



# SPACE CITY CRASH

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## From the Editor

Hope all members had a great holiday season. Hard to believe it is the year 2015. Seems we should have flying cars or means of teleportation by now.

The weekend flying weather has been lousy lately as I haven't flown since December 7<sup>th</sup>. This is the time of year to work on new builds or do preventive maintenance on existing planes. If you are working on a building project at this time, be sure to send me photos and description of the build for some newsletter content. Any input is appreciated as this is the slow time of year till it begins warm up and winds begin to subside.

Living in the south has its advantaged as we're lucky to be able to even consider flying this time of year. One of the topics being brought up at the last few meetings was generating revenue for the club. A new member sent some ideas to our treasurer for review. Some real good ideas here! Paul

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## Club Meeting Notes

December 14<sup>th</sup> 2014

75 degrees, winds S at 20 mph

14 members present

TR 3313.93 CD 4043.89

The 2014 taxes are paid of \$3117.72

TR accepted as read

**Old Business:** The south fence removal and relocation is on hold as of now until further notice. Discussed ways of generating more revenue for the club. Trailers may be stored at the field on the north end for \$30 a month.

**New Business:** Club dues can now be paid by PayPal. Get with John Blackmon or email him at [johnblackmon@comast.net](mailto:johnblackmon@comast.net).

**Model of the Month:** Allen Quait won with his H9 P51 powered with an OS 55 AX glow engine. It features Eflite electric retracts and guided by Futaba radio. First flight was short as engine quit in flight and landed. More running time is needed on engine before second flight. Nice plane Allen!

**Crash of the Month:** Dale Dickey lost his 88" ESM Zero during a flight on the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. The flight was ok till the flaps were deployed for landing. The plane banked and went down. Cause still unknown. Tough luck for a beautiful plane!

## Ways SCRC Might Increase Membership & Revenue

*Tom Brewster sent the following to John Blackmon following the December meeting.*

Good Morning John:

After our meeting yesterday I began thinking about ideas the prior Club I was a member in used to increase membership and create revenue/funds for the club. Just pitching these ideas out there for everyone to consider.

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**January Club Meeting –  
Sunday, Jan. 11 at 2 p.m. at the field**

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1. Very good luck with this one. A static display at the mall- We simply contacted the local Mall and spoke to Mall Management and got approval/no charge to set up a static display in the mall for airplanes, created fliers, had a Best Buy provide a large screen TV to hook a simulator up to. Club members arrived at 10am, and we greeted the public, answered questions and also had a raffle/2.00 a ticket for a Trainer Plane/w/radio. It was a big draw, more than paid for the raffle item and got interest and averaged 5 to 10 new member signups.
2. During any event, we generally always had a raffle item that we made money on. We also had different club members contact various suppliers such as AMain hobbies for donated helicopters, Aeroworks for a donated planes, etc. to generate raffle items during events.
3. I am sure you have had swap meets, but we had lots of luck scheduling swap meets where everyone that comes donates \$5.00 to be a part of the event, and we would invite 6-8 surrounding clubs for a "Swap Meet Galore & fly in"
4. Not sure if the club would want to consider, but we also had a yearly scheduled IMAC event, and this generated about 3500.00 clear as we would have

typically 35-50 pilots attend with entry at \$40.00 each and provide snack bar/lunch sales on a Saturday and Sunday/ with trophies, raffle events, etc.

Just some ideas that I have seen work well before when I was a member of Abilene Radio Control Society. Another thing that could easily be done, we had a classified add section on the web site for members where you could sell items also. Just ways to keep everyone in touch, etc.

I am very appreciative to everyone for being very receptive to new members. I have found that everyone I have met in the club is great to visit with and look forward to many years of developing great friendships with others who also enjoy the sport.

Have a great week and see you soon.

Sincerely,  
Tom Brewster

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Please send any pictures of your latest projects, finished or unfinished, to me at [pgpcurry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pgpcurry@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