

THE KOSMONAUT

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ANNUAL MEETING SETS UP EXCITING 2011 SEASON

The Kansas Organization for Space-Modeling held its annual meeting at the Lanterman residence in Great Bend on Jan 16. Eleven members were present . Pizza, veggies, and cookies were enjoyed while we watched videos and visited.

First order of business was election of officers and all current officers were reelected. Those being -
President Keith Ravenstein
Vice President John Palmer
Treasurer Bonnie Johnson
Newsletter Duane Lanterman
Liaison Mark Johnson
Historian Ron Shipley
Webmaster Steve Saner

Bonnie Johnson presented a detailed Treasurer's report. Balance as of Dec. 31 was \$518.25. Dues will remain at \$10 per year, but possibly next year we will go to all renewals due in Jan. and dues at \$12 a year or \$1 per month prorated.

Steve Saner gave an update on the clubs website. Soon it will be possible for members to post individual pictures

or albums to the website. Only members who are registered on our club mailing list will be able to post pictures.

The majority of the meeting involved setting up the 2011 launch calendar. This can be viewed on a separate page in this issue. The events for our 31st edition of our competitive meet KRAMO were then determined. This too can be viewed on a separate page.

Keith Ravenstein shakes hands with John Palmer the recipient of the KOSMO Traveling Trophy. John did a great deal of the work this past March in coordinating the Honoring Apollo 13 event in Hutch and secured our new field at the Fair Grounds.



ANNUAL MEETING SETS UP EXCITING 2011 SEASON - CONTINUED

Following the meeting we gathered in the dinning room to look at members winter projects. A number of members had brought their Indestructo models built from last months KOSMO plans. John Palmer had a nice scale model (surprise), Duane Lanterman had a static model based on Von Braun's MarsLiner, Ron Snow brought several sport models, Fred Smith showed us his new construction technique for making light and robust fins (and then handed out sheets of carbon fiber to those who wanted some.) Dennis Elder brought his Saturn V that he got for Christmas and then opened the box for the first time. (see this in March Dennis ?) Ron Shipley had the highlight with a completely scratch built Thunderbird 1 model. Looking forward to seeing it fly this year !

Even though the ground was covered with snow, there was no wind so we headed to the backyard for some lower power flights. The Indestructo flights were interesting to say the least (maybe a little more nose weight for most models) and Duane Lanterman tried three times to ignite an used A8-3 in his Baby Bertha,

before deciding that a fresh motor might work better. (ops !) Ron Shipley had the most fun as his high drag flying saucer made 3 flights on D power.

So after 9 flights in the snow we decided it so time to wrap up the meeting and members headed home. It was nice to get some flights in after last years season had so many weather problems. Looking forward to a great 2011.





ANNUAL MEETING PHOTOS

Top Left: Ron Shipley's awesome Thunderbird 1. Top middle: Numerous models grace the dinning room table. Top Right: Duane Lanterman's Marsliner. Bottom Left: Fred Smith shows us his fin construction techniques. Bottom middle: John Palmer with his caffeinated version of the Indestructo Bottom Right: Ron Shipley's "D" power saucer. What fun !!



Steve Saner preps his Indestructo in the snow.



EDITOR'S RAMBLING

BY DUANE LANTERMAN

Well, if you haven't noticed this issue of THE KOSMONAUT looks totally different. I'll wait for comments about how it looks and it certainly is open to change but I thought since this marks our 30th year of publication it was time for a change. Hopefully it is easier to read and easier for it to be put in a digital format. Thirty years of publication is certainly a milestone. Last year we celebrated our 30th year as a club and our 30th edition of our competitive contest KRAMO.

This year's launch calendar looks to be an exciting one with some familiar events and some new dates and events. The most noticeable change is the July event. This will be a 2 day affair with our club launching at the Kansas Fair Grounds Saturday evening and then early the next morning we will be helping at the Kansas Cosmosphere's Junior High Power Certification launch. Also the end of Aug. as many members as possible we will be heading to the Kansas City area to participate in the KCAR sport launch there. All in all, it looks like a very busy launch calendar. Hey, we are off to a good start, we even managed 9 launches at the annual meeting. Been quite awhile since that has happened. Looking forward to seeing everyone at our first launch in Ellinwood in March. That is just around the corner , so head to your shop and get ready for a great 2011.

