



The Knights Of The Round Circle

Control Line Model Airplane Club

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The D C C o n n e c t i o n i t i o n

KOTRC CLUB MEETING

November 13, 2012

Guests

Tony Drago, Hulan Mathies, Larry Terrigno,
Tom Laird, Norm Furutani

Show and Tell

John Wright – Dutch Auction engines. As the prices drop month by month, the pickings get slimmer. Next an old sharpener for X-Acto #11 blades. It controlled the angles to maximize sharpness. He showed the wrecked wing panel from his Big Job. He demoed how the silkspan applied inside the planking stiffened the structure.

Tom Collier – Showed his Torquette. It has a Tee Dee .049 and a balloon tank made from the finger of a medical glove. Currently with a Top Flite 6x5 prop mounted, but that needs to be cut down or replaced.

Larry Renger - The final, production version of the new Hard Point Exponential handle. It will be produced by RSM Distribution. Next he showed Stehls and VA .049s from Russia. One of them is likely to go on his Torquette (The VA made the cut, turning 27,500 rpm on 10% nitro in testing).

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Mike Alurac – He presented a stack of Coroplast sheets for the ET-1 trainer. Eric will be producing kits on behalf of the club. Next he has information on a place that gives airplane rides. He had a stack of 2013 calendars to give out. He showed his Torquette with a Galbreath tune, ball-bearing Pico .05. it weighs 6.1 ounces (HAH!

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Meeting Reminder

Next Regular Meeting Tuesday
Night January 8, 2013

Fullerton Airport AFI building
4119 W. Commonwealth Avenue
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Meetings start at 7:00pm.

2012 Club Officers

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Mine weighs 5.05 with the VA!)

Larry Terrigno –A really nice Ringmaster that he originally built in 1973. It was rebuilt around the turn of the century. Monokote covering with Lusterkote paint over it for trim. This was built from a Sterling kit.

Tony Drago – Black Hawk Models Custom Special kit he donated to the club raffle. He also discussed the status of the Las Vegas club. They have a really nice flying site and are growing.

Dave Kick – He had a stack of photos from VSC 2001 that he found while cleaning up his shop.

Warren Walker – Described a collection of about 100 free-flight models he bought from Sam Benevedes. He wants to sell them off, along with most of the engines.

Old Business

John described the beginner Stunt event we held at Whittier to compensate for not doing the Bill Netzeband contest. We had 5 entries, which is way more than we usually get at regular contests. Hulan Mathies won, Norm Furutani came in second, and Mike Alurac third. We think the low stress format is conducive to dragging more beginners out to try their luck....ummm....skills.

Eric Rule reminded everyone about the Holiday Party. See the flyer on the KOTRC.org site for full details. The date is Saturday, Dec. 8th.

Saint-James described how the wheel-chair access as done by the parks has some serious safety flaws. They didn't finish the job properly and it is unsafe to exit it in either direction. Tom Collier will follow up with the Parks Department.

John Wright noted that the turnout at the field has been very low, but then that is true of the soccer areas too. Probably the holidays and weather combined, I would guess.

Elections: Tom Collier withdrew from his nomination to be treasurer in favor of one more term for Frank Martin.

Final tally: President- Mike Alurac
 Vice President – Jed Kusik
 Treasurer – Frank Martin
 Secretary – Larry Renger

New Business

John Wright – showed 2 engines and a Brodak kit that will be in the Holiday Party Raffle

Eric Rule brought a pile of kits and engines donated by Bob Brooks for us to sell, including a fully built and equipped Count Clipper combat model and a framed up Fierce Arrow.

The Secretary is to send a thank you note to Bob, and also a sympathy card to Elaine Heyworth.

Tom Collier to follow up with the AMA on the possibility of doing C/L training at the AMA convention.

Eric Rule generously offered to make "short kits" of the ET-1 trainer for sale on behalf of the club. He will handle the shipping and finances. What a guy! We have about 40 sheets of Coroplast available, so that could be as many as 60 kits! Grab those signs, guys!

Howard Doering described a day at the Lyons' Air Museum in Santa Ana. It is on the west side of the John Wayne airport. \$8 donation to get in and a great set of WW2 aircraft on display.

It came out in discussion of the above that we need to make up flyers to leave at not only this museum, but the ones in Chino, March AF base, San Diego and Palm Springs. Tri-fold to 3 ½ x 8 ½ would be good.

Discussion of getting a sanction for the Palmer Meet immediately. A date of April 27th and 28th was set. Warren Walker will set it up, but we need to establish the actual CD.

It was moved, seconded and passed to limit ourselves to 2 major contests a year. The Netzeband trophy will become a prize for the top performer at the Knights' Joust, similar to the perpetual trophy given out at the Palmer Memorial.

Some effort was made to look into moving our contests to the Sepulveda Basin, but that was dismissed as a bad idea. Use Whittier or lose it, was the thought.

