



# 95th Street Group Newsletter

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## The President's Corner

With the weather getting cooler and days getting shorter, the flying season seems to be coming to an end at the 95th Street flyers field. I'm hoping for a mild winter, like we've had in the past, so I can get some flying in this winter.

The field made it through the draught conditions we had this summer with flying colors. We did water the heck out of it, and replaced a few of the sprinkler heads, but it looks great. I always feel very lucky to have such a great place to fly RC! The sprinkler system has been winterized and

should be ready to go in the Spring.

At the annual club meeting last January, a motion was passed to pay the lawn mowing service an additional \$15.00 to trim the field while they were doing the weekly cutting. That seems to have gone well. I checked regularly and the field looked good. I had to remind them once about trimming along the flight line fence but that was immediately taken care of. They were afraid of tearing up the fence.

Approximately 25 people attended the annual club picnic on October 13th. It was originally sched-



uled for October 6th but the rainy weather forced us to move it until the following weekend. Tony Stuckwisch did a wonderful job on the food again this year. A huge thanks to Tony!

Picnic goers brought other goodies so there was plenty to eat. Also, a big thanks from me personally to the person who brought the tray of Brownies. They were the last thing on the table

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### Special interest item:

## 95th Street Annual Meeting

Wednesday  
January 2, 2019

**JOHNNY'S TAVERN**  
13131 Shawnee  
Mission Parkway  
7:00 PM

*Come at 6:00 PM if you would like to have dinner and visit with friends and fellow members prior to the meeting*

## Airplane Life In Arkansas

By: Mark Smith

Hi all my KC peeps! Ed asked me to send him an update on airplane life in Arkansas, so here goes.

In June of 2010, Ruth and I moved to Hot Springs Village, Arkansas which is the largest gated retire-

ment community in the US; *more information at <http://www.hsvpoa.org/>.*

Getting here with all my toys was somewhat of a challenge. But with Mark Dennis' strategic engineering skills, we boxed up 10-12 fuselages which

were loaded onto the moving van (they looked like coffins!) I transported the wings and a few smaller planes in my trailer and all seemed to arrive mostly unscathed. The day after the moving

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## The Presidents Corner (cont.)

*A big thanks to everyone who attended this year's picnic!*



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*Vice President, Richard Ables (foreground) and chairman of the Nominating Committee, Richard Travers (background) enjoying the fine dining during the Annual Picnic.*

when everyone had gone home. They followed me home and have been greatly enjoyed!

It was a cool day, but the wind wasn't too bad. Several people brought airplanes and a few of us even managed to get some flying done.

Member, Ryan Haberstroh, brought his fleet of "Flite Test" foamboard airplanes and Larry Klusman brought his scratch-built, giant scale Aeromaster airplane, to name a couple.

The Aeromaster has a DLE gas engine and a smoke system that looked fantastic against the blue sky.

A big thanks to everyone who attended this year's picnic!

This is also the time of year again when the AMA sends out renewal notices to all members. Please renew for next year as soon as possible. It makes it much easier for the club officers. We have to inform the AMA of our membership and verify they are current AMA members.

I will be arranging a time for the annual meeting in January at Johnny's Tavern in Shawnee and we'll get the word out once plans are firm.

This is my second year as club President which means the membership will be voting for a Club President, along with other officers, at the upcoming January meeting.

The Nominating Committee will be contacting the membership in search of people willing to fill the various positions as club officers. Let them know if you are interested in running for a club office. Richard Travers is chairman of the nominating committee.

It has been an honor to serve both as Vice President and President of the 95th Street Group.

We have a wonderful group of people and I have made many friends in the RC community. Actually after 45 years in the hobby, I believe ALL of my friends are in the RC community. I will always be available to help whenever I can!



*The weather was cool, but the food and conversations was hot!*



*Ryan Haberstroh, with his fleet of scratch-built foam planes.*



*Chester Godsey brought out his new E-flite Commander.*



*That's Bill Stuckwisch showing folks how it's done!*





## Airplane Life In Arkansas (cont.)



van arrived, due to prior commitments, we left for two weeks for AMA stuff and a wedding! As you can imagine, lots of work to be done when we got back to Hot Springs Village.

