



# SPACE CITY CRASH

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## From the Editor

This winter has produced some very nice flying weekends and hope this trend continues a while. Last year produced very little weekend flying as well as washing out several local flying events. What a difference a new season makes.

The flying season will be in full swing in mid- March and SCRC has many new planes to be debuted and tested. Take this time to check and cycle all your older plane batteries and check the clunk lines. NIMH batteries also benefit from cycling. If your fuel lines are tygon, they should be replaced at least after two flying seasons. It seems to shrink and become loose at the fittings, causing air leaks and inconsistent running. Check all the servo screws and servo trays and make sure they are tight and secure. Check all motor mounts and tighten the engine bolts to make sure they have not worked loose.

Doing this maintenance now will save a lot of headaches at the field. Working on planes at the field makes the day go by so fast, the event and fun is over before you know it! So do your homework now. Paul

## Club Meeting Notes

Jan 10 2016  
12 members present

Treasurers Report: BB 4297.18. The 2015 property taxes are paid. Field refrigerator was replaced due to multiple problems. TR accepted as read.

Old Business: None

New Business: Discussed Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> work day tasks. Anyone see things that need to be done at the field, bring it up at the meeting to be added to the tasks! Began discussing preps for the March 19<sup>th</sup> SCRC Spring Warbird fly-in.

Model of Month: Kevin O'Conner flew his Top RC Caelus pattern plane. Powered by a Hacker 105 electric and 5000 ma Lipo battery. 11 lbs. ready to fly. Will compete in the Masters class in 2016. Beautiful plane, Kevin!



Crash of Month: Allen Quiat lost his 60 size Big Stick when the wing departed from the plane while in flight. The wing bolts or the installer of them were the suspected culprits.

## SPACE CITY RC CLUB

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***Please be sure to pick up your trash  
from the field and take it home.  
Please leave no trash at the field!***

**February Club Meeting –  
Sunday, Feb. 14 at 2 p.m. at the field**

## SCRC Pilot Projects

By Paul Curry

I've decided to restore my 6-year-old Hangar 9 P47 when the original Ultracote covering could no longer be dewrinkled with a heat gun. The last straw was when some pictures of it were taken with a high resolution camera while it was in the air. The picture was excellent but you could see the wrinkles in many areas of the plane. The plane is a very nice flyer and has had many seasons with trouble free flights. Very worthy of a restoration.

Most of the covering came off easily with a heat gun applied to the covering at a corner till it crinkled. Pulling on it while I heated, most of it came off in big sheets. Areas that still had the Ultracote paint were cleaned off with lacquer thinner.



I glassed the wood areas using silk sheet and finishing resin. Coverite on the control surfaces. The wings and fuselage were sanded with light sand cloth. The panel lines were applied with 1/16" chart tape, referenced from a P47 three view. Then two coats of dry sandable primer were applied. The chart tape was removed 24 hours later to reveal the panel lines.

The bottom of the plane is the primer gray color. The rest of the plane was painted dark green with Behr latex and it will be redone in the "Little Chief" color scheme. Latex paint takes three to four weeks to "breathe" before decals can be applied so this waiting period is for other projects.

Will show the completion with weathering, drop tank, bombs, and other add-ons when it's done sometime in the late Spring.





Please send any pictures of your latest projects, finished or unfinished, to me at [pgjcurry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pgjcurry@sbcglobal.net). Tell us about your experience and planning for it. Any pictures taken at the field at any time are welcome in the newsletter. See you at the field! Paul