



Next Meeting

Thursday
January 3rd,
2013

South Campbell

Next Event

Chili-fly

New Year's Day

Merry
Christmas!

Have a Happy
Holiday Season!

God Bless!

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President's Corner

Merry Christmas everyone! Thanks to everyone for their help this year. James has been a great help taking over newsletter duties and he has done a great job so far. Most of the officers and board members remain unchanged this year with the exception of George as VP. Thanks George! I feel very lucky to have such a great group to work with.

We will start planning the event schedule at the January and February meetings. Field work day and family day are two of the standard events along with the charity fly, float fly and chili fly. Bring your calendars to the meetings so we can get some formal dates on paper.

As always the Chili Fly is the first event of the year. Don't forget—January 1! I may be the only one but I'm praying for snow so we can ski fly too. It's been a while since we've had enough snow for a good ski fly. Maybe this is our year. Plan to come out new years day and fly. You never know what the weather will do and I've flown in temps anywhere from well below freezing to 50 degrees. I'm hoping for 30, sunny and snowy!

See you at the field . . .
Wes "Scott" Parker

Support Your Local Hobby Shop

In these times of internet technology, we all know how easy it is to hop on the web and search for those things we need to make repairs or assemble our airplanes. The thing is, there's a shop owner, in just about every community, that is trying to make a go of it, offering models and parts and the option of ordering the same things we all can get online.

Sure, there are things we may want that aren't offered by the specific vendors of the hobby shop, but we all, as modelers, should support our LHS every chance we get.

David Sleeth is the owner of **Sleeth Hobbies** locally and does his very best to accommodate our needs. His shop is generally quite diversified between aircraft, ground vehicles and rocketry. He is a valuable asset to the hobby and we couldn't get that "down-home" service without his determination in keeping the shop going. Let's remember his efforts and services



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SPRINGFIELD R/C FLYING CLUB *395

Lets Give This Thing a Test Flight...

Our face page will stay the same, with the informative panels. The following pages will flow as you're seeing here...larger photos of the happenings at the field...larger page area and that means more room for all the member input.

Just how tough are they?

Even with the 5-star reviews about them, we found out one day just what it's limitations are...somewhere between hitting the ground at 100+ mph, and the pieces settling down to earth!



The \$4.00 plane was doing fine! Dealing with straight-sock wind right down the runway like they were mild. It takes a straight-jacket kind of pilot to fly in wind that solidifies the wind sock...there were four of us out there that day. The plane and camera were ready. Granted, this was not a flight which gathered much optimism, from the git-go...but determination to go that extra mile for that extraordinary video pushed them on! One last rev to clear her throat and a final check of the surfaces and They're off!

Don't Stomp her Bryon!



The \$4.00 Plane on its final voyage! Once moving, the wind did all the rest...with Bryon along for the ride!

The lift off was quick and near vertical with the camera capturing every moment. The landing was much more so! I swear, you could tie a medium sized dog to this thing and it would hold him there! It took some doing to dislodge this engine from the earth. It hit hard! I don't think the \$4.00 plane will fetch it now. The camera battery was thrown about fifteen feet, so the video had no chance to be saved. That would have been a sight!

Talk about being planted firmly in the hobby!! Bryon takes his flying seriously and STICKS the landings! Sorry Bryon...



But seriously, the incident is believed to have been brought on by a loss of elevator control...slip connector at the servo.

The Weather...She's a changing!

Those nice flying days have given way to Old Man Winter's fierce winds and bone-chilling temperatures! Although short-lived, the cold snaps are a sort of reality check for what time of year it really is. Ski Season!!

Not only does the cold bring the anticipation of ski-flying, it also brings on the need for ensuring you have guarded against letting things freeze that shouldn't. Extreme temperature changes can effect fuel, paint, glues and yes, batteries. Be sure you're proactive in getting everything safely stored for winter.

Oh, don't forget about your house and vehicles either! Winter will show your weak links at horrible times.

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