

The Direct Connection



The Knights Of The Round Circle Control Line Model Airplane Club

December 2013

Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2013

Visitors

Dave Rogers and Josephine

Show and Tell

Mike Alurac – Zalp powered fast combat model. Actually an F2d model with a larger muffler opening than is FAI legal. He has 5 models ready for the Red Flag event in Phoenix. The models would cost about \$60 each if ordered in a batch. He has some with centrifugal and some with spring shutoffs. He isn't sure of the prop diameters and pitch as they are metric measurements. He also had a stack of 2014 calendars to hand out.

John Wright – Hobbico brochure about a new electric all-in-one power module. Also a Russ Graves foam combat model. It has a shutoff and Phil Granderson Fox 36X engine. He had a second combat model modified with a longer tail for stunt training. This one has a Fox MK3 Combat Special engine. Finally an old, scratch build 1/2A combat model with a Babe Bee engine drilled out to use a separate tank.

Larry Renger – A new idea, a warp finder system. Parts are laser cut and the item will be available from RSM distribution. One end fits over flaps, trailing edge or elevator stabilizing it, the other end has a wedge to lock onto the leading edge. Two are required. Each unit has a long, vertical wire. You find your warps by lining up and comparing the wires. Larry also brought in his album of model photos.

Randy Heydon - a pile of Cox product instruction manuals that were part of Dale Kirn's collection.

Meeting Reminder

No December Meeting

Next Regular Meeting Tuesday
Night January 13, 2014

Fullerton Airport AFI building
4119 W. Commonwealth Avenue

Fullerton, CA 92833

Meetings start at 7:00pm.

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Andy Borgona – A Brodak electric Baby Clown made from the Adamison modified Ready to Cover kit. It does the Old Time pattern very nicely on 40' lines.

Howard Doering – Hobby King Dyna-Jet clone. Cost \$96 and includes starting electronics and extra reeds. He will put it on a Will Stuart jet model that he got from Fred Anderson. He hit 142 mph with it using the original genuine Dyna-Jet engine on his first flight. He also showed a 200 Amp ESC that cost all of \$38. Finally a an App for his smart phone that measures speed vial Doppler shift.

Joe Brownlee – Reed Simpson designed 1/2A Free Flight he built some years ago, like 1973. Never flown. Tee Dee .049, Tatone mount and flood-off timer, fuse DT. The model features a 5-section polyhedral wing. He plans to strip it and recover it before trying to fly it.

Tom Collier – Pile of raffle goodies.

Randy Dahl – Veco 45 he got from e-Bay. It has an aftermarket Delrin venturi. It is kind of heavy for the likely power output, but it was thought to be the kind of engine that originally powered the Shark 45 to a Nationals win.

Old Business

Mike Jones gave the treasurers report. We are continuing to have improved finances. The report was voted acceptable.

John Wright reported on the Pete Soule Fun Fly. There were 14 participants, mostly flying combat. Larry stuffed his Baby Clown in inverted yet again.

John attended the Valley Circle Burners meeting. That group seems to be shrinking. They don't plan to participate in the AMA Expo. They plan to drop Sportsman Profile from the next Hi Johnson meet.

Larry and Mike Jones are to begin following up on the legal prosecution of our treasury problems.

Mike Alurac is going to try to negotiate a free booth at the AMA Expo since they requested more training times.

The officer election was held:

Mike Alurac – President

Paul Wescott and Bob Werle to be Co-Veeps

Mike Jones – Treasurer, Dave Kick – assistant

Larry Renger – Secretary

We still need a new Newsletter editor. Stan Tyler has consented to continue running the website. In the future it would be desirable for people in each type of CL flying to submit a few words per month on the activity in that venue.

New Business

There was a Model Engine Collecto on the 16th.

Larry brought up the subject that we have no inexpensive system for kids we train to get into flying on their own. Eric Rule suggested a simple NiCd powered trainer with just a switch. Fly 'till it runs down. We are looking into motors that will run on a rechargeable 9 Volt battery. The model will be VERY easy to assemble. A motor has been identified, and 3 are on order.

We voted on ordering additional plates for the Joust Plaques. We have enough wood panels. Eric Rule will laser engrave the plates.

Mike Jones will follow up on the Holiday Party since Eric Rule will be out of town (Crusin'!)

It was voted to have raffle tickets 1 for \$1, but 25 for \$20.

Toys for Tots will be December 7th and 8th.

Newsletter Editor Wanted

The Knights of the Round Circle announces an opening for a Newsletter Editor. This Unique opportunity is available for a self-motivated individual that has the desire to be a focal point of club information. Just one of the perks of this position is that this individual will become a household name (Think CHEERS without the canned laugh track) and earn the admiration and respect of club members.

