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## December 2024 Newsletter

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### President's Corner

*By Jimmy Russell*

Hello all! I'm pleased at being elected your new president and looking forward to seeing your participation in the leadership and planning roles of the club. First, I want to thank Warren for being a great president for the last 2 years. He has brought a fun attitude to the club and is always willing to support new members and club activities. It's not the officers that make this club great though, It's you the member! It's such a pleasure to arrive at the field and see so many members and their families enjoying this fun hobby. The best part for me is the friendly jokes and good-natured ribbing that reminds me after all, I'm a grown man playing with toy airplanes. That mentality of not taking it too seriously keeps me engaged. With the cold weather and holidays settling in, we see a reduction in good flying weather and opportunities to make it to the field. I typically retreat to my garage/shop to do maintenance/mods of my current fleet or to build new airplanes. I think all members should do some "shop" work on their models and equipment during this time. It's a good time to check all the linkages for slop or loose fasteners, check the landing gear, check electronics for intermittent

connections, and lastly back up your radio settings and run any updates if needed for your equipment. I'm looking forward to having another great year at KCRC in 2025. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year plus I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming January banquet!

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### December Meeting Minutes

*By Richard Love*

President Oliver opened the meeting at 6:40 PM. The meeting was held at the Deane Hill Recreation Center with 15 in attendance including new member Dave Moore.

#### Treasurers Report

Todd Thomas presented the treasurer's report for November.

#### Safety Report

Phil Cope reported that flying was diminished for the month due to unfavorable weather and that no safety issues occurred.

### Old Business

The extension of the flight line building is on schedule and will occur about 90 days from now.

### New Business

Future meeting sites and dates:

Our meeting on January 14 will be held at the Golden Oak restaurant in Oak Ridge beginning at 6:00 PM.

The February meeting has been cancelled for next year, however, the executive committee will use the time for planning club activities for 2025. Members may also attend but no formal business will be conducted.

Todd found that Pellissippi State has space for meetings. It was decided that we will hold our March and April meetings at that location. Reminders will be emailed to the membership before each meeting.

### 2025 Executive Committee Member Election

The new officers and board members will be formally announced at the January meeting at the Golden Oak restaurant.

### Model of the month

Jimmy Russell showed his modified SIG Cadet Senior he built when he was 15 years old. The original model was a 3 channel, tri- gear, powered by an OS 40 engine. It now has flaps, ailerons, a 41mm 40 KV motor, and conversion to a tail dragger to allow clearance for a 15" prop.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM

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## **Upcoming Events**

Pencil in these event(s) for the flying season:

Jan 6<sup>th</sup> Morning - Shelter addition - Watch your Email for upcoming details

Jan 14<sup>th</sup> 6:00PM - January Banquet at Golden Oak restaurant in Oak Ridge

Stay tuned - February planning meeting

If you have an event or an idea for an improvement to the field, please go to the upcoming February planning meeting and get it on the calendar. It's important to start now so you can get a date and some funding. The calendar fills up quickly, so get to the meeting.

Stay tuned for any updates or additions – check your Email. Make sure you get your event in early so the club can get it on the roster.

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## **Meet the New Member**



Dave Morre is getting into the hobby, and he is particularly interested in quad drones and FPV options. All of you with similar interests, please give him a shout so he can get started without making all the mistakes the rest of us have made over the years. Let's get him going quickly. The weather is bad now, but this is the time to make new friends and start on new projects. We hope to see him at the field in the Spring.

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## Articles and Photos

If you have any articles or photos you would like to see in the newsletter, please send them to [rmorris126@comcast.net](mailto:rmorris126@comcast.net). I would like to include more material from the members. You don't need a long report or perfect pictures, just things that would be of interest to the club such as workbench fixtures and tips, a new trick for your plane, some old war stories, something to watch out for at the field, or even new ways to pack all this stuff in your car.

Thanks in advance.

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## Happy Holidays

I hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday season! If we have some nice days, maybe I will see some of you out at the field!

