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## Chili Fly Report, January 1

The annual chili-fly was held New Years Day at the field. We had an excellent turnout despite the very cold conditions. I heard talk of colder chili-fly's but it's hard to imagine. It was very cold!! Once the chili got hot and the heaters kicked in everyone had a good time. Engines were hard to start but the winds were relatively mild which made for some nice flying. There were a dozen or so models that flew that day with pilots warming themselves with chili between flights. A good time was had by all. -Wes "Scott" Parker

## Ski Fly Report, January 10

The day started around 11a or so with the first arrival of a ski flyer. It was about 17 degrees. Wes Parker showed up a bit later with heaters and tarps to help create a warm place in the shed. A little later the others arrived and made their tracks in the snow. The wind was from the southwest about 10-12mph or so. The first start of each engine was a bit difficult, but that was expected. Later, Bryon grilled some burgers and dogs. By then the temperature in the shed had risen to about 25 degrees. Flyers and spectators took turns warming hands and toes near the heaters. It was a good ski fly day.

## President's Corner

According to the weatherman we are going to get some snow in the next couple of days. Now I don't know about you but I think I've had enough of our winter weather already. We've managed a ski fly and a couple of just-plain-cold fly's too. And, while I enjoyed them immensely I'm ready for those warm summer evenings again. So, for the moment flying may be out of the question but at least it gives me the time to plan ahead for spring. Included in this newsletter is a schedule of events for the coming year. Take a look at the dates

and see which ones you can attend. Better yet, see which ones you can help out with. We need volunteers for all of the upcoming events. It's always a lot of fun but it's also a lot of work. Remember this is *your* club so get involved! And speaking of getting involved - make sure to attend the monthly meetings. Most of the meetings are short and to-the-point. It usually takes longer to drive to the library and back than it does to attend the meeting but it's critical to the health of the Club that we attend. Make sure your voice is heard and help guide the Club in the right direction. In the meantime I guess I'll tune up my skis in case the weatherman turns out to be right. I hope to see you at the field soon or at the next Club meeting.

--Wes "Scott" Parker

## Ski Fly Report, January 12

Similar to Sunday the day started around 11a or so. The south end of the runway was bare, but the north end was just as we left it Sunday but with a little bit of crust. The snow drifts hadn't melted much either. The bare ground areas were still frozen. The day was warm (33?) and there was very little wind. The bare spots began to get muddy later in the afternoon. All in all it was a fairly good ski fly day.

## Who is Wes Parker?



I've been flying for 5 years or so. For Christmas one year my in-laws bought me an RC helicopter from Sharper

Image. I literally flew that thing until it could not be repaired anymore. Within a year I had six helicopters. Turns out I am a terrible helicopter pilot though. Figure 8's get old in a hurry so I decided that I was going to buy an airplane so I'd have something to actually fly. It turned out to be one of the best things I've ever done. I've pretty much long forgotten any other hobbies. I've recently discovered indoor combat at the soccer dome but nitro planes at the field (and my very basic attempts at 3D flying) is what I like best. [Current 'favorite' models: Twist 60, Pulse 60, and Reactor Biplane.] As far as being President is concerned - I learned a long time ago that if you are going to be involved with something you might as well be involved. Always make sure your voice is heard and your actions count. This holds especially true when it's something you enjoy as much as I enjoy the Club.

I'm a 41 year old network administrator for Harry Cooper Supply. Married (Gayle) with two kids (Lauren 12 and Evan 9). Other interests. Motorcycle riding. Hiking with the kids especially in Colorado when we can.

### Next club meeting:

Thursday, Feb 7, 7 pm  
Library Center  
S Campbell

>> Harrison Room <<  
[one time room change]

### SKI FLY

When conditions permit

**Ski Fly Jan 10**



**Tim's Pink Skis**



**James' EP T-28**



**Byron setting up**



**Wes and Barry's stations**



**Ski Fly Jan 12**

**SeaSnowind: Is there a rule the water has to be liquid?**



## **Proposed events for 2010:**

April 24 (Sat) - Field Maintenance Day  
May 8 (Sat) - Military & Jet Model Day  
May 23 (Sun) - Family Day/Electric Model Fly  
June 12 (Sat) - Fun Scale Event  
July 17-18 (Sat/Sun) - Float Fly  
August 21 (Sat) - Big Model Fly  
September 19 (Sun) - Electric Model Fly  
Oct 9 (Sat) – Field Swap Meet

## **Potential Night Fly Dates (Saturdays nearest Full Moon) (Conditions Permitting)**

Feb 27  
Apr 3  
May 1  
May 29  
Jun 26  
Jul 24  
Aug 21  
Sep 25  
Oct 23

## **Meeting Dates and Rooms (All Library Center)**

Feb 4 Harrison RM

Mar 4 RM B

Apr 1 RM B

May 6 RM B

June 3 RM B

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