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**THIS AND THAT**

■ Shortly after sending out last month's newsletter, I got a call from fellow KCRCCer Craig Dieter. He had seen the note about the old compressed gas motor I mentioned and told me he had seven of them. He had gotten them from a hobby estate buy from a fellow named Ted Davis. Small world!! I knew Ted about forty years ago as a neighbor and fellow modeler. A few years later, Ted moved away and I lost track of him. I did hear about him occasionally and heard that he was doing OK and was building guitars and other sound box musical instruments. He did masterful work and his guitars were well received among professional musicians. I understand that Travis Tritt, the country singer, was one of the pros using his guitars.

■ The House Mountain RC group has a biggie planned for March 17, 18, 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>. A really big show with modelers from all over who are sending in their plans to attend. They have enough runway to accommodate most any kind of vehicle of any scale, up to and including full size, and it looks like a good event to attend.

■ Looks like we have a full slate of officers finally. The Vice President slot has

been filled by Kay-Uwe Kasemir. As you know, Don Eiler had to step down for health reasons. Kay has jumped in with both feet. He already has a calendar of programs scheduled, and as seen below, it looks like interesting programs coming to the next few meetings. I'll try to keep you notified of upcoming programs.. He also has sent a questionair to the KCRRC membership in an effort to find out what the members do and what they want out of the club. The response has been good and some results are included in thiis issue of the newsletter.■

**KCRRC Meeting Minutes**

**February, 2011**

President Phil Spelt called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, February 8 at the Fellowship Church location. There were 25 members present. Since no meeting was held in

January, minutes were not presented for approval. A gathering at the Hibachi Grill and Supreme Buffet was held in January and it was great social event. About 28 members, wives and visitors attended. Many flying events, imagined and real, were discussed.

**PLANNED MEETING PROGRAMS**

**March 8<sup>th</sup> .. .....Join the jet set!!**

**by Jeff Prosize**

**April 12<sup>th</sup> ...Field safety: AMA, bylaws,**

**sound meter, etc**

**by Jim Maines**

**May 10<sup>th</sup> ... .....Iron on covering. Part 1**

**by Phil Spelt**

**June14<sup>th</sup>.....Iron on covering. Part 2.**

**by Phil Spelt**

**Officers' Reports**

The Treasurers Report was given by Joel

Hebert and approved. A budget for 2011 was also presented. These reports are available from Joel or the other officers.

### Old Business

Phil Cope announced that his venerable *Dynaflite Butterfly* is back and available for training new pilots. The elevator throw has been adjusted to allow level and climbing flight only.

### New Business

The dates for the regular SPA pattern contest at our field were set to May 21 & 22.

Ed Hartley proposed that KCRC host another event designed for Novice class SPA contestants and people flying Novice SPA for the first time. Its purpose would be to draw more flyers into SPA competition. No date for this event was determined during the meeting.

Two Float Fly days are to be held this year. The first Float Fly was proposed for June 11. The second was proposed for September 17 or 24 with the 24<sup>th</sup> preferred. The dates are not set because some information about Rowing Association events was not available. All flyers and clubs will be welcome at these events.

A Fun Fly/Swap Meet/Picnic is planned for May 7. A committee of Phil Spelt, Craig Dieter and Randy Philipps was formed to plan it.

A Community Day at the field was proposed but no date was set. Its purpose would be to showcase R/C to the public. Simulators, table displays, buddy box flying, flying demos combined with a picnic/swap meet were suggested. A

committee of Larry Hayes, Jeff Prosis and Phil Spelt was formed to begin planning the day.

Ed Hartley proposed a new website which would be used by the leaders of the area clubs so event information can be shared. The site was discussed briefly

but no action was taken. Ed will come to the next meeting with more information.

Joel Hebert announced that about 50 members had renewed their membership for 2011. Renewal for this year after the March

meeting would be considered a "late renewal" and would be subject to a penalty fee. The gate lock will be changed after the March meeting.

Joel suggested that each member review their profile information on the website to be sure it is correct. Email circulation of information is inhibited by incorrect email addresses.

Joel said one new member joined at the February meeting. James "Lee" Helton is a beginner-flyer and he is looking for an instructor.

Jeff Prosis announced that our website domain registration must be renewed by the end of 2011. Jeff was asked to look into renewing it for ten years and looking to see if a better deal can be found by switching domain registrars.

Paul Funk announced the Huckfest Fly at House Mountain Field, March 17, 2011.

<http://www.flyinggiants.com/forums/showthread.php?t=61317>

A club survey was proposed to get information on the members' interests. Kay Kasemir created one and instructions for filling it out will be emailed to the members.

The mowing contract for our field has not been awarded. Paul Funk, our past contractor, has not decided if he can do it this year. An answer will be given before the next meeting.

### Model of the Month

Rick Hampton brought his beautiful F6F Hellcat model to the meeting. He had modified

the gas/nitro design to be electric powered. The 60-size brushless motor turns a scale-looking, 15 inch, three-blade prop. We all look forward to seeing its first flight.

### Crash of the Month

With the cold and snowy weather this January, few hard landings occurred.

Some suggested the "dive of death" of Randy Philipps *Slow Stick* was a candidate for the award. Randy declined the award however.