As many of you know, I've been the newsletter editor since 2009. Well, since we are heading into a new year, I feel that it's time to step down and turn over the newsletter editor duties to someone else.

President's Message

As the year winds down and ever so quickly I would like to recognize the members, event participants, supporters and volunteers at large for their contributions to the clubs event over the last year where we have had successfully hosted two major contests and numerous flight training activities to promote our control line hobby from the AMA Expo, RCX Expo and the Compton EAA event. Along with all of these events we just recently held a fun-fly event to honor club supporter and Knight, Pete Soule and we took a group picture of the Knights in attendance. Many thanks to all and here's looking forward to 2014. We will be picking right up, showing Larry Renger's ET-1 electric trainers again at the AMA Expo in Ontario this January. Look for more info in the January Direct Connection where we'll post more information. Also a quick reminder its time to get your 2014 club renewal dues in soon.

The club officer elections have taken place where we voted at the November regular club meeting. I would like to introduce the 2014 club officers, they are as follows: Mike Alurac – President, Paul Wescott and Bob Werle are to be Co-VP's, Mike Jones – Treasurer, Dave Kick – Assistant Treasurer, Larry Renger – Secretary.

The Knight's club officer's installation will be held at the KOTRC Holiday Party, so start thinking of joining us and attend the club's holiday party on Dec. 7th at the Rosemead Double Tree. For more info check out our event calendar at the club's site for a flyer and more information or see our Facebook page. We've got a great raffle planned and gifts for all of the ladies in attendance so come join us for some holiday cheer and make sure to RSVP to Randy Heydon at our mailbox or Mike Jones before Nov. 29th to help us with our head count.

Additionally we have a tentative new Newsletter editor(s) Mike Jones and his wife Pam. Being the newsletter editor since 2009, Stan Tyler has offered up his prestigious position and passes forward the household recognition that comes with it. We greatly thank and appreciate all of Stan's continued efforts with the club where he will continue running the Knight's website. Mike along with Pam will be

looking for people in each discipline of CL flying to submit a few words per month on the activity in that venue with postings of contest results, how-to's, editorials, local CL events and activities of club interest. So please send them on in for inclusion in the Direct Connection! We would love to hear all about your contest results, experiences and results and have them published in our newsletter!

President's KOTRC Facebook Page Promotion

Check-out our Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/KnightsoftheRoundCircle before Jan. 14th, 2014 and post a picture or video along with a post or control webpage link for a pick out of the "Treasure Chest O' Prizes" I've been filling-up a little treasure chest with the Harbor Freight freebies and other useful items I have been gathering to fill it up with prizes. You'll never know what you might find so visit our page at www.Facebook.com/KnightsoftheRoundCircle and make your post today for your pick out of the "Treasure Chest O' Prizes" at the next club meeting.

Your comments, suggestions and articles are always welcomed and encouraged so feel free to contact me with any concerns or ideas that you might have to improve our club. Our even submit an article to our newsletter. We are always in need of content and photos so feel free to submit an article to our newsletter editor for inclusion in the Direct Connection.

Happy Holidays and Safe Flying to all!

Mike Alurac

2013 KOTRC President
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Present at the Pete Sole fun fly.
Top row L to R: Russ Graves, Chuck Rudner, Rush Hester, Rich Lopez, Joe Brownlee, Larry Ringer, Joel Chesler, Mike Alurac.
Bottom row: Russ Graves, John Wright, Mike Jones, Howie Doering.

Combat Report

The Phoenix Red Flag F2D Fast and FAI F2D Combat was held under clear sunny skies with temps in the 70's and 80's last Nov. 15th-17th where numerous Knight's drove in from out of the west to wage major combat at Phoenix's 3 day event held Estaban Park. With 38 entries showing up for battle representing the Knights were Rich Lopez, Russ Wilcox, Russ Graves, Bill Maywald and Mike Alurac along with many other pilots from all over the US and Mexico. This was Mike's first F2D fast combat event where he scored a kill on Mexican team member Arnie Delgado in his second round. He lost in the third round in this double elimination event against Texan Bobby Mears after a cut by Mike on Bobby where he quickly came in for a cut and a kill eliminating Mike at the third round. Overall the Knights fought well and all had respectable results.

This three day event consists of two events on "Fast Friday" using F2D planes where Russ Graves placed second against 7 time winner against Andy Mears that won first place for an astounding seven straight years in a row!!!

The main F2D event was won by Josh Ellison 1st, Mike Willcox 2nd and Allen Devueue with substantial cash prizes for the winners of both events.

For more information and lots of pics go to the clubs Facebook page for the link to the MACA Facebook page and take a look at all of the amazing pics posted and a video by Russ Graves.

