



AIRMAIL

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

President's Corner

As I sit here warming up from the Chili Fly it occurred to me that today's event is really what the club is all about. I mean, it's too cold and windy to really fly. Your hands are cold, your engine won't run quite right and your nose is running off of your face. But there we are all, out in the cold, having a great time. In some ways I think it's more fun that some fair weather events. I had a great time despite the conditions and got to see quite a few people I hadn't seen in a while. There are definitely worse ways to spend a Saturday than flying your favorite plane between bowls of chili. In the end I enjoyed the camaraderie of my fellow pilots as much as anything and that's what it's all about. You can fly a plane just about anywhere but you've got to have a club like ours to have a day as good as the one I just had. Seems everyone had a great time. As for me, I'm all thawed out now so - See you at the field! -Wes 'Scott' Parker

Christmas Party Report, Dec 2

"Meeting Minutes:"

"Meeting" was called to order by Pres Wes Parker with 12 members present, and 6 significant others.

The club recognized Bob Schwandt's efforts, as club Treasurer, for the past three years, as well as David Sleeth's contributions to the club. Our appreciation runs deep for both members, and we honor their loyalty!

There were minimal business matters dealt with, including the purchase and erection of a new flagpole; the possible replacement of the old dilapidated blue canopy and the issues concerning the new club flyers and web page upgrades.

The idea of a twin-event float fly was mentioned and the new CD, James Parks, was recognized.

2011 Officers and Board Members who were present were sworn in. The club Treasurer accepted 6 2011 membership renewals.

James Parks, Secretary

Field Marshal Focus:

Notice to pilots: For the year 2011, expect to have all aircraft inspected for proper identification. Too many planes have been noticed to have no identification, which is in direct violation of AMA rules (2011 rule 2(f) *insure the aircraft is identified with the name and address or AMA number of the owner on the inside or affixed to the outside of the model*) and stands to jeopardize the field's liability.

To ensure that you will be able to have flight time, please be sure to identify your aircraft! This requirement will be strictly enforced and all pilot/owner cooperation is appreciated.

Aircraft without identification will be grounded until such time they are marked in accordance with AMA rules. This marking can be a simple paper tag, or "plague" glued to the fuse and wing. For those of us who trade planes, and don't wish to mark them, this is the best manner of properly identifying them. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

James Parks

Time to renew club membership

According to the club's bylaws, club membership renewals for 2011 began Dec 1 (Memberships not renewed by Dec 31 are lapsed). Proof of 2011 AMA

renewal is required as is a signed club membership form. After the club meeting Jan 6, renewals will generally have to be made via US Mail or in person by arrangements made in advance with the Treasurer. On Jan 1 and beyond, a 2011 club membership card is required to fly at our flying field. Show it proudly.

Meeting Room Change

The next six meetings (Jan-Jun) will be held at the

Library Center
in the

Story Hour Room
inside the library proper.

New field gate combination

The gate combination has been changed.

Next club meeting:

Thursday, Jan 6, 7 pm

>> **Library Center** <<

South Campbell
Story Hour Room

Ski Fly

Anytime when snow
conditions are available

Chili Fly

It was a cold New Year's Day (about 30 degrees) with a strong west wind. Special thanks to Wes Parker who supplied a heater and tarps to cover the open side of the shed. Special thanks to James Parks for supplying burn barrels and Lynn Costello for wood to burn. Special thanks to all those who supplied goodies to eat.

Several pilots braved the cold west wind and started the year right by flying on this first day of the year. The Treasurer was on hand to take 2011 club membership renewals. Several renewals were made.



Hot chili inside a heated shed



New this year – a burn barrel for outside warmth



Who is that masked man?



Lots of goodies to eat

Springfield Radio Control Club

(Black Sheep Squadron)

Springfield, Missouri

Name: _____

Name of significant other: _____
(Optional)

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

(Optional) Office or Cell: _____

Radio Frequencies You Will Broadcast On: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

AMA Membership Number: _____

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

All members are to complete and sign this form, mail a copy of your AMA card along with this form and include a check payable to SPRINGFIELD R/C CLUB to:

Barry Harper, Treasurer
260 Country Lane
Rogersville, MO 65742

Phone: 417-753-4645
Email: tallrcman@peoplepc.com

By paying my dues, I agree to follow the club rules as well as the AMA published rules.

Signature Date: _____

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