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November 2022 Newsletter

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President's Corner

By Rick Thompson

Our final monthly meeting for 2022 will be at Fellowship Church on Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m. in room 601. Officers for 2023 will be elected and announced at that meeting. We have a terrific slate of nominees on the ballot, so please register your vote either in person at the meeting or absentee via email. An absentee ballot will be emailed to all members along with instructions for casting your ballot in the event you cannot attend the meeting.

The annual KCRC banquet will be held on January 10th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Golden Oak Buffet, 401 South Tulane Avenue, Oak Ridge – same as in past years. New officers will be introduced at that time. Hope everyone can make it for a nice evening out.

While the warm weather flying season is mostly over for this year, that does not mean we won't have some flyable days between now and spring. Hope to see everyone soon either at the meeting or flying field.

November Meeting

KCRC's November meeting took place on Tuesday, Nov. 8th at Fellowship Church. Nineteen people attended the meeting.

Rick Thompson opened the meeting and noted that 2022 was a good year featuring five events: an SPA contest, a fun fly, Cubfest, a Warbird fly-in, and an EDF fly-in, along with several good cookouts.

Todd Thomas reported that the AMA was working with the FAA to make all AMA sites FRIA sites that don't require transponders for UAVs. This process is ongoing and we don't yet know what the procedure will be.

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Phil Cope and Randy Phillips, presented their slate of candidates for the December election:

- President: Warren Oliver and Tony Alimar
- Vice President: Bob Morris and Matt Conser
- Treasurer: Todd Thomas and Joel Hebert
- Secretary: Dan Tombs and Richard Love
- Board: Jimmy Russell, Brandon Drummer, Matt Conser, Crag Dieter, and Bill Lewis

Phil Cope gave the safety report, saying things have gone well except for a few models that were put in the trees. Craig Dieter brought a foamy of unknown ownership that was retrieved from a tree. Bob Morris claimed it at the meeting as his long-lost plane.

Warren Oliver noted that the deceased-member nameplates on the flight line shelter are looking worn and he will look into updating them.

Phil Cope will reserve the Golden Oak Chinese buffet in Oak Ridge for our Jan. 10th banquet.

Craig Dieter showed his Top-Flite kit Spitfire with split flaps and pneumatic retracts, which he has been working on for a while. It's still under construction and unpainted. He has covered the control surfaces and plans on covering the whole plane with silkspan silk which give a super slick surface needing very little filling.



Both aircraft belonged to the Commemorative Air Force, an organization that restores WWII-era aircraft and flies them at air shows. Thoughts and prayers for the families of the crew members, and let us hope that nothing like this happens again.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving! Please make plans to attend the Dec. 13th meeting and place your vote for KCRC's 2023 officers.



Did You Know?

A horrific mid-air collision occurred during an air show in Dallas earlier this month, killing all six people aboard the two aircraft involved. One of the aircraft was a B-17 Flying Fortress; the other was a P-63 Kingcobra. The B-17 was performing a flyover for the crowd when the P-63 appeared to hit it from the side, cutting it in half and sending both planes plummeting to the ground.