The weather here is great 10 months of the year...pretty hot and humid in July and August! But the best news is the calm winds. Our club of around 45 members will not fly if the wind is close to 10 mph...I informed them that 10 mph is calm in KC! The membership is fairly evenly split on flying electric and glow. Oh, and a few of us fly gas burners. It is an outstanding club about 35 minutes from our home and you can learn more about it at: [www.hsrfc.com/](http://www.hsrfc.com/)

I'm sure you remember my big "Cats Ride Free" bomb dropping plane. Well, one of our very active members died and his widow wanted his ashes spread over the field. Now I had never seen "ashes" so it was quite an experience for the club to practice the drop. Fortunately, all went well.

If you are ever in the area, please let me know as we would love to see you.

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## A Sign of The Times!

**4** Tips You Can Use Today to Improve Aerial Photography with Drones

**1** **Lighting/Exposure** – Make sure your subject is properly lit. Consider changing your vantage point or shooting at a different time of day.

**2** **Framing** – Include everything you want in the shot and as little of what you don't need. Think about how you can make the shot as interesting as possible.

**3** **Focus** – Make sure your subject is in focus. A perfectly composed photo can be ruined if it is out of focus.

**4** **Be Safe!** – Follow the rules laid out in FAA's Part 107 regulations and take steps to mitigate risk of harming person or property.

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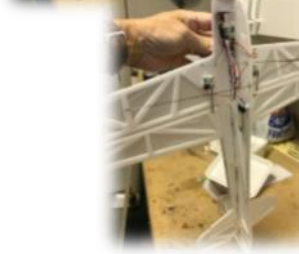
- You have a sun tan in the roof of your mouth.
- You always keep a supply of paper towels and Windex but never clean your car windows.
- Your dad is looking for his padlock and finds you're using it for balance weight.
- You complain about the cost of your kid's school supplies, but can walk out of the hobby shop with \$500 worth of miscellaneous parts and supplies.
- You have balsa dust on top of your living room furniture.
- You keep feeling for the trim tabs on your TV remote control.
- You have at least three planes in various stages of completion.
- You fit a drop tank on your weed eater.





## Food Tray Airplanes

By Don Oppliger



I couldn't resist sending a "teaser" to the editors of this newsletter regarding one of my recent projects. The teaser included a one-liner about building a light weight (39 gram), indoor electric plane from discarded food trays and plastic sacks from Price Chopper. I also included a couple of non-descript photos.

This prompted the following response from the editors:

*LOL...that's funny! But what's the real scoop on the plane...e.g., something your goofy newsletter editors could include in the upcoming edition without getting too creative?*

*What we mean is, without your input we just might say something like:*

*"Having spent all my retirement savings, I decided to start building planes from used food containers. I start by purchasing the least expensive cuts of chicken which already comes packaged on Styrofoam trays. By doing this, I was able to save enough money to buy that VM5i CNC machine to do the cutout work. All I have to do is stack a bunch of food trays (washed clean of any chicken feathers) into the CNC machine and then turn it loose. Four minutes later, I have a complete airplane! Wow! I can hardly wait to tackle this little piece of foam packing material that came with my Seiko watch."*



*Now's your chance to set the record straight! -ed-*

Not wanting to leave neither the membership nor our newsletter editors in a lurch, here's the real skinny.

I first reduced some plans for a small 3 D plane. Then I used a combo of plastic plates and 3mm foam to make the big parts by hand cutting out everything with an x-Acto knife.

The plane has an 18" wing span, 20" fuse and weighs 39 grams complete with the electronics and battery.

For covering, I really did use a plastic bag from Price Chopper. A glue stick was used to seal it to the wings and to the fuselage.

For electronics, I used a micro receiver and the servos from a crashed indoor plane. It uses four channels with a servo for each aileron. The 5 amp ESC and single cell LiPo battery complete the airborne package.

It should fly great indoors and, if ever there is a "no wind " day, I'll even try flying it in the back yard!! Stay tuned!





## Annual Meeting Minutes—Jan 3, 2018

### I. Call to order

President Jerry Brown called to order the annual meeting of the 95th Street Group, AMA Club # 4274 at 7:01 P.M. on January 3, 2018 in Johnny's Tavern, 13131 Shawnee Mission Pkwy Shawnee, KS 66216. There were 26 members in attendance. The sign in sheet was being passed around for members to indicate their presence and to verify the contact information listed; primary phone number, secondary phone number (if any) and e-mail address for receiving club related e-mails. Jerry welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Jerry reported that it had been a rough spring at the field with the storm damage. He thanked everyone who volunteered extra time and effort to help with cleanup and repair.

The sprinkler system winter maintenance was completed in October. Jerry thanked Lauren Wenger for doing maintenance and repair for the mowers and other equipment.

