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The Christmas Story



A little over two thousand years ago, in a small town called Bethlehem, a baby boy was born in the midst of a number of odd occurrences. He grew up, and by His death, changed the world. We have celebrated His birthday on the

25th of December for hundreds and hundreds of years, and most nations in the world mark their calendars by the number of years since His birth. You can read the whole exciting story in the first few chapters of the Book of Luke in the New Testament. Preferred rendition is from the King James Version.

Christmas really is something special. People seem nicer and smile more, the music is everywhere (omitting “ **Santa ran over Granmaw with his Reindeer** ”), and sometimes it seems like even the weather is celebrating.

Christmas is also about tradition. We sing the same songs, eat the same food, and watch the same movies year after year because they help us relive some of the good times of the past, even as we feel hope for the future. Families and friends are closer and the whole world seems like a nice place to be.

However, the meaning of Christmas is not shared by everyone. Some folks get offended by the mention of His name, and some object to celebrating His birthday, so, out of deference to their feelings, I say

“ I WISH YOU A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON“,

and to all others

“ I WISH YOU AND YOURS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEARJIM”



The following is from The AMA Insider

Reach Out to Curious Observers

by Dave Mathewson, AMA President

We’ve all heard the saying

“You only get one chance to make a good first impression.” That holds true no matter if you’re meeting someone in a causal setting for the first time, in a job interview, or maybe even when you’re at the field getting in a couple of flights and a spectator or two stop by to watch.

Most all of us want our clubs to be active, viable, and thriving organizations. We want that new blood—and the enthusiasm that comes with it—found in new members. It’s that enthusiasm that supplements and compliments what the more longtime members of the club bring to the table. For a club to reach its potential it takes the guidance of its experienced members coupled with the zeal and passion found in its newer members.

Many spectators who stop by the field already have an interest in model aviation. After all, they’ve taken the time to stop by to see what’s going on.

Sometimes all it takes to turn that spectator from an interested observer into a new modeler and member of your club is to simply take a few minutes to walk over and say hello. Chances are the spectator will have some questions about model aviation. And, since we all like to talk about our hobby, my bet is that you will enjoy the conversation.

Many of us have been in the hobby for so long it's hard to remember what it was like when we first decided we were interested in modeling. But I'll bet for many of us we got involved after visiting a local hobby shop and then taking a trip to the local field. And I'll also bet, for many of us, when we visited that field, we were befriended by one of the club's members and that's what really sparked our interest in becoming modelers. For many it was that first contact that resulted in a lifetime of enjoyment as modelers, and the friendships and camaraderie that resulted from belonging to a club.

The next time someone stops by your field to watch the action, why not take a moment to greet them? That one simple act may result in gaining a new member of the model aviation community, a new member of your club, and quite possibly a new friend. All of this is possible with just one simple act of outreach. You only get one chance to make a good first impression.

See you next time... ■

Dave gives some good advice here. Thank goodness most KRCRCers are good at welcoming visitors to our place. Keep up the good work! ■

This also from the AMA Insider seemed entirely appropriate



The Club Corner

by Jim Wallen, AMA Insider Club Editor

Club leadership is one of the more important facets of our AMA clubs. If we have dynamic and proactive leadership, the club tends to prosper. If a club officer is an officer in name only, the club will not do as well. Stagnation and declining membership are symptoms of clubs having uninspired leadership.

There are multitudes of activities that clubs may undertake that are only limited by the time available from the club officers. Let's try to recruit club officers that have new ideas and want to give

them a try.

All too often it is a problem filling even the most important officer positions in a club. Try to think of some ways to make volunteerism more appealing to club members. Maybe you can have an Officer Recognition Day at one of your club meetings. Make it a point to invite all officers, past and present, to the meeting to be recognized. Invite the spouses and bring a cake to celebrate. Some clubs incentivize members to become club officers by giving them discounts on the club membership! Patches and/or pins are a possibility as well. Get their names out in front of the membership with an article in the club newsletter.

Remember, nothing happens unless you go out and make it happen. Bring up this idea at your next officers' meeting and get their opinion. You might be surprised at the new ideas that pop up!... ■



MINUTES, NOV 2010

In the absence of President Dennis Drone and Vice President Gary Lindner, Secretary Don Eiler called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM on Tuesday, November 9 at the Fellowship Church. There were 20 members and three visitors present. Minutes for the October meeting were approved as printed in the November newsletter.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

The Treasurer's Report was given by Joel Hebert and approved. A copy of the report is available from Joel or the other officers. Joel did report that there was a discrepancy of \$0.40 in our favor in the bank statement. The Treasurer's Report will be revised accordingly.

VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS

Johnny Cate and his son are new members. Luigi Bella, accompanied by his sister Gabi and his father whose name I did not get, is interested in joining.

OLD BUSINESS

Scott Anderson reported that the Heli Fly-In had 18 participants from as far away as Florida. Twelve KRCRCers were on hand as observers. There were many other spectators. The event netted \$225 for the club treasury and there was a significant quantity of hamburgers and hot dogs left over.

Bill Dodge confirmed that all the club fuel is sold with no plans for an additional fuel order until spring.

Bill also reported that he had started runway crack repairs but further work is on hold due to lack of repair materials.

Joel Hebert reported on the KCSO deputy now residing at the Park entrance. Don Hammond, phone number 385-5784. Don has found "pot" pots and meth –cooking debris in the park. Scott Anderson cautioned all to back off and call the authorities if suspicious activity is noted.