Upcoming Event

SCAR Speed & Racing Event at Whittier Narrows Dec 7-8

TOYS FOR TOTS Speed and Racing

All speed events including electric, 301-310 & 606-607 + perky & NASS Sport Jet & C Speed.

Racing events Clown, SCAR GY, SSR, Musciano race (Mouse I rules, Musciano designs only)

Entry fee: 1 new unwrapped toy, approx value \$10-\$20.

Racing & CD: Jed Kusik 714-669-0205

Speed ED: Volunteer

Thinking Safety



Jim Armour's Nobler

Yes, that's our dear departed friend, Jim's, beautiful model that was given to me, some time ago. We all miss you, buddy

Sometimes I have to think long and hard for an appropriate discussion; sometimes they fall right into my hands (almost my head), as in the following case.

Recently, one our most prestigious modelers decided to try E-flight and purchased a system from our most prestigious manufacturer, Eric, of RSM fame.

A few weeks ago, he asked me to come fly with him and watch his model. His airplane was a large profile and the battery was held onto the outside of the fuselage with two (2) strips of Velcro. This battery weighed over 11 Oz.

During the flight, he was into the inverted portion of a maneuver when centrifugal took hold of the battery and it came flying over my head onto the circle. He landed the plane upside down with only minor damage. The CG did move back a bit!

The moral of this story is obviously that E-flight has its own particular safety concerns, besides exploding batteries.

Never take safety for yourself and others for granted.

Hope you all had safe and happy Thanksgiving.

JOEL CHESLER

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.

John Wright: jowrightpe@hotmail.com (562) 420 -9018

October Prices

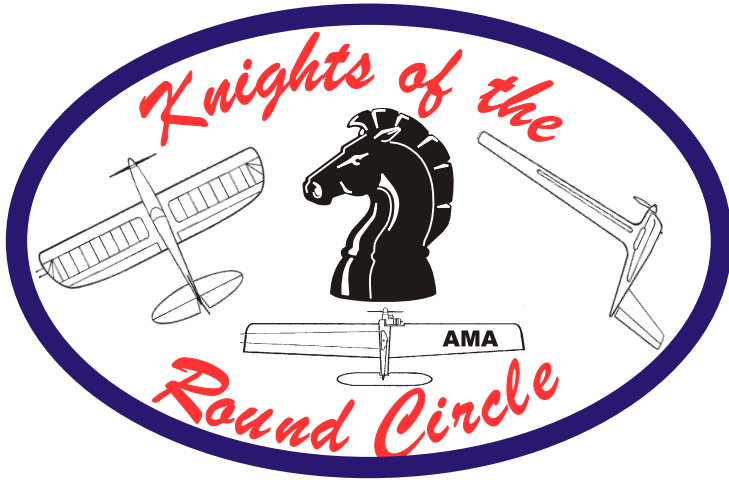
QTY	BRAND	DISPLACEMENT	CONDITION	PRICE
1	McCoy 36	.36	Silver Case	\$25.00
1	K&B 40	.40	Low Time	\$40.00
1	Cox ? Bee	.049	Large Tank w/muff	\$16.00
1	OS 40 MaxH	.40	w/muff	\$50.00
1	Super Tiger	.21	No carb, broken carb mount	\$20.00
1	Fox 35 RC	.35	Missing Exh Flap	\$18.00
1	OS 25S RC	.25	Perry carb, poor comp.	\$25.00
1	Fox 35	.35	4 Bolt Head, sand cast	\$100.00

PARTS NEEDED!

Fox 35 Coned Thrust Washer

Also:

GB Nobler - Built, Covered, Clear Dope - \$50.00



PRESENTING
**The Annual
 Holiday Dinner**
December 7, 2013

DoubletreeHotel

888 Montebello Blvd., Rosemead CA 91770 (323)722-8800

SATURDAY
 Doors open at
 6:00, service at
 6:30.
 Cost \$37 per person
 \$5 for children 12
 and under
 No host bar in lobby.

MENU
 Holiday Buffet:
 Prime rib or Turkey,
 veggies, stuffing,
 potatoes, bread,
 deserts, tea, coffee
 iced tea

EVENTS:
 Club officer
 handoff
 Awards
 Raffle
 Gifts for the ladies

The Knights of the Round Circle have made arrangements with the Doubletree Hotel for discount rooms. \$89.99 + Taxes. Tell them you are with the club and use the corporate code: P13

NOVEMBER 30 DEADLINE FOR SIGN-UP

Send checks payable to:
 Knights of the Round Circle
 PO Box 6115
 Anaheim, CA 92806

No. of reservations.....Total:\$..... Phone#.....
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