### Next Meeting

| PROPOSED EVENTS CALENDAR |                                 |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| March 17,18,19,20..      | House Mountain Huckfest         |
| May 7..                  | Fun Fly/Swap/Picnic..KCRC Field |
| May 21, 22...            | SPA Contest...KCRC Field        |
| Two Float Flys.....      | June and September proposed     |
| Community Day.....       | No date set yet                 |

Our next KCRC meeting will be at  
Fellowship Church on March 8 at 7 pm.  
MINUTES BY BILL LEONARD  
KCRC SECRETARY ■



*Illustration 1: Prolific builder Rick Hampton with his new MOM winner...*

Picture taken by Joel Hebert

## KCRC NOTAM

by Phil Spelt, KCRC President

For those who missed it last month, here (for the last time) is the rationale behind the title of my monthly column: I have decided to call my monthly Column "KCRC NOTAM" – Notice to Aircraft Modelers. Please note that this includes all genera of aircraft modelers – those who fly R/C planes, helicopters, gliders, control line, jets, etc. If it flies at our field, it is covered.

**The big news** – just crossed my screen this morning (Sunday, 2/20) -- is that the Senate has passed a bill that is worded essentially as if the AMA team wrote it.

Here is a quotation from a press release sent out by Chris Brooks of our AMA:

The bill has an amendment "...specifying a **"Special Rule For Model Aircraft"** that provides an exemption from regulation for model aircraft operating within the following parameters:

- Flown specifically for recreational, sport, competition, or academic purposes;
- Operated in accordance with a community-based set of safety guidelines within the programming of a nationwide community-based organization;
- Limited to 55 pounds or less unless certified through a design, construction, inspection, flight test, and operational safety program currently administered by a community-based organization."

The last bullet is in compliance with the AMA's new rules for large miniature aircraft: between 56 & 72.5 pounds, the aircraft is to be certified as airworthy by a pair of local (to the site) aeromodelers, which can include the builder/pilot. Between 72.5 and 99 pounds, the certification must be done by a pair that includes either a CD/Leader member, or a large model-certified (be AMA) person. **Definitely great news for us aeromodelers!**

On a local note, many of you KCRCers participated in Kay Uwe Kasemir's recent on-line survey. For those of you who did, I express my sincere thanks. We on the Executive Committee (EC) are planning to hold a meeting specifically to talk about these results and how they can be used to improve our Club and its standing in the community. I also give a special thank you to Kay!

One of my main (but publicly unexpressed) goals for this year has been realized. I wanted to bring new people into the management of KCRC – people with new ideas and methods for improving the Club. My hope is that these new ways of thinking will stimulate the rest of us to also think in new ways about how we go about pursuing our great sport. If you have thoughts or questions, please feel free to email or call me, or any of the EC members. I expect to have a number (regular?) EC meetings as we progress through the year. I think our EC is exceeding my expectations for doing a very beneficial job for KCRC.

Meanwhile, this is The Wingman turning

final...Phil ■

## A summary of Kay\_Uwe Kasemir's interest survey

Recently, newly elected Vice President Kay-Uwe Kasemir conducted an online survey of the KCRC membership's interests in RC modeling. It was a very comprehensive questionnaire and the response was gratifying.

On Feb. 9, we opened the online membership questionnaire. Most people replied right away. Ten days later we had 42 replies, i.e. pretty much every current KCRC member participated! Maybe you have nothing better to do, but I think it means you are very interested in contributing to the club, which is a good thing.

In summary, most people fly glow-powered sports planes, maybe scale, and you're overall good at it. About half the members still *build* airplanes. Electrics are gaining. Almost 80% like Warbirds in some form. 57% are interested in Aerobatics or would like to learn more about it, 55% say that about Gliders, 29% about Jets, and only 17% care about Helicopters.

As some pointed out, multiple-choice options were limited. You didn't always find your perfect fit in the possible replies. Still, below is what you picked, and at the end there are some specific comments.

7 contributors chose to stay anonymous. I was expecting this from people who have critical comments and worry about getting odd glances in return, but the anonymous comments fit in with the rest. To me this means: club members don't worry about sharing their opinion.

■ **Flying Skills..** are overall very good: 5% formative phase, 21% good enough to take off/land, 26% fly comfortably, 48% very good but continue to challenge themselves.

■ **Type Flying..**Glow prevails, but considering that electrics have not been a competitor for too long, more than half of the members are already into that to some degree: 17% no preference, 12% glow, 45% glow + some electric, 10% mostly electric, 17% purely electric..

■ **Type modeling..**17% don't build, 38% are interested, 19% use kits, 21% use plans, 5%

scratchbuild, i.e. about half the members *do* build in some way. 5% reject ARFs, 17% really want to fly and not built. Many commented the lack of choices on this question: You use ARFs because you lack time to build. It's a necessity, not a preference .

**Backyard/Park Flyers** Nobody considers them toys! 21% picked 'not for me' but welcome them to the field, 71% see them as a good entry in to the hobby that should be encouraged.

**Sport flying..**Boring for 10%, main interest for 33%, and 40% would like special events.....■

The above excerpt is only the tip of the wide ranging survey. I wanted to get this part in this month's issue so you can get an idea of where you are in the sport. As you can see, there is a wide range of interests and there is room for everybody. We will talk about the rest of the survey as we go along into the coming year.■



Bill Leonard sent these pictures of February 18<sup>th</sup> action at the field. Top picture is Karl Gerth buddy boxing with new comer Lee Helton. Bottom is Larry Hayes waiting his turn.

Hope to see you at the field.....Jim ■