Larry proposed raising the annual club dues to \$30, as they have been the same for at least a decade. Our club is WAY cheaper than any of the RC clubs in the area. It was passed.

Andy proposed that we have a published financial statement as part of our monthly newsletter. Content to be determined by the new board of officers next year. The proposal passed.

Thinking Safety



Mystery Model

This month we must start off on a very sad note; one of our most beloved Knights, Bill Heyworth, has gone to the great flying circle in the sky. I want to send my personal condolences to Elaine and family. Bill will be greatly missed.

The beautiful Chizler shown above has just been completed using an RSM laser cut kit. I am offering a free years' subscription to the Direct Connection to the first person to correctly identify the builder. Send your guesses to the Web Master.

I want to congratulate our newly elected officers. I am sure they will do as good a job as the outgoing officers did this past year.

Our safety issue this month was prompted by an accident that occurred last month and should have been avoided. Fortunately, it did not cause a serious injury.

The accident occurred at Whittier Narrows to an excellent builder & flyer (Speed & Aerobatics), Jim Rhodes.

Jim was preparing to attend the GSSC and as he explained it to me, his helper was someone whom he had not worked with before. After starting his engine, there was a miscommunication between Jim and his pitman and the plane was not where it should have been. At that point Jim put his fingers into the spinning prop and naturally an injury was the result.

There are a number of points to consider in this example; first, no matter how experienced the modeler, accidents can happen if we get excited when we're about to take a flight; calm down; it's only a sport.

Second; if using a new helper, do not assume he knows what you want; go over your plan with him (or her) before starting your engine.

Third, holding and launching a model airplane is a serious business that not everyone is capable of performing. If you have any doubts as to your assistant's capability; find someone you feel comfortable with, even if you have to wait until one is available.

Jim, I'm glad you did not suffer a serious injury & I apologize for any errors I may have made in relaying your incident.

Until next year, let's all make a conscientious effort to build & fly safely.

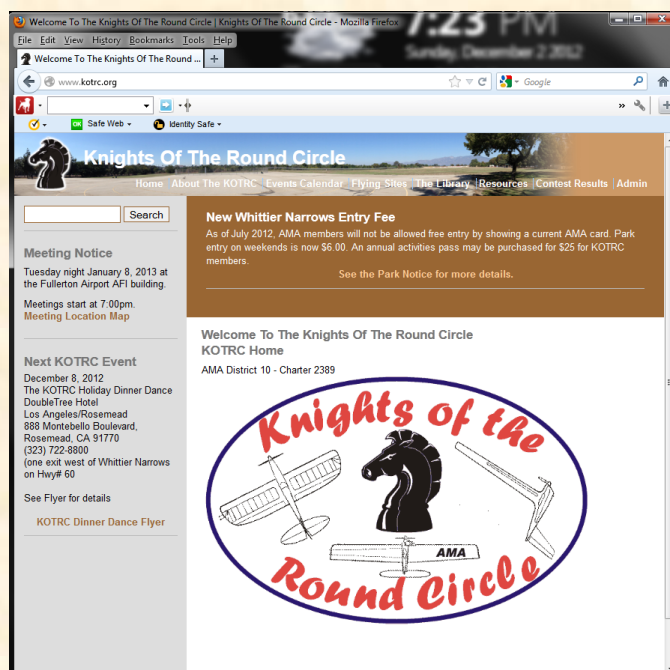
Happy Hannukah and Xmas and New Year.

Your Safety Officer, JOEL CHESLER

When was the last time you checked out the KOTRC Web Site?

The club web site has a new look for 2013. Hope you like it.

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Dutch Auction

Pete Soule kindly donated many items for the club fundraising. The club is offering these items to prospective buyers as a Dutch Auction.

A **Dutch Auction** is a bit different as a buyer does not bid on an item with the bid price rising as the bidding continues. The initial price is set and will drop each month until a buyer decides that the current price is acceptable.

Interested? Contact John Wright directly.

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December Prices

QTY	BRAND	DISPLACEMENT	CONDITION	PRICE
	FOR PETE'S SAKE			
1	Torp Ser61	.35	New, Wrong box & papers	\$45.00
	FROM TOM TERRIFIC			
1	Veco 35RC	.35	Used	\$35.00
1	Veco 45RC	.45	Used	\$35.00
1	Cox TD 15	.15	Used, w papers Wrench & Tatone mount	\$60.00
1	Cox Pee Wee	.020	used	\$11.00
	FROM BOB BROOKINS			
1	ST 46	.46	Used	\$90.00
1	K&B 40	.40	Low Time	\$75.00
1	Fox 35	.35	High Time	\$20.00
1	OS Max VF	.46	Parts Motor	\$50.00

PARTS NEEDED!	
Fox 35 Splined Thrust Washer	OS Max .15 Prop nut & washer
Fox 35 Coned Thrust Washer	K&B .35 Coned Thrust Washer
ST Needle	OS Max FP .40 Insert & NVA
Delong 30 Coned Thrust Washer	