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### President's Corner

I would like to thank all of our members who came to our last meeting in January. We had a nice turn out with good weather also. Bud Park brought his beautiful 4 Star120 for show and tell. He has an OS 160 twin for his power plant. What an excellent job of building and covering his plane! Also for show and tell, Wayne Hittle brought a wing panel from his Cessna 310 showing and describing how he fiberglassed it and made the tip tank. Wayne and Bill have been putting in a lot of time on their 310s and Bill says he hopes to fly his this year.

The weather was so good in January that several of our members went out to the field and flew. Bud even got his maiden flight on his 4 Star 120. The wind picked up, but that didn't stop Bud.

Here is a link to a video of Bud's maiden flight. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ID-LXxhrK3I>

Aaron Charest was the winner of our first attendance drawing and got the \$20 gift certificate from Dee and Mee Hobbies. Congrats to Aaron. We will have these at our next 3 meetings. Every member who comes gets one free ticket and anybody can buy additional tickets for a dollar each.

Our next meeting has been **changed to Sunday, February 15, at Bob Longyear's place**. I will be in Florida on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> watching Jim Eastburn fly some of his planes. Also at our next meeting, Bob Longyear's wife Sharon says she will make some of her famous cinnamon rolls. Thank you, Sharon, for that and thanks to my wife Toni for making the Hawaiian wedding cake for our last meeting.

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Bill Bibert says he is joining our club, so welcome Bill!!!

Remember if you have something to share, send it to John Kauk for our news letter. Also remember that several of us meet at the hobby shop on Wednesday at 11:30 to go to lunch and we also meet at Hy Vee Thursday mornings at 8:00 for breakfast. This goes on each week and everybody is welcome. Until next time, stay warm!!!

Vernon Nelson  
President

### **Editor's Column**

As Vernon mentioned in his column, we've had a few pretty good days for flying in the last month. Bill Miller helped me with a couple of review planes on two nice days, and on January 19th we had a pretty good bunch out to enjoy a warmish day that wasn't too windy. As you can see in the photo below, there was a good-sized peanut gallery to watch Bud's maiden flight on the 4 Star 120. The photo atop Page 1 confirms that the 4 Star flew beautifully. Nice work, Bud!



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John Dalton got the landing gear bugs worked out of his Beech Staggerwing and braved the gusty skies for a flight. The plane really looked nice up there that day.



And here's a little Corsair on final, a KANG KC-135 in the pattern behind it.

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Here's part of the big turnout the club had at the KCRCC Swap Meet in Lee's Summit. There were eight or ten members there looking for bargains or trying to sell off some old gear to finance the new season.

In closing, I'd like to thank everyone for sending in great stuff for the newsletter this month. In fact, I got too much, which is a nice position to be in. Jim Eastburn, our missing Vice President, sent in some good photos of some of the planes at the field in Florida where he's spending the winter. He's rubbing shoulders with some really good and well known scale modelers down there, so hopefully he's learning some stuff he can bring back and share. I'll have those photos in next month's newsletter. See you at the meeting Sunday.

John Kauk  
Editor

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### Bill and Wayne's 310 Project Update

It has been two years and four months since we started our Cessna 310 build. I want to give an update as to where we are and to let you know this will be the last article about them until they are painted and ready for field testing. This has been a challenging undertaking. We hope our efforts pay off with a couple of nice flying planes. We have finished all the building, including the final details of the interiors. We have taken the plane back apart and have been sanding, filing, and preparing to prime them. We need to wait until we get some warmer weather so we can vent our shops while we paint.

Here are a few pictures of Bill's plane.



The windows are attached to a window frame then bolted to the body with 1-72 bolts. This is very much like the full size plane. You can also see the interior is installed for final testing for fit.

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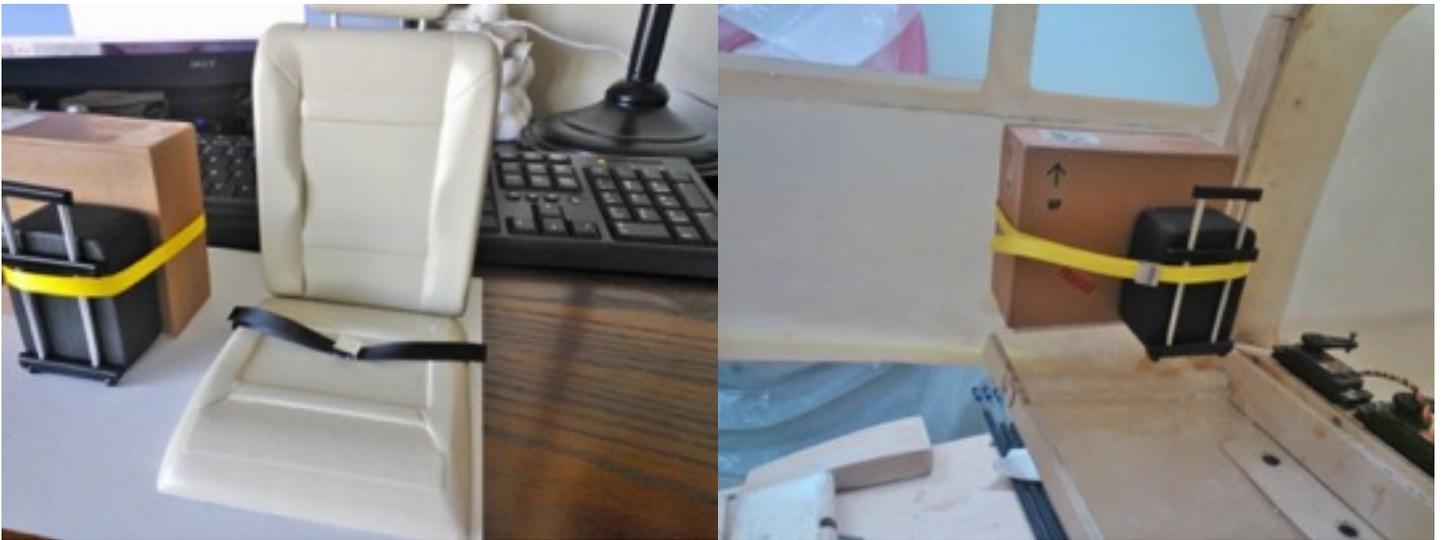
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This shows some of the fine details Bill has been working on in his plane. Note the suit case and cardboard box on the left. This will be used to cover the wiring inside the cargo door where Bill has mounted the receiver and navigation light switches.

We don't know when they will be done; only that it should be this year.