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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Jeff Prosize, Randy Phillips, Dennis Drone



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

Once more we have reached the end of a pretty good year. Granted, the economy hasn't been all that great, but from the standpoint of KCRC,

we have done pretty good. We seem to stay pretty constant on membership, which means that we take in enough dues to pay our bills, and that ain't bad! We had a couple of work days for patching and painting and kept the field looking good, We also managed to host a dang good SPA pattern contest, a couple of Float Flies, and we had a Helicopter get together which was very successful. Attendance at club meetings didn't set any records but at least stayed pretty constant. We had some pretty good Model of the Month entrys and some very entertaining Crash of the Month tales. All in all, I'd say we had a pretty good year.

► Randy Phillipps sent me a writeup of John Heard's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday Stik combat celebration . In the first heat with six planes taking off; Mike Miller crashed on takeoff ( he claims rudder malfunction), Larry Weston began trying to fly someone else's plane ( with the inevitable consequences ), Craig Dieter got immersed with watching Larry's out of control model chasing Mike Miller on the runway as Mike was trying to recover his model, Craig crashed. Followed by another couple crashes. Total combat was about 2 minutes with a great deal of confusion and laughter. The combat was followed by a surprise birthday cake, ice cream and fruit punch, accompanied by an absolutely atrocious rendition of " Happy Birthday " to John.



*Illustration 1: A fine looking group of fighter pilots. And a beautiful cake held by Don Eiler.*

► President Phil Spelt has surveyed the membership for their recommendation on a club site if it becomes necessary for KCRC to move. For some time now, there has been rumblings among some of our members that the County Parks and Recreation Department might want to take our present site. Hopefully you expressed your preference.

► Joel sent me some pictures and info from the November meeting showing the Model of the Month winner and some Show-n-Tell items. Looks like some very interesting things were shown....Jim ■

**Minutes, November 2011**

President Phil Spelt called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, November 8 at the Fellowship Church location. There were 26 members present. The minutes from the October meeting were approved. Minutes for a meeting are available in the

next KCRC Newsletter.

**Officers' Reports**

The Treasurers Report was given by Joel Hebert and approved. This report is available from Joel or the other KCRC officers.

**Old Busines**

A club survey is still in the works. It will assess the members about their positive and negative feelings related to the change of field location. No new information is available from the county parks department on this subject.

**The Nominating Committee (Phil Spelt, Jim Maines, Larry Hayes and Tim Cox) produced a list of nominees for KCRC positions in 2012**

**President: .....Jim Maines and Phil Spelt**

**Vice President:.... Larry Hayes and Dan Toombs**

**Secretary: .....John Bobrek and Tim Cox**

**Treasurer: .....Joel Hebert**

**Board Members: Craig Deiter, Bill Dodge, Randy Phillipps, Brian Pierce, Jeff Prosize and Don Watkins (Vote for two)**

**Safety Director: An appointed position after the elections.**

**The election will be at our December meeting and online balloting will also be available.**

Club fuel will be ordered soon because members have ordered most of the 55 gallon drum. Contact Joel Hebert (705-9618) or Bill Dodge (719-0353) if you want to place an order.

The January Meeting/Banquet is coming soon. The restaurant has not been chosen yet. Suggestions should be sent to Phil Spelt ([cheunkan@comcast.net](mailto:cheunkan@comcast.net)).

**New Business**

Randy Phillipps brought up the deteriorating condition of our field signage. The sign at the entrance of the field does not represent KCRC well. Other signs in the shelter area need to be refurbished also. Information will be gathered on costs, etc. and a progress report by Randy Phillips and Phil Cope will be made at the next meeting.

The question was raised about whether or not KCRC will host an SPA pattern contest in 2012. Phil Spelt said the contest would probably be scheduled for the third weekend in May.

Club dues for 2012 were discussed and the members voted to keep them the same as this year. Dues are due in January and there are Late Fees due after the March meeting (\$5.00) after the April meeting (\$10.00).

- Individual Adult Membership: \$60.00**
- Family Membership: \$72.00**
- Student Membership: \$30.00.**

**Model of the Month**

Brian Pierce presented his large, all-electric Mikado Logo 600SE helicopter at the meeting. He explained the sophisticated, flybar-less control system. Very interesting.

Joel Hebert presented his 24" *Dead Simple* flying wing. A video of the design can be found at the RC Groups website.

