



Christmas Party Edition

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Special
Edition

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Award Ceremony

Crash-N-Burn
Top Gun
Lifetime Mem-
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President's Corner

Thanks to James Parks we have this special Christmas Party Edition of the newsletter. The food was really good again this year although I had to talk Monica into agreeing to do next years party as she plans to phase out this part of her business! We ended up with around 50 people attending and I think everyone had a good time. The raffle was fun but I didn't win that Spitfire I had my eye on. Guess there is always next year. The awards are always fun too. James and Lynn took home Top Gun and Crash and Burn while Jerry was awarded Lifetime Membership. Jerry was wearing at least two if not three pieces of clothing with our logo on them! Just goes to show you how much he enjoys the club. Merry Christmas everyone!

Wes "Scott" Parker

Christmas Party Happenings

As customary, we do not have any business dealings at the Christmas party.

We do, however, swear in our Board Members and Officers... with Jim Weis officiating, all officers and Board members were sworn to uphold the bi-laws and general rules of the club and AMA.

We are set for another exciting year!

Catering to Our Delights

Our appetites were well-satisfied, again this year, by catering from Meals by Monica.



From the freshest salads to the most delectable desserts, we were all fed and comfortable for the evenings festivities. Thanks again!

Quite a Turnout!



The Party was a huge success this year

There were very few empty seats in the place! This is one time of the season when spousal inclusion affords us all valuable opportunities to see exactly why the pilot's demeanor is usually positive. There should be an award for that!

Speaking of Awards

This year's most prestigious award goes to the member who has done more, longer, than any other member of the club: **Lifetime Member Award**

Jerry Kutz receives the Lifetime Membership Award!



We have all eaten his burgers and dogs, shared his stories and valued his dedication to the club through the years. Thanks Jerry!!



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Speaking of Awards (cont'd)

We would all agree that the efforts shown by NOT slamming into a \$50K generator at our annual float fly clinched it!



Crash and Burn Award goes to Lynn Costello for his acts of selflessness and sacrifice in avoiding a major catastrophe yet losing a prized aircraft! Sorry Lynn.

Top Gun Award usually goes to the member who has been there for others more than himself. Bryon Scott often gives up flying his own stuff just to see that a fellow member can fly. BUT, this year things were changed up a bit and the award was presented to James Parks for the efforts put forth off the field. Personally, it's plenty a reward and award to see that all the members are recognized for their efforts via these pages. Thanks fellows!



Raffling through the Gift Certificates

Thanks to the generosity of our beloved local hobby shop owner, David Sleeth, we were able to hand out numerous valuable coupons for future purchases! He also donated a couple of planes for the cause...what a guy!

Betty Scott traded up for a micro Spitfire! Let's see Bryon get that from her!



Coby Kramer gets to try his hand at kit building the infamous Hog Bipe!

There were also numerous gift certificates for local restaurants, thanks to the quick-thinking Russ Rhodes! All in all a splendid evening and yet another successful Christmas Party!

Smooth Running...that's just the way it is when Wes Parker (on right) puts his mind to doing something...smooth!

The party was a success, in part, due to his unique ability to cover the bases and foresee the outcome. He always puts on a good event and never leaves anything undone. His service these past years has benefited the entire club in many ways and with little thanks. We are here to say THANKS Wes! For all you do!



Dennis Mood receiving a coupon. A little luck and a lot of thanks for his efforts to the club!

Crunching the Numbers

There is another position of responsibility that often goes with little thanks, but this guy is never out for notoriety, even to the point of donating a gift for his service to be later raffled off.

Russ Rhodes puts so much effort forth to ensure the club's money works as hard as it can. The Treasurer's responsibilities are numerous and time-consuming, though you won't hear him complain about it.



Youth Participation is always a welcomed sight. The youngsters are usually more than willing to help out,

especially when it comes to giving and receiving! They are an inspiration to us all, and the legacy of the club. Thanks to the girls who helped with the raffle!



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The Youth Among Us are the real future of the hobby! They will be filling the fields and hobby shops long after the rest of us are too old to continue. Bless them with your knowledge every chance you get! The wives of our hobbyists are a vital component of the hobby as well. It is their patience and understanding



that affords each pilot the opportunity to spend time at the field. And more importantly, time at home! Lets give them their just desserts! Thanks ladies.

Its not Only Fly Days that give this club, and hobby, its interesting times. The camaraderie is one of the most amazing aspects of this club, and I think I speak for nearly everyone when I say the get-togethers are as much fun and pleasurable as the days at the field. I know they are something I sure look forward to! Everyone sure seemed to have a great time. Thanks to the Springfield-Greene County Park Board for the use of the splendid accommodations at Lake Springfield! We appreciate you!



The Coming New Year

With the new year always kicking off with the annual Chili-fly, this year is seeming to be an unusually warm one. Maybe we won't need the heaters and tarps this year? I, for one, have been dying to break out the skis!

There are many things to do, in preparation of the next flying season... one being setting the events calendar. We all agree that a few significant events are all we really need to manage. Any and all ideas brought up to fill the calendar, by members who would like to see certain things, should also be presented with the ambition to host that particular event.

The BCFO Charity Fly and the Annual Float Fly are two that are certainly set in stone for the year. Then there is room for a couple more. Last year the Military Scale Fly was cancelled, but had an interesting twist intended for its participants. I will try again this year. Late summer will likely be the best presumed weather we could have, and the additional tasks to perform will be added to increase the entertainment level. More details will be announced by the start of the typical flying season.

There was talk of coming up with a new club card...well, here's my idea. It is simply different, nothing special.

One idea for the new year's club card.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!



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