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General Meeting

**Thursday
January 6th
7:PM**

**Community Room A
The Library Center
4653 S. Campbell**

**This Months Program
is**

"NIFTY TOOLS"
BRING YOUR FAVORITE
NIFTY TOOLS AND
SHARE "HOW TO" TIPS
WITH OTHERS.

Upcoming Event

**CHILI
FUNFLY
AND
TAILGATE
SWAP
MEET!!
January 1, 2005**

**"New 2005
membership
club cards
are now available,
send for yours
today,
don't delay"**

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**GEORGE ASHLEY
WINS DISTRICT 5 2004
SPORTSMAN CLASS
"CONGRATULATIONS
GEORGE!!"**



It seems odd to me to be writing this column. I've always read it, never dreaming someday it would be me writing it. I want to thank all of you who had/have confidence in me to hold and execute this office. I will not be able to effectively do so without your help, cooperation and support.

If you didn't attend the Christmas gathering at Golden Corral Dec 9, you missed a good time of fellowship and fun. Our thanks to Dan Curtis, Doug Bennett, and Mike Howard for conducting a fun raffle.

Well, a whole new year is about to be upon us... and winter as well. If you're not a winter flyer, it's time to maintain your aircraft and equipment. If you are a winter flyer, we'll see you at the field on those beautiful sunny cold days!

Things are a changing: If you haven't accessed the club web site lately, you've missed the changes Jon White has made to it. Our thanks to him in this ever on going process of updating. Russ Rhodes has been our faithful newsletter editor for some time, but has decided to take a rest. Our thanks to him for his outstanding faithfulness. Our new newsletter editor is Dan Copeland. If there are those of you out there who wish to help him, I'm sure he could use it.

We are striving to renew our club memberships on time this year! Remember, we pay a lease fee per member to our field land owner. It would be a good gesture to pay the entire lease fee in January. We can only do this if everyone pays on time. The 2005 club membership cards are already printed and ready for distribution. Send for yours now and avoid the rush. A club membership application is enclosed in this newsletter. Fill yours out and send it to our treasurer today, or fill it out, bring it with you and have your money ready to pay at the Chili Fly and get your new club membership card on that day!

Inquiry has revealed several have not yet renewed their 2005 AMA membership (almost 25%). Remember, current AMA membership is required to be a member of our club and to fly at our field. Our new field marshal (Mark Copeland) will be checking flyers' AMA cards at the Chili Fly on New Year's Day, Jan 1.

In an attempt to determine our club members' wants and desires we have included a survey form in this newsletter. Please take the time to fill it out and bring it to the next meeting, Jan 6. If you don't fill it out and turn it in, we will have to assume you have no complaints, no opinion, or that everything is fine the way they are now.

If I don't see you at the Chili Fly, I'll see you at our first meeting Jan 6.



TIP: Any time you go to the field, try to take at least two planes. Especially if you are taking a finicky airplane or a new one. Make sure one of the planes is a reliable every-day type. If one of the planes has problems, you will not be as tempted to fly when its flight worthiness is questionable because you will have another plane to put in the air.

Springfield RC club Christmas party for 2004. Ralph Todd, Secretary

The party was held at 6:30 PM, December 9, at the Golden Corral restaurant, 2020 E Primrose, in Springfield. There were 43 enthusiastic members and wives in attendance. George Ashley, with the help of his wife Velma, did an excellent job of making arrangements. The room was slightly smaller than the one the restaurant had promised. But it was cozy, sprits were high, and the food was absolutely delicious! The only problem Harold Carroll had (along with many others), was saying they were going back to the serving line for one or two more items. It couldn't be done. So many choices. The service was excellent also. The waitresses were constantly trying to talk over the multiple conversations and laughter going on. The weather was also beautiful - unlike the Christmas party of 2002 where 10 inches of snow fell.

After most were through eating, President Dan Curtis finally got us calmed down enough to hear him say that the field runway never got sealed after all. At the last meeting, we had asked OD Fine if he would go ahead and have it done. The weather turned for the worse, and they were unable to get it done. It was felt however, that it was good enough to take the winter weather, so it was decided to do it next spring.

