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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Jeff Prosis, Randy Phillips, Dennis Drone

**THIS AND THAT**

► This decade is moving right along; we're already starting the second year. Wait a minute! Does the decade start with 0 or does it start with 1? We went through this at the end of the twentieth century and I'm not sure every one agreed with the resolution. My personal thought is that the zero stands for ten and the decade starts with one. After all, the very first year of the modern calendar was 1 A.D. and not zero.

► We are starting out with a new slate of officers who were elected at the December 2011 meeting. Every year we seem to come up with a capable group to lead us in the coming year and I think we've done it again. See the minutes.

► The banquet will be held at the usual meeting night ( second Tuesday ). Time is set for 6:00 PM and the location will be announced by email.

► Bill Leonard sent me a couple pictures. The first is Jim Maines proudly holding his good looking model of the Elder. This is an old time Top Flight kit that is now sold by Great Planes, I'm a great fan of all kits and kit builders. I keep hoping it doesn't become a lost art, It seems there are fewer each year who bother to build. Most folks now take the easy way and buy ARFs. I'm also a great fan of ARFs. I can no longer make a model look as good as the Almost-Ready-to-Fly models nowadays look.

► The second picture is Bill himself with his Goldberg Tiger. Also a kit that is also now sold by Great Planes. One thing about all Goldberg designed kits; they are great flyers. I've built a lot of the kits they design and kit and I thought the best flyer I ever built was the Super Chipmunk. Might have been the best looking I ever built, too..... Jim



## KCRC Meeting Minutes, December 2011

President Phil Spelt called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, December 13 at the Fellowship Church location. There were 24 members present. The minutes from the October meeting were approved. Minutes for each 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 Business

KCRC flying field signage renewal: Several members are looking into repainting, repairing, or replacing the entrance sign. Any painting will be postponed until warmer weather. The need for repainting the entrance gate was also mentioned.

Club dues for 2012: Several members paid their dues to the Treasurer at the meeting. 2012 Dues are payable now, and there are Late Fees due after the March meeting (\$5.00) after the April meeting (\$10.00). Dues are the same as 2011.

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

### New Business

The election for 2012 officers was held by counting votes by email, by letter and by written votes at the meeting. The election results are:

President	Phil Spelt
Vice President	Larry Hayes
Secretary	John Bobrek
Treasurer	Joel Hebert
Board Members	Randy Phillipps Jeff Prosis
Safety Officer	Jim Maines

E.A.A Banquet is scheduled to be held on January 21, 2012 at Buddy's Banquet Hall behind the Buddy's near K-Pike and Northshore. Members of E.A.A will take part in a drawing for a flight in P-51 Mustang flight.

## Model of the Month

Larry Hayes won the MOM with his Sig *Kavalier* (OS 46 LA, Futaba radio, Ultracote covering).

Mark Kovalcson, Dave Marsden, and Jerel Zarestky presented their helicopters and discussed their technical features.

### Crash of the Month

There were no entries this month but several mishaps were discussed.

### After Meeting Program

Dave Marsden demonstrated indoor flight of his inexpensive (\$99 RTF) helicopter.

### Next Meeting

**KCRC will not hold its usual meeting in January. Our January Banquet, however, will be held on January 10<sup>th</sup> at a restaurant in the area. The location will be disclosed as soon as it is finalized.**

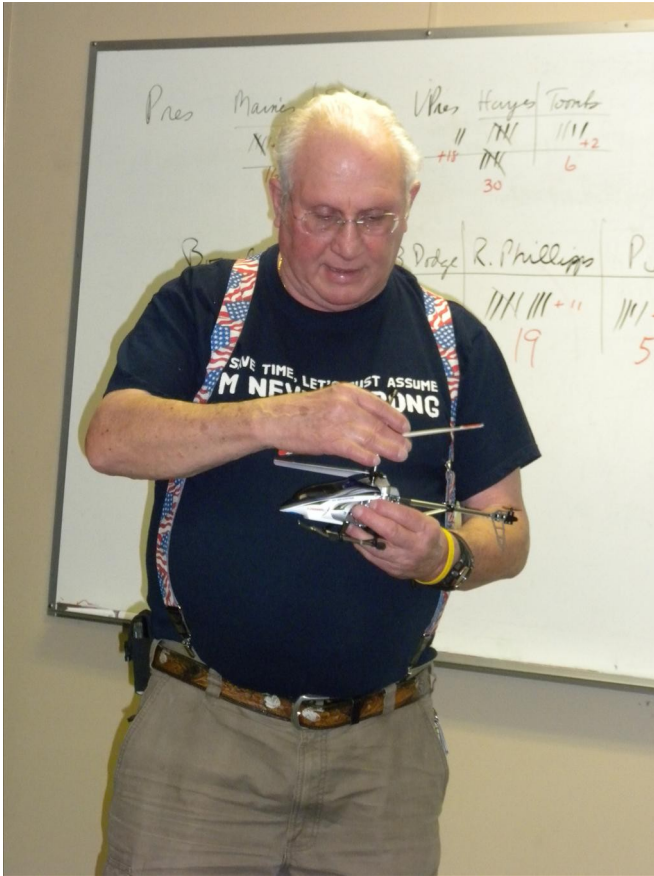
**Minutes submitted by Bill Leonard, KCRC Secretary** ■



