after noon on Saturday.

Next month our program will be on helicopters so be sure not to miss this meeting if you want to learn more about them from our resident experts Jerel Zarestky, and Matt Cosner. Plan on coming to the meeting in May, at the field, for a lesson in how to beat the air into submission. They might even have time for a demonstration of their flying skills. Hope to see ya'll there!!.....Gary

Model of the Month winner Luke Armitage with his great looking P-51. See Minutes for description.



While the attendance at meetings has been pretty good this year ( running about 30% of the membership ), it could be better. Hopefully, when we move out to the field in May things will improve.

One thing that stands out in the picture ( below ) of the meeting is the presence of the young guys. Douglas Armitage is helping his sons enjoy the best in modeling by letting them learn about building. They seem to have a new kit built or scratch built model at every meeting.



All the pictures in this issue are courtesy of Gary Lindner.

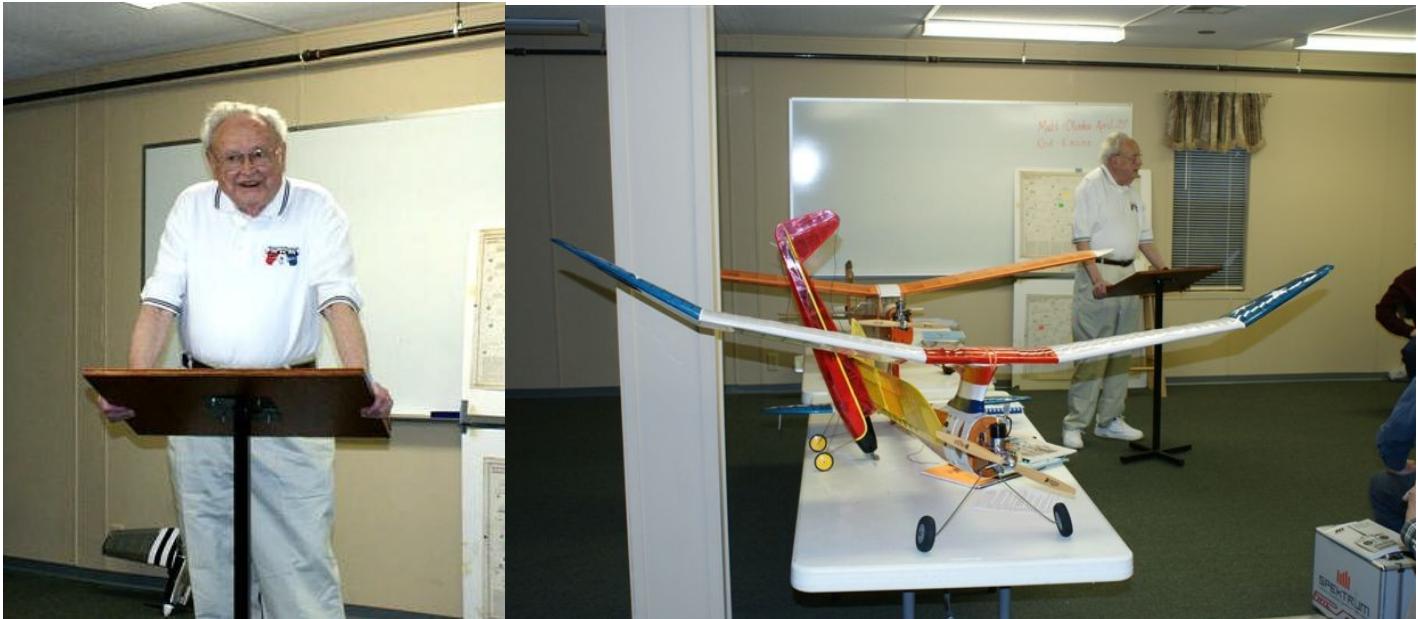
### **KCRC Results from SPA contest in Cullman**

Don Eiler sent me the following information concerning KCRC members in their efforts at the Cullman, Alabama, SPA contest held recently.

<b>Ed Hartley</b>	<b>2nd in Sr. Expert.</b>
<b>Bill Dodge</b>	<b>3rd in Sportsman.</b>
<b>Don Eiler.....</b>	<b>6th in Sportsman.</b>
<b>Karl Gerth</b>	<b>7th in Novice (2815).</b>
<b>Mike Miller</b>	<b>8th in Novice (2803).</b>
<b>Gary Lindner</b>	<b>11th in Novice (2642).</b>

Don did make the comment that if Mike Miller could do three good consecutive rolls, that he might have rolled Karl out of 7<sup>th</sup> place.

We have an SPA contest coming up at KCRC field in early June, and while we have a goodly number of members trying their hand at aerobatics, some others might also find it quite exciting to compete. It requires only an SPA qualified model and power source and a goodly amount of practice and you too could be in the wood as they say if you can place. You used to be able to wade in gently with most any kind of model and engine in the Novice class.....Jim



This is Dr George Shacklett who brought the program for April's meeting and the planes he used in his program. In the foreground is the Goldberg Sailplane. A really big free flight model. You don't do 3D with this stuff, just good old lazy flying.



This is the Ohlsson .60 ignition engine used to power the Sailplane. It was maybe the best in its class.. It used points, coil and condenser plus a battery to generate a spark, and there was no throttle; it was fullbore loud all the time.

KCRC member Craig Dieter from Madisonville, sent me the next two pics. Craig is mostly a first class scratch builder who specializes in electric models. He wowed the crowd at the first hangar flyin with an absolutely gorgeous Antoinette that flew around the hangar like a big butterfly. This is the first picture. In the second is the hand of KCRC pres Dennis Drone holding Craig's monstrous SE-5. If I had seen it in time, I would have asked for a picture of his Jenny, which is featured in the Radio Control Giants

column in the last issue of Model Aviation magazine. Look it up. It's a work of art.. .... Jim