Dan then thanked all members who helped during the past 2 years in making the club's operations successful. He introduced the new officers for the coming year, as they stood up for recognition.

Ballots were passed around which had a listing of the club's total membership. We were asked to circle the name of one member to receive the Top Gun award for 2004. Bert Turner got the most votes for this award.

Dan Curtis and Doug Bennett then began conducting the club's large, once a year raffle event. Mike Howard, Sparky Wessels, and Charlie Newton went to work selling raffle tickets. They sold 7 tickets for \$5.00, or 15 for \$10.00. There were a lot of last minute purchases. Doug did an excellent job of entertaining members, as he would hold up the items to be raffled while Dan pulled the tickets "out of the hat." Sleeth Hobbies had donated, and discounted several motors, many gallons of fuel, and lots of CA and propellers. It was really a very nice purse, which included many restaurant gift certificates. Gary Weaver was the lucky winner of a starter, and a very nice Eagle 3 D ARF airplane.

The rest of the evening was spent in visiting, renewing old acquaintances, and introducing older members to new members and their wives. This was the beginning of a very Merry Christmas season and the ending of a very good year for our club.

2005 MEETING LOCATIONS

January 6
Community Room A
The Library Center
4653 S Campbell

March 3
Upstairs Community Room
Midtown Branch Library
397 E. Central

May 5
Story Hour Room
The Library Center
4653 S Campbell

February 3
Community Room A
The Library Center
4653 S Campbell

April 7
Community Room A
The Library Center
4653 S Campbell

June 2
Community Room B
The Library Center
4653 S Campbell

Springfield RC Club Survey

(results to be discussed at next meeting)

To be of better service to our members, please supply your opinions concerning the following:

MEETINGS

What do you like about our club meetings?

What do you dislike about our club meetings?

How can we improve the club meetings?

Would you like to see a program at each meeting Yes No Would you be willing to help out with a meeting program? Yes* No

FIELD

Do you see the need for further improvements at our field? Yes No
What?

Would you be willing to help in implementing any of these improvements? Yes* No

NEWSLETTER

Do you find the content of the newsletter of value? Yes No

What content do you like in the club newsletter?

What content do you dislike in the club newsletter?

What other ideas or suggestions do you have for the club newsletter content?

Would you be willing to have the newsletter e-mailed to you instead of mailed? Yes No

Would you be willing to help with club newsletter articles (Yes* No) or the publishing process of the club newsletter? Yes* No

WEB SITE

Do you access the club web site? Yes No

What content do you find of value on the club web site?

What content do you not find of value on the club web site?

What content would you like to see on the club web site that is not there now?

Would you be willing to help out with the operation of the club web site? Yes* No

MEMBERSHIP

Should the number of club members be limited? Yes No To how many?

Should club dues be raised next year? Yes No

Club dues are due at the first meeting in January.

Should there be an incentive for paying early? Yes No

or, a penalty for paying club dues late? Yes No

*If you answered Yes to any of these questions, please make your willingness to help known to the club officers.



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BLACKSHEEP SQUADRON MEMBERSHIP FORM

2004 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

AMA Number _____ Date Of Birth _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number Home _____ Office _____

E-Mail Address _____

Radio Frequencies You Will Broadcast On: _____

Note: Proof of membership in the AMA is required for membership in the Blacksheep Squadron.

May we send your news letter electronically? Yes___ No___

Complete this form and bring it and your current AMA card with you to a squadron meeting or mail a copy of your AMA card with this form and a check payable to SPRINGFIELD R/C CLUB for \$75.00 to:

Dave Campbell, Treasurer
3891 W. Lark Street
Springfield, MO 65810

Home 417-823-0931
Email: DCampbLan@AOL.Com

I'M INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING:

___ TRAINERS

___ ELECTRICS

___ PATTERN

___ SPORTS

___ HELICOPTERS

___ RACING

___ GLIDERS

___ SCALE

___ GIANT SCALE

OTHER (specify) _____