Phil Spelt reported the results of the nominating committee efforts –

President-----Phil Spelt and Jim Maines

Vice-President --Dan Toombs, Kay-Uwe Kasemir , and Don Eiler

Secretary-----William (Bill) Leonard, and Tim Cox

Treasurer-----Joel Hebert (Closed to nominations)

BoD ----- Larry Hayes, Randy Phillipps, Jeff Prosis, Ed Hartley and Don Watkins

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made, seconded, and approved for Ed Hartley to supply the 2011 membership stickers.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to set the 2011 dues at \$60 for individuals, \$72 for families, and \$30 for students. The late fee will be progressive – \$0 after the Feb. meeting, \$5 after the March meeting, and \$10 after the April meeting.

A motion was made and seconded for the club to pay for the meals of all members at the January banquet. The motion failed.

There was discussion of having the January banquet in Knox County and inviting Doug Bataille and appropriate members of his staff.

There was discussion of Christmas turkeys for the neighbors at the flying field. There was no support.

There was discussion of a turkey for Christmas for the KCSO deputy. That idea did receive support.

Scott Anderson reported on the Night Fly at House Mountain last weekend. Paul Funk buddy-boxed a group of Boy Scouts before dark and gave rides in a Piper Pacer. There were about 10 pilots registered for the Night Fly. Scott reported that there were some interesting aircraft of interesting

configurations. All aircraft were well illuminated and the flying went well.

Phil Spelt initiated a discussion of trying to tie KCRC in with some local Scout troops for aviation ground school and buddy-box flying. Involvement in the AMA TAG (Take Off And Grow) Program was also brought up. Phil is going to investigate the TAG requirements. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to grant Phil authorization to interface with AMA concerning the TAG program.

Scott Anderson reminded everyone of the Hangar Fly at TACAir on Nov. 11 at 6:30 PM.

In view of the leftovers from the Heli Fly-In, it was decided to have a picnic at the field on Nov. 13.

MODEL OF THE MONTH

No entries.

CRASH OF THE MONTH

No entries.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Minutes submitted by Don Eiler, KCRC

Secretary. ■



THIS AND THAT

■ Well, we have a slate of candidates for election to offices in 2011 and it looks like some winners in there. I'm not surprised that Joel has no competition for the treasurers slot, but

I'm not sure that closing the nominations was necessary. No one ever runs against him because there's more work involved in that job I think, and he does good work..The Board of Directors has several candidates. Dennis Drone will be a Board member because he'll be past president, and the bylaws specify it. The two with the most votes from the Board candidates will serve with him. The Executive Council will be composed of all elected officers and the Board. The Safety officer is appointed by the president as is all committee chairmen. Committees will serve as directed by the bylaws.

■ The Night Fly at House Mountain went very well according to a note I got from Scott Anderson. There were some excellent pictures taken and posted on the KCRC Email list.

■ Scott Anderson sent a note describing the fun and games at the Hangar Fly. Said there were about thirteen electric flyers and a lot of visitors who had a great time.

■ A cookout was had at KCRC field on November 13th. Members were asked to bring the extras with the club furnishing the basics. I was unable to get there but Joel Hebert took some pictures and Don Eiler and Phil Spelt sent notes saying that they had about 33 folks show up. Scott Anderson and Tim Cox were CDs at the recent Heli Fun Fli and the picnic was the result of food left over. They organized the picnic and Tim brought the food and did the cooking until he had to leave. These members deserve several “ATTABOYS” when you see them. Good job, guys..

■ The above note reminds me that we have several members in KCRC who consistently go out of their way to contribute service to the club. Names that pop up without even thinking about it are Bill Dodge and Gene Waters. Bill and Gene have been taking care of our fuel problems for a long time. Bill works his butt off filling cracks in



Illustration 3: Edward Dumas with his big electric Cub. Picture taken at the picnic by Joel



Illustration 1: For an impromptu gathering, the table looks full. Picture by Joel Hebert

the runway and Gene is number one when some construction is needed. Both these fellows have been recognized by the club for their efforts and rewarded with Emeritus member status.

Obviously we can't award everybody with this honor because we need the dues to operate, but I want to suggest that we come up with something, maybe once a year, to honor those members who seem to always be doing



Illustration 2: Fedor Rudakov with his electric Cessna at the picnic. picture by Joel

something extra for the good of the club. Think about it and we'll talk it over at the meetings. We don't need to rush into it, but come up with something to show that these are exceptional members and are truly appreciated.....Jim ■



ELECTION TIME

It is time to do your duty as a member of KCRC and vote for the candidate of your choice. If you want to vote electronically, this is the address you can go to.

[Http://www.rcpattern.com/kcrc/vote2011.htm](http://www.rcpattern.com/kcrc/vote2011.htm)

If you want to mail in a paper ballot, one follows on which you can mark your vote if you think you might not make it to the December meeting. .

Print it out, mark it, cut it out and mail it (or hand it) to

**Joel Hebert
3203 Solway Rd
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Be sure to mail it in time for Joel to get it before the meeting on December 14th. ALSO BE SURE TO SIGN AND PUT IN YOUR AMA NUMBER on the ballot!!!! Your vote won't be counted unless name and AMA number is on it.....■

BALLOT FOR 2011 ELECTION

PRESIDENT (circle one)

Jim Maines

Phil Spelt

VICE PRESIDENT (circle one)

Don Eiler

Kay-Uwe Kasemir

Dan Toombes

SECRETARY (circle one)

Tim Cox

William (Bill) Leonard

TREASURER (circle one)

Joel Hebert

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (circle TWO)

Ed Hartley

Larry Hayes

Randy Phillipps

Jeff Prosis

Don Watkins

Member signature

Member AMA #