*Illustration 1: Mark Kovalcson shows one of the helicopters he brought..*

Joel Hebert sent all the pictures from the meeting,





*Illustration 2: Dave Marsdon demonstrated some indoor heli flying..*



*Illustration 4: Jerel Zarestki wouldn't look right without a Helicopter in his hands.*

## Tips from the AMA Insider

### Get Clean!

If you forget to use a barrier cream or latex gloves to prevent your hands from getting sticky when using epoxy, don't use alcohol, acetone, or other solvents to clean them. Besides being harsh on your skin, those chemicals always leave a sticky residue no matter how many times you wipe your hands. Instead use hand lotion to remove the epoxy residue. Just wash your hands with the lotion, rinse it off and the wash again with regular hand soap. It works like a charm and your hands will smell great!  
—from Allen Rice, Boca Raton, Florida

### Gloves for CA

If you're allergic to latex, one thing that works really well as an alternative—and is really inexpensive—is to use cheap plastic sandwich bags to cover your hands. They work well and are thin enough that you can feel that heat of the glue as it sets. This works really well when you are applying glass cloth with CA, because you can hold the cloth to the balsa and feel when the glue sets. It lets you use very little CA to put down the cloth and saves quite a bit of weight.  
—from Bob Furr, the Eugene Prop Spinners, Eugene, Oregon

### Need a bench?



*Illustration 3: Larry Hayes and his MOM winning Kavalier.*

Seeing Larry's Kavalier reminded me that the last model I built before taking a sabbatical from RC in 1975 was a Sig Kavalier. When I came back to RC in 1990, I still had the model so it was the first model I flew . Crashed it on the first flight!.....Jim

Need an extra workbench, yet don't have the space for a permanent one? How about an ironing board? If has a padded top (if you choose), is adjustable for height, and you can even sit down while covering or doing close-up work. Best of all, you can fold it up and put it away.

—From *The Tail Spinner*.... ■

## **MORE OF THIS AND THAT**

*The bylaws cover the club Emeritus membership rules this way;*

**“ 10. Emeritus members shall be designated by the Club as those who over the years have made exceptional contributions to modeling and have earned permanent status. The members shall keep their AMA membership current. The Club shall provide free membership. “**

**The voting has always been by the members at a regular meeting. My thoughts are that the whole membership be notified so that every member can vote. Either by his silent non vote ( on any poll, a non vote is agreeing to accept the result of the election ) or an actual vote.**

**I wish to submit the following;.**

Over the years, in an effort to show their appreciation, KCRC has nominated and elected several members who have contributed to the operation and upkeep of KCRC club and club facilities. Ed Hartley was the member who always took on the business of deciding about the nominations, but since Ed has passed on, I don't know who will be the next to take on that responsibility. I think that whoever does take it on should already be an Emeritus member

There have always been members who contribute a lot of time and effort in KCRC, but there have been some who have gone above and beyond the norm. At any rate, I have noticed that there are two active members who are noteworthy and certainly qualify as nominees for this honor.

Phil Spelt has just been elected to his sixth term as KCRC President. No other member that I've ever known has done as much in the administration and guidance of KCRC. He has

contributed to every work day, every contest or event of any type, and participated as a competitor in most of them. He has given a great number of meeting teaching programs over the years. He has interfaced with the AMA on behalf of the club and also the County Dept of Parks on several occasions promoting good relations and the business of keeping our lease in good standing. He will be responsible for the renewing of that lease this year. For these reasons, it is my firm conviction that Phil is highly qualified and deserves to be nominated.

Joel Hebert has just been elected KCRC Treasurer for the tenth consecutive time. Again, no other member I can remember has EVER held office for this length of time. He was elected for the first term in 2002, and has been reelected every year since. Not only does he handle this tough job in a timely and competent manner, he also contributes to every event KCRC holds, participating in most as a competitor or an event official. For these reasons, I think Joel is very highly qualified and deserves to be nominated..

On another noteworthy note; June Cope has been listed forever as Club Historian. June does not fly or participate in most club activities, but if she did, I'd nominate her for something. She certainly qualifies for a vote of thanks or a stack of Attaboys at least... ■ .

Heard somewhere;; A KCRCer and his wife, lying in bed trying to sleep but being disturbed by the neighbor's dog's constant barking. The KCRCer finally says “ I've had enough of this! “, and gets up and goes downstairs. After a while, he comes back to bed. His wife says, “ The dog is still barking, what did you do? “. The KCRCer says “ I moved the dog to our back yard. Now lets see how HE likes it.!” .... ■

**As we start a new year of operation, I wish every member to have a great and glorious year. I urge every member to do whatever he can to making KCRC even better and more fun in 2012!! All suggestions are appreciated...Jim ■**