Jerry also thanked Tony Stuckwisch for organizing the annual picnic. Jerry said Tony volunteered to organize this year's picnic as well. Jerry thanked Ed and Elaine Noulon for everything they do for the club. They publish the newsletter, help with club communications and organize the mowing teams.

Jerry thanked Craig Williams for the donation to the club from the sale of some of Jim Shoemakers RC collection. There was an error in last year's minutes concerning his generosity. An amended copy of the minutes was passed around for approval and acceptance.

### II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes from last year's meeting had an error concerning Article VI: New Business about the donation. An amended copy of the minutes had been passed around at the beginning of the meeting.

***A motion was made and passed to accept the amended minutes from the last meeting.***



### III. 2018 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bill Alexander read the treasurer's report for 2018.

Bill contacted the mowing service to find out how much extra it would cost for them to do the work the mowing teams are doing now. He reported it would be an extra \$15 every time they mowed. This would eliminate the need for mowing teams. The club is financially sound. At the current \$140 dues level, the club needs to maintain 45 members to cover expenses. When the trailer blew over last year, Bill added a Misc. line to the treasurer's report that it never had before.

There had been some suggestions to solicit donations from members, but with the club sound, it would be better to wait until extra funds were needed.

If maintenance is needed on the flight stands and tables, there should be money for the repairs. A suggestion was made to have a veteran by the material at Home Depot to get the discount.

***A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the treasurer's report.***

### IV. Old Business:

The shelter wall for the west side that was proposed last year was put on hold because of the storm damage. That project will be pursued this year.

Jerry asked if there was any more old business. There was none.

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## Annual Meeting Minutes—Jan 3, 2018 (cont.)

### V. Safety Report

Rick Donley reported that the club had a good year for safety at the field for 2017. He reminded everyone to keep their airplanes pointed to the flying field when setting up and working on the tables. This will prevent any accidental starts from launching a plane into the pits and other people. Rick wants everyone to think "Safety First!" Rick reminded everyone not to fly over the gun club. We need to be good neighbors!

There are several members who can help with programming radios so that one of the radios switches can be set to lock the throttle.

### VI. New Business

Jerry reminded everyone that FAA registration is back in effect. He reminded everyone to have their FAA number as well as their AMA number in their aircraft as per the AMA guidelines.

Jerry asked if anyone had anymore new business. There was no response. Jerry ended the new business discussion.

### VII. 2018 Officer Election

Jerry Brown introduced this year's nominating committee. The current officers are willing to serve again if nominated and if voted in. There were no nominations from the floor or any volunteers.

The slate of officers presented by the nominating committee for 2018:

- Jerry Brown - President
- Richard Abels - Vice President
- Bill Alexander - Treasurer
- Rick Donley - Safety Officer
- Mike McNeill - Secretary

***A motion was made and seconded to elect the nominees as presented.***

***The motion passed.***

### VIII. New Members

A vote by ballot was held to approve the two probationary members, Phil Adams and Addison Oppliger, to full membership status.

***Both members were approved for full member status.***

### IX. Work Day about Field Maintenance

There was a general discussion about field maintenance and Bills idea of paying the mowers extra to do all the mowing and trimming. One idea was that 2-man teams might be able to get the work done so members would have fewer turns, but it was pointed out that 4-man teams can help cover for scheduling conflicts and other situations making sure the work gets done. It was suggested that if the club pays the extra for the mowing then the mowing teams could be eliminated.

***A Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the mowers offer to do the extra mowing and trimming and eliminate the mowing teams.***

Work day was brought up and there was discussion about weed and crabgrass control. The sprinkler maintenance and flight stand maintenance was discussed.

### X. Adjournment

President Jerry Brown addressed the club and asked if anyone had anything else for the meeting, no one did. He reminded everyone to make their check payable to 95th Street Group for \$140 and give them to Bill Alexander. It was agreed by acclamation that the meeting next year will be held, again, at Johnny's Tavern, 13131 Shawnee Mission Pkwy Shawnee, KS 66216.

***At 7:56 P.M. a motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting.***

Minutes taken by:  
Michael McNeill – Club secretary





## Clarence Lee—a Heads Up

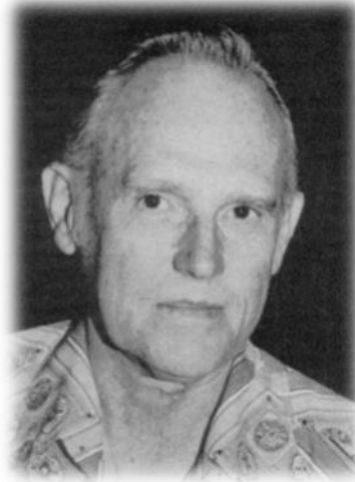
If you've been around R/C for any length of time, then you've likely heard talk about Veco and K&B engines. Heck, you might have even been lucky enough to own one of remarkable little pieces of fine engineering and craftsmanship! As you may already know, the person behind this remarkable line of engines is a person by the name of Clarence Lee.

