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Due to the annual Christmas Pot-Luck Dinner

there was no Board of Directors or General Membership meetings

Art Vargas, again, provided an enormous raffle

and EVERYONE went home with a prize!

Barry Anderson was the Grand Prize winner

Don't Forget!

Renew your Club Dues!

Per Club By-Laws, all renewals must be in by Jan.31st

Work Party

We will have a work party on Saturday January 8th (a Share the Air Day) starting at 9am at the flying field.

There are many things that need to be done ….. trimming a tree, removing the shade, painting tables and repairing the porch of the shack.

Those who participate will be entered into a raffle for an ARF

In case of uncooperative weather, we will schedule it for the following month

Do you like looking at photos of aircraft?

For airplane buffs, this is a keeper. You will be able to pull up every airplane that was built in every country in the world and by every aircraft company.

http://www.aviastar.org/index2.html

For absolutely incredible photos from Edwards AFB Open House

http://home.comcast.net/~bzee1a/edwards09/edwards09.html

People Behaving Badly

It's winter time and things are slow…..if you think you need help, now is the time to get help. Don't feel like this little airplane in the picture. Get some help on a trainer cord/buddy box. There are a few pilots that go out during the winter months that can and will gladly help……If you are not an early bird flyer, there is still a few flyers mid morning. The winter sun is bad in the early afternoon because it is in your face when landing, unless you have a south wind landing from right to left…..get a head start on spring practice this winter when there ares not too many flyers out.

(Bob Dutra, Safety Officer)…….HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Share the Air

It' still that time of the year, we still have to share airspace with the Duck Hunters….the field will be closed the following dates:

In 2011

Saturday Jan. 8th, Thursday Jan. 13th, Saturday Jan. 22nd, Tuesday Jan. 25th

Did you know you are flying a "sUAV"?

If you have been reading your Model Aviation, the President's column, you are aware of the FAAs proposed rule-making decision. If you have not, you should look into it. Our Government is in the process of redefining our model/scale aircraft and it will have an effect on where, when or IF we can fly them.

Check out the following articles…….it might scare you.

http://www.modelaircraft.org/news/ama-faa.aspx

http://www.modelaircraft.org/forums/tm.aspx?m=1073

Tips & Tricks

Reprinted from the AMAs Insider

Gluing on Canopies

Before gluing on you airplane's canopy, put a small hole in some obscure place to allow air circulation under the canopy. This will keep you canopy from popping off in the summer when the air inside expands or from collapsing in the winter when the air shrinks.

Soldering Wires

Unless you have nerves of steel, it's difficult to hold two wires still while you solder them together, even if one is clamped to your workbench. An easy solution to this problem is to glue two wooden clothespins to a wooden base, about an inch apart. Now, slip the wires to be soldered into the clamping part of the clothespins, and they will be held together without jiggling. You can put the clothespins side by side rather than nose to nose. This keeps them from interfering with longer wires, You will probably have to sand the gripping part to create a larger grip area.

Quick First Aid

If you cut yourself in the workshop with an X-Acto or a razor blade, use CA to close the cut. (you should have a first-aid kit in the shop anyway.)

The Christmas Pot-Luck dinner

The Fantastic Raffle

The Main Course

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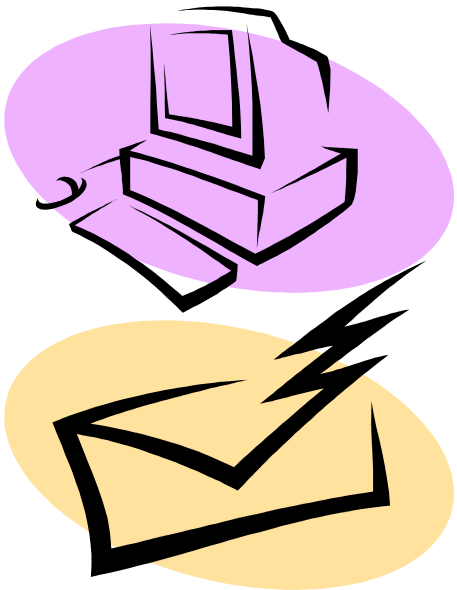
  7:30pm at the Hanger



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