John Bobrek showed his 55" *Grim Reaper* flying wing. It is a kit available from Crash Test Hobby. John plans to mount a camera on it for First Person View (FPV) flying.

**Crash of the Month**

There were no entries this month.

**After Meeting Program**

Joel Hebert demonstrated "glue hinges" for foam airplanes. This is a very quick and easy system.

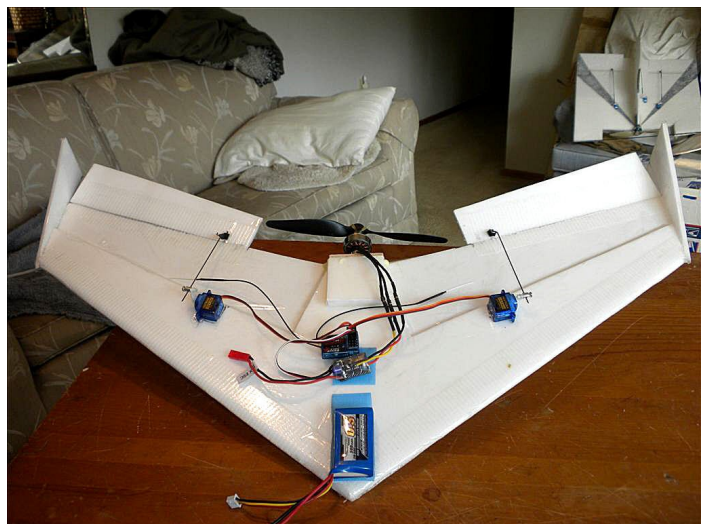
**Next Meeting**

Our next KCRC meeting will be at Fellowship Church on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. We will meet in the modular building on the west side of the church.

**Minutes submitted by Bill Leonard, KCRC Secretary...■**



*Brian Pierce and his Mikado Logo 600SE Helicopter available through readiheli.com. He gave an impressive presentation for his Model of the Month winner.. .*



Second picture is Joel Hebert's "Dead Simple Wing" entry. Joel says it is a handful at full throttle but a pretty good flyer at 1/2 or 2/3 speed. Looks like it might be a little fast.

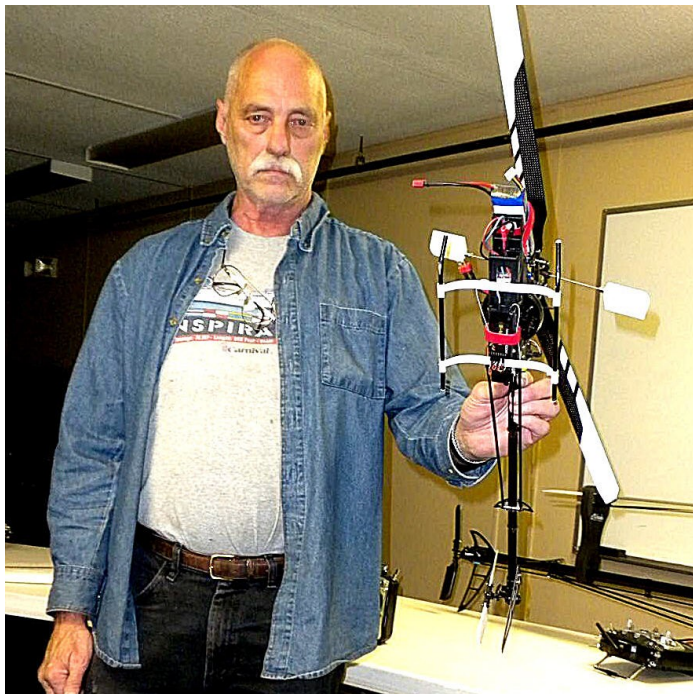


This is John Bobreks "Grim Reaper" entry. A flying wing kit from Crashtesthobbies.com that sells for about \$90 which includes S/H. John says that, depending on which servos and other electronics you use, it'll cost between \$120-\$150.

module and one 8 channel receiver with telemetry. Additional receivers are \$23.00. The units are currently installed in a Raptor 30 Heli, a Blade 400 Heli, and a Squall HP Delta wing ducted fan. All are performing very well.



John Bobrek also showed some LED light kits he is selling to be used for equipping models for night flight. That model he is holding is what impresses me! I've seen a video of this thing in flight and it looks awesome!..