Here is a brief summary of what the "Internet Craftsmanship Museum" has to say about Clarence and you're encouraged to read more at the museum's website:

<https://www.craftsmanshipmuseum.com/Lee.htm>

*"Clarence Lee started flying models and building his own engines in the late 1930's. He has designed several engines that have set records and won championships and ones that have seen a long production life made by companies like Veco and K&B. In recent years Clarence is probably best known for his customizing of engines for racing airplanes, cars and boats. Not only does he rework engines but he shares his expertise with those who want to do it themselves. He is a familiar face at flying fields, car tracks and boat ponds on the West Coast and is willing to assist anyone having engine problems. Besides his own innovations in model engine design, Clarence has kept abreast of engine development worldwide. He is also well informed on fuel, lubricants, tuned pipes, propellers and other areas related to model engines. He shares his knowledge in these areas in his column, "Engine Clinic" published each month in RC Modeler magazine since 1969. The Internet Craftsmanship Museum wishes to honor this unique combination of skills by letting you know a little more about Clarence Lee."*

Lately, however, Clarence (age 95) appears to be struggling. Reading through the "forums" section at RC Group's website, you're liable to find the following post by "SROFlyer."



*"In late August (2018—ed), I sent an OS FS91 head to Mr. Lee for exhaust port thread repair. I have been doing business with him since the 1960s and his turnaround has always been fast. After a month, I was worried that my head was lost in*

*the mail, as I was sure he had finished the repair and mailed it back. I called and talked to Mrs. Lee (what a sweet lady she is) and she said that "he is 95 and can't do things as fast as before" and that he had quite a backlog of work. I explained to her that I was in absolutely no hurry but just worried that it was "lost in the mail".*

*Friday, Oct. 5th the head arrives - his usual gorgeous work. In with the head was an attached note. It turns out that he had had a fall and was recovering from a back injury. I know we all wish him a speedy and full recovery!*

*If you have something out to him for repair, it's probably best not to worry as it will get done. Also, poor Mrs. Lee probably doesn't need any more phone inquiries either.*

*Just thought everyone should know, Jim"*

Hang in there, Clarence, we're all pulling for you as our thoughts are with both you and Peggy.





### The Buzz Around the Field

Friends and close neighbors of your newsletter editors recently passed along a piece of aviation history that might have otherwise gone to the land fill. It's a 414 page book titled "World Encyclopedia Of Civil Aircraft" which they "rescued" during the Johnson County Community College's periodic book sale.

The Encyclopedia contains detailed descriptions of over 400 aircraft from around the world. The text is accompanied by hundreds of exquisite color plates (see example right) plus numerous cross-referenced tables and photos of the actual aircraft.

The point is...if you're looking to own some interesting aviation info, local library book sales might just be the ticket

The Johnson County Public Library holds its sale several times each year with the next one scheduled for **November 15 -17, 2018**. You can find additional details at their website: <https://www.jocolibrary.org/support/friends-book-sales>.

The Johnson County Community College generally holds their event once a year, during the summer months, so you'll have to wait until next year for that one.

Thank you Mary & Dave for the gift.



Spotted at the field in late October was Bill Alexander and his less than giant scale **e-Flight UMX Timber**. Don't be fooled by its size! In spite of the somewhat windy conditions, it flew as though it was on rails.

Okay, so he didn't dare venturing too far downwind, but that still left plenty of airspace in which to maneuver...and maneuver it did. In addition to having on-board stabilization, it also has fully functional flaps. Most interesting...It appears to be able to both take off and land in a distance equal to the length of your arm!

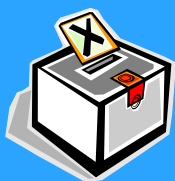


(Above) Smoke trails courtesy of Charlie Swain. (Below) A pair of color plates appearing in the World Encyclopedia Of Civil Aircraft.



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### The 2018 Club Officers Are:



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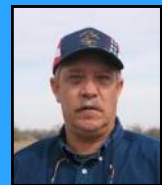
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