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November 2021 Newsletter

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President's Corner

By Rick Thompson

Although good weather flying days are not as abundant as a couple of months ago, there are still a few so I encourage everyone to come out and enjoy while you can. This time of year, views of foliage, nature, and wildlife at our field are so spectacular that the trip is worth it even when flying isn't possible. During the (soon to be here) dead of winter, there are still always a few hearty KCR Cers who will brave the elements and come out no matter what. I remember photos in one of the newsletters a few years ago of members flying off the snow. For those of us who prefer where it's warm, it is a great time to plan and build next spring's new plane.

I want to thank the tremendous amount of effort and hard work the By-Laws Committee (Jeff Prosis, Phil Spelt, and Carl Gerth) put into the proposed changes. After lengthy discussions at both the October and November meetings, the voting started at the November meeting and will continue until and during the December meeting. This is a poll vote, so we need **everyone** to vote. If you have not yet voted and will not be attending the December meeting, please email (or snail mail) your vote to Joel at least one day before the December meeting. Your vote will not be disclosed, but you must identify yourself so we can confirm eligibility and account for those who have voted. The primary purpose of these changes is to:

1. Put more stringent limits on the power and spending authority of the officers and EC
2. Provide a well-defined procedure for **Club Members** to remove or discipline **Officers** or other Club Members who might act far outside the rules or norms of what is generally expected by the vast majority of the members.
3. Involve the Members more in the decisions of running the club.
4. Provide **complete** openness and transparency of any decisions or actions of the Officers and EC.

To this end, I think these guys have done a fantastic job of striking the right balance. Joel emailed the proposed new By-Laws out a few days ago. If you haven't already, please review and let your voice be heard by voting. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. We will announce passage or lack thereof at the December meeting.

Officers and EC for 2022 will be voted on and announced at the December 14th meeting which will again be held at Fellowship Church. If you can't attend the meeting, you can vote by email (or snail mail) to Joel so long as your vote is received at least one day prior to the meeting.

This is an important time for our club in a pivotal year. I just want to thank everyone who worked so hard to keep our club together and continue its long rich history in the tradition of its founders, many of whom have already passed. I think they would be pleased.

November Meeting

The November club meeting was held on Tuesday, Nov. 9th at Fellowship Church on Middlebrook Pike. Joel Hebert delivered a treasurer's report which was approved by the members present at the meeting. Phil Cope reported that there were no safety incidents at the field in recent weeks.

Phil Cope made a motion that Bob Sobelesky be offered a complimentary membership. Phil Spelt seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Joel Hebert read the list of nominees for 2022 officer positions. There were no new nominations from the floor. Voting for new officers will be held at the December meeting.

Phil Spelt gave an overview of the major changes in the proposed bylaws including the definition of a poll vote, limiting unapproved expenditures by the president and Executive Committee, and the procedure for removing an officer. Members present at the meeting voted on the changes, and those who weren't present will have a chance to vote by e-mail or at the December meeting.

Joel Hebert presented the draft 2022 budget, which included \$1,600 for mowing and \$2,000 for runway maintenance. The total budgeted amount was \$6,850. Members will vote on the budget at the December meeting.

Warren Oliver did a show-and-tell with a 3D printed P-38 kit he got from 3DLABPRINT.COM. The parts fit tightly together and require medium CA to assemble. It has a 55" wingspan and is printed in a color close to the dark green of the real planes. It's designed for two 3530 1100 kV motors swinging 9x6 props on 3S.



Did You Know?

The first-ever turbine flight at KCRC happened on July 4th, 2009. The pilot was Jeff Prorise, and the jet was a [BVM BobCat](#) powered by a JetCat P-60 turbine producing 13 pounds of thrust at 150,000 RPM. A [grainy video](#) captured by Randy Philipps documented the flight. The best part of the video is Randy's reaction to seeing a turbine-powered jet fly for the first time. 😊



Turbines have flown at KCRC a few times since, but flying turbine-powered jets at KCRC is dicey due to our short runway. Throttle lag exacerbates the problem. Once a turbine is powered down to idle, it takes a few seconds to get back to full power. You can't chop the throttle on final and then discover that you're coming up short. If you do, you probably won't make the runway. Proper technique calls for landing at about ¼ power, because it takes substantially less time to spool up to full power from ¼ throttle than it does from idle. Of course, landing with ¼ throttle means you need more runway, too.