

R/C Sportflyer December, 2002

Next Meeting at First Baptist Church of Grandview – Thursday, December 5 @ 7:00 p.m.

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Minutes of November 7, 2002 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President John Carnal. There were 28 members and 2 guests present; Elizabeth Cartwright and Chuck Wilson, President of KCRC.

The minutes of the last meeting and treasurer's report were approved.

Safety: Cliff Miller reported that there hasn't been much flying because of the weather, so no current safety issues. The year was a good one from a safety standpoint. We had no significant safety concerns the past year.

Training: Dennis Tschirhart – The official training is over for the year. Shawn Arcidino was the last one to solo.

Field: It's time to get the fall fertilizer down. A number of the members were going to get together at the field this month and get it applied.

Formation: The formation flying is over for the year. Dennis and Shawn had a VMAR Edge 540T as a show and tell that they may be using as their formation aircraft next year. I think I heard something about starting with the Edge, but then going back to the 'sticks after the first flight....didn't quite catch the comment.

Web Site: The web site's still there, got good pictures and is getting hits. The forum section has an impressive number of entries. If you haven't been there, check it out.

Parks: Bernie talked with the Parks Department and it turns out that there are no open dates for Christmas in the Park. The general consensus was that we can probably consider the fund raiser for Harvesters to have been our contribution to the Parks Department for this year, even though the project didn't directly benefit the Parks. The club received a letter from Gary Salva asking us to assist with developing a 5-year plan for the parks. As yet we haven't been contacted by the Parks representative, so nothing specific beyond the letter. Also, Bernie is putting together our 2002 volunteer time report. **If you did anything benefiting the Parks Department this year,** let Bernie know. There was so general discussion about the activities the club either participates in or does that benefits the community. Chuck Wilson, KCRC, shared a number of good thoughts on the topic. I think the consensus was that it would be a good thing to have a summary of that activity. Not only would it be a good public relations tool, but it might surprise the members to see how much we do. (As secretary, I'll pull together what we have in the newsletter and have it for a future meeting - Walt.)

Raffle Prize: This month's raffle prizes were batteries that Sob Borisooth from Interstate All Battery Center brought and generously allowed us to use as prizes. The lucky winners were Larry Smith, Dennis (fried batteries) Tschirhart, John Carnal, Dave Klaus and Mike Krogh.

New Business - Officer Nominations

Nominated for 2003 officers are:

President: Mike Krass
Treasurer: Mike Krogh

Vice President: Scott Goergen
Newsletter Editor: Walt Calkins

Secretary: Walt Calkins

Additional nominations can be made at the December meeting, the election is during the December meeting.

Other: The Shawnee Mission RC club and KCRC are putting together a web site with an area events calendar for the 17 clubs in the KC area. A person from each club will be designated to put their club's events on the calendar. As a result, we'll have one site for everything happening in the KC area.

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Show and Tell

Shawn Arcidino had a Tiger 2 he had modified. Modifications included a larger rudder and a pilot that turned his head when the rudder moved. Real neat setup.

Mike Krass had a 4 star 60 with a Saito .72. He added wheel pants. **Mike won model of the month**

Dennis Tschirhart Had the VMAR Edge 540T ARF that the formation team is thinking of using next year. A very good deal at \$160! Since it's an ARF, it's not included in the model of the month competition, but it was a neat plane.

Calendar of Events – Models

- Dec 5** RCSF Club Meeting - First Baptist Church Of Grandview - Election of officers
- Dec 7** RCSF Club Fun-Fly
- Jan 1, '03** RCSF Freeze Fly - Stamm Field
- Jan 2, '03** RCSF Club Meeting - First Baptist Church Of Grandview
- Jan 4, '03** RCSF Club Fun-Fly
- Jan 18, '03** KCRC Annual Shop-N-Swap - Ararat Shrine Temple (same as last year), Admission \$4.
- Jun 14, '03** RCSF Open Fun-Fly (tentative)
- Sept 27, '03** RCSF Club BBQ (tentative)

Calendar of Events – Full Scale

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- May 24** Antique Aircraft Fly-In, Atchison (tentative), RCSF invited
- Jun 13-15** WWI Replica Fighters, Gardner, KS
- July 22-28** Oshkosh! 100th anniversary of Wright brothers flight
- Aug 27-Sep 1** Antique Aircraft National Fly-In, Blakesburg, IA
- Sept 11** Recreation of the 1932 Ford National Air Tours - Includes planned stop in Kansas City, (tentative date).
More information to come as it's available. (www.NationalAirTour.org)

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This month John Carnal had invited Sob Borisooth from the Interstate All Battery Center to talk about batteries. John is going to send Sob an account sheet for the club. This means any of the club members can call ahead, order batteries and pick them up when ready. Sob can build about any battery pack any of us would want. Sob's phone number is 913-385-9399 and is located at 5285 West 95 Street in Overland Park. This is just east of Nall, on the south side of 95 Street. Sob also works from other locations so ask him if the Overland Park store won't work for you.

Sob's discussion was mostly question and answer, but his answers covered a lot of territory. I think the general opinion was that having Sob build battery packs is probably lower cost and results in a better quality pack.

Include in this newsletter is an updated (changed) club constitution. This is being submitted to the club for discussion during the December meeting. This means the first time we could vote on the changes would be during the January meeting (see Article XI). The reason for the changes is that the AMA has required three article be in every sanctioned club's constitution. This is the unfortunate result of legal action the AMA has been involved in. I have included the full constitution with the newsletter, with the changes. For those sharp-eyed members, feel free to check the entire document to make sure I didn't inadvertently change something I didn't intend to (word processors do those kind of things!) To summarize, the changes are:

Article IX, Voting: Minor wording added at the end to indicate that dissolution requires 2/3's-vote.

Article XIV, Expulsion: Completely new article, required by AMA

Article XV, Grievance Procedure: Completely new article, required by AMA

Article XVI, Dissolution: Formerly Article XV, Disbanding; wording completely changed, required by AMA. In reality, no real change, probably more specific on how dissolution happens.

Article XV, Grievance Procedure, refers to a "Grievance Form." AMA was kind enough to include a form, I have copied it (reduced to fit the page) below. The actual form is a full page. I will have examples at the meeting.

Credit needs to given to KCRC. I get their newsletter and, much to my delight, the last one included the changes needed, customized for flying from a county facility. I pulled the wording, virtually word for word, from their newsletter. **Thanks, KCRC, you saved me many hours or work!** - (Walt)

Radio Control Sport Flyers Club Grievance Form

Date: _____

Time: _____

Nature of Violation:

Signature: _____

Witness: _____

Additional Witnesses (not required):