The picture above is Julian Morrison. He was very active in scale, pattern and helicopters in the early days of KCRC. In fact, he was elected Recording Secretary in the first KCRC election in 1973. He has recently rejoined the club. Here he is showing the Hobby King version of the 2.4 ghz Spread Spectrum module for converting JR transmitters. The current cost is \$53.00 for the

Randy Phillipps sent me a note for you guys who can't find TNT Hobbies in Oak Ridge. Tom has moved further west on the Turnpike and to the other side of the street. Address is 2803 Oak Ridge Turnpike.

### **KCRC NOTAMS: Site Location Survey**

Phil Spelt, KCRC President

As many of you know, we have had about 6 years of off-and-on discussion with the Knox County Parks and Recreation Dept. about a move to a new facility down at the point at the bottom of Melton Hill Park. While such a move does not seem imminent, I was asked to survey the Club about our "official" attitude toward such a move. Of course, if Parks & Recreation wants our current location and offers us the point site, we will have no choice about moving from where we currently are.

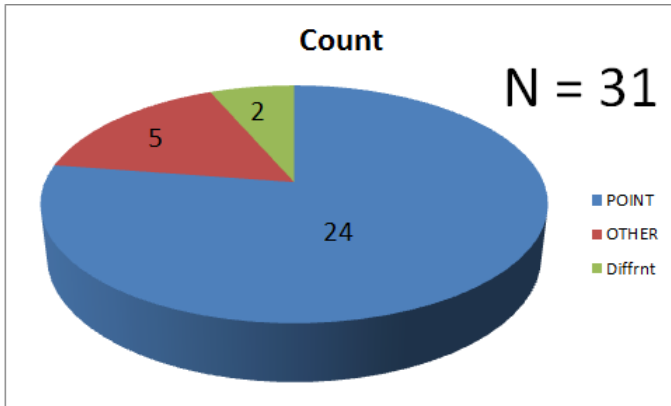
Should that happen, our choice would be to either move to the point or find another place to fly.

The survey question was: "Should we move to the point if that is offered, or prepare to find another site away from Melton Hill Park?" The premise of this survey was that the move would NOT be voluntary on KCTC's part. We would move ONLY

IF we are told we can no longer fly at the top of the hill.

The purpose of this survey was to find out whether the Club feels we should stay with the general Melton Hill Park area and continue our association with Knox County Parks and Recreation, or go look for somewhere else to fly.

Here are the survey data as of November 15, 2011:



The 2 entries in "Different" are two folks who didn't make a choice, but expressed wishes for certain aspects of a new site, no matter where it would be. There were several comments about various aspects of our current location, and wishes for things in our new facility. While these are not pertinent to the question of this survey, I will comment on them here, and they are preserved for inclusion in our planning for a new site.

The wish list includes better facilities for heli flying (not over water, more separation from fixed-wing, etc.); a different site location because of the narrow Williams Bend Road; a longer runway (a given down at the point); more wide-open area (also a given at the point).....Phil ■

### Safety First

**Jim Maines, KCRC Safety Coordinator**

November has arrived and on Thursday I was in my first real snow fall of the year. To say the least the falling snow was very pretty. While thinking this, my internal check list on how to drive in the snow started to roll through my mind. Naturally the first time of doing something after a period of time of not doing it, one has a tendency of omitting a point here and a point there. This snow fall came with the ambient temperature below freezing however the road temperature was well above freezing, thus eliminating or at the least minimizing the problem of ice.

The first time of doing anything especially when

setting up for a flight is critical for longevity of the plane as well as safety for the pilot and other personnel at the field. Please take care and review each of your personal set procedures and always double check.

**Be Safe and have a great Holiday season!.....Jim ■**

### KCRC Ballot for December 2011

**Print out and mail in if you can't attend.**

**Please CIRCLE your choices**

**Pres: Jim Maines Phil Spelt**

**VP: Larry Hayes Dan Toombs**

**Secretary: John Bobrek Tim Cox**

**Treasurer: Joel Hebert**

**Board (vote for 2 different candidates):**

**Craig Deiter**

**Bill Dodge**

**Randy Phillipps**

**Brian Pierce**

**Jeff Prosis**

**Don Watkins**

**Bring ballot to December (8<sup>th</sup>) meeting, or mail to:**

**Joel Hebert**

**3203 Solway Road**

**Knoxville, TN 37931**

**Your name ( please print )**

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**AMA Number**

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**Signature**

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