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KOSMO 2011 LAUNCH DATES

Most club launches have a fee of \$4 non-members, \$3 members

SATURDAY MARCH 12- SPRINGFEST

10AM-5PM

ELLINWOOD KS AIRPORT

10,000' WAIVER

BBQ @ NOON - SMALL FEE

SATURDAY MARCH 26 - ALTERNATE DATE FOR SPRINGFEST DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

Watch our website www.kosmo427.org for last minute updates. If weather on the Sunday of the same weekend looks good, we may make a last minute decision to move the launch to Sunday rather than cancel altogether. This applies only to Springfest.

SATURDAY APRIL 9- SPORT LAUNCH

10AM-5PM

STATE FAIR PARKING LOT HUTCHINSON KS

CLASS 1 SPORT LAUNCHES ONLY

BBQ @ NOON - SMALL FEE

MAY 21-22

We do not currently have a May launch scheduled, but we have set aside this weekend as a possible launch date if the membership elects to meet. It would most likely be in Hutch. If we have to cancel one of the other Spring launches, it would be more likely that we would schedule a launch for this weekend. Check the website for more announcements.

SAT/SUN JUNE 4-5 KRAMO 31

See separate announcement this issue for events on our annual contest.

SATURDAY JULY 16- SPORT LAUNCH

5PM-9PM

STATE FAIR PARKING LOT HUTCHINSON KS

CLASS 1 ROCKETS

SUNDAY JULY 17 COSMOPHERE JR HIGH POWER CERT LAUNCH

EARLY MORNING

CURRENTLY AT FUN VALLEY HUTCH KS

SATURDAY AUGUST 6 RUSH COUNTY FAIR

This is not an official club launch but one of our members is involved with the Fair and club members are invited to participate. More details listed as the event get closer.

SATURDAY AUG 27 TRAVEL DATE TO KC

KCAR (NAR Section #505) has invited KOSMO to join then for a sport launch on this date. More details on the time and location will be announced later.

SUNDAY SEPT. 11 -FINAL FRONTIER FUN FLY

10AM-5PM

ELLINWOOD KS AIRPORT (OR LANTERMAN FARM)

10,000'WAIVER

BBQ @ NOON -SMALL FEE

INCLUDES KANSAS ROCKET DRAGS CLASSES TBA

SUNDAY SEPT. 25 - ALTERNATIVE DATE FOR FFFF

DUE TO IN INCLEMENT WEATHER

SATURDAY OCT. 22 NIGHTFLIGHT

3AM-8PM

STATE FAIR PARKING LOT HUTCHINSON KS

CLASS 1 SPORT LAUNCHES FROM 3AM-6PM

BBQ FROM 6PM-7PM SMALL FEE

LIGHTED CLASS 1 ROCKETS FROM 7PM-8PM

SUNDAY NOV. 6 LOW AND SLOW

2PM-5PM

RON/CAROLINE SHIPLEY RESIDENCE WICHITA KS

MICRO MAX ROCKETS

SUPPER FOLLOWING LAUNCH - FLY FREE, EAT FOR \$5

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COMING IN JUNE 4-5 TO HUTCHINSON KANSAS

PROUDLY PRESENTED BY THE KANSAS ORGANIZATION FOR SPACEMODELING

KRAMO 31

WITH OFFICIAL COMPETITIVE EVENTS INCLUDING

OPEN SPOT LANDING **SET DURATION (40 SECONDS)**

"B" EGGLOFT DURATION"A" BOOST GLIDE DURATION AND**

LAST BUT NOT LEAST "1/2A" HELICOPTER DURATION. STAY

TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION ON

THIS EXCITING TWO-DAY EVENT !!