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January 2026 Newsletter

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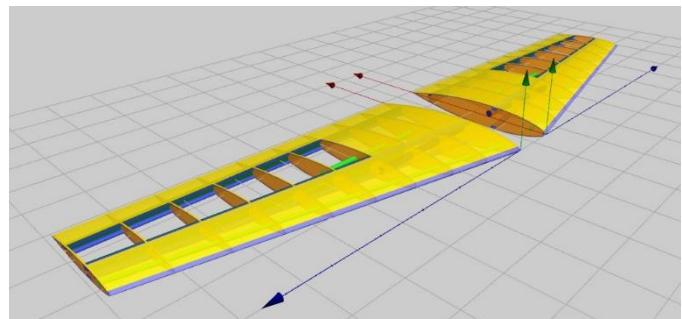
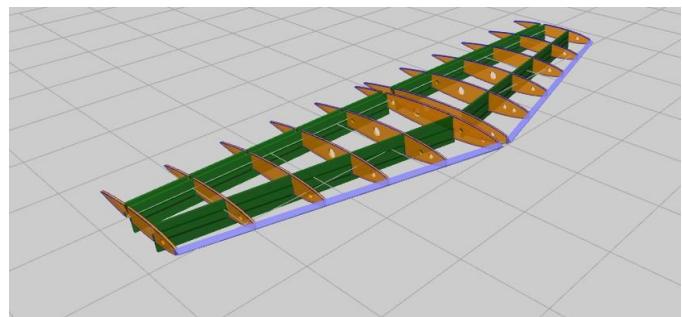
By Jimmy Russell

I hope everyone is safe and staying warm. The winter finally hit here in East Tennessee. This cold weather is great for building and working on your models. I've been busy in the shop myself. I have designed a new pattern plane. It is based on a design from the mid 80's called The Escape. It was a Joe Bridi design with a 62" WS and 63" long. I designed the plane using WingHelper software for the wings and stabs and AutoCAD for the fuselage and internals. I was able to get the design laser cut from my computer files and created a kit to work from and I have begun building it. It is so rewarding to build and fly something you designed. I hope to complete the build by Spring. It may become my '26 SPA competition plane. There are other ways you can use your creativity in our hobby too. Several members have 3D printers and design and print accessories for their models such as bombs, missiles, bomb drop mechanisms, and mounting brackets for equipment. I love to see members using their creativity in our hobby.

We will be having our Executive meeting in a few weeks. We will set the budget and discuss workdays and events. As always if you have

anything you want us to look into, please send an email to flykcrc@gmail.com or message me.

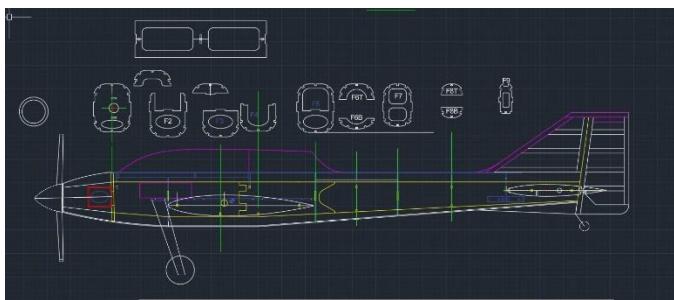
A few plane details. The wing design:



The computer graphic translated into balsa wood:



The fuselage layout in computer land:



The fuselage converted into balsa wood:



KCRC Meeting January 13, 2026

By Bill Lewis

The club banquet started at 6:00 PM. We had a nice dinner at the Golden Corral and a good time chatting with each other. A couple of us did well in the raffle. Rick Thompson won a Waco biplane kit and Warren Oliver won a complete fun fly plane. Then they traded! Expect some new planes out at the field come Spring.



Projects for next year include new benches and repair of the old ones along with some additional runway work. Stay tuned for details and please give us a hand in keeping the field up.

Upcoming Events

The annual officers' planning meeting is coming up in February, so get your ideas together for events and let all the new officers know what you have in mind. Let's make next year an exciting one!

Meet the New Member

On hold for a while. We hope to see some new people signing up for next year. Tell your friends.

Have a fun month! - Jimmy

Turbines

Here is Brandon's turbine which you may have already seen at the field:



Let us know if you got a turbine for Xmas!

Dues

It is time to pay your 2026 club dues. The deadline is the March meeting on Tuesday, 3/10/2026, with a \$5 late fee after that.

We will change the lock combination on the gate AFTER the March 10th meeting and will provide it to everyone that has paid their dues.

If you need to make changes to your information (address, phone, etc.), contact Todd at flykcrc@gmail.com for details.

The 2026 dues remain the same as last year:

<i>Regular</i>	\$84
<i>Family</i>	\$96
<i>Student</i>	\$42
<i>Quadcopter only</i>	\$42

Mail dues to:

KCRC
c/o Todd Thomas
9505 Continental Drive
Knoxville, TN 37922

For those interested in paying with Venmo, send your dues to our username, [@flykcrc](https://www.venmo.com/u/flykcrc), or use the following link or QR code:

<https://www.venmo.com/u/flykcrc>

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A couple of reminders:

1. KCRC is a FRIA approved flying field. You **DO NOT** need a Remote ID module to fly at our field. However, you do need to be a member of the AMA. You can renew your membership using the following link:

<https://www.modelaircraft.org/membership/membership-options>

2. If you haven't already done so, please take the FAA TRUST test and register your aircraft. You can do both using the following link:

<https://faadronezone-access.faa.gov/>

Thanks for being a good member and keeping the club safe and legal.