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Hi Flyers ! **WHAZ-UP!**

✈ **Meeting :** 6: 30 pm at the police station at 10th and G sts. On **FEB. 14th**
The police are locking the doors to the station at 7 pm. They don't want the general public entering the building after 7 pm, if you are in the building by 7pm, it's OK to stay. They requested us to start the meetings earlier.

✈ **Raffle Prize:** Come to the meeting for your chance to win a CHIPMUNK-63in. W.S.

✈ Since , the meeting is set for Valentine's Day, save the dinner dough for a new plane. Write her a love note on the back of an old Tower order form and come to the meeting!!!!!!
WARNING: under no circumstance show this newsletter to your wife or I'll be writing this column from a hospital bed for the next year!

EDITOR'S NOTE: Most club newsletters are a re-hash of the club's meeting; the decisions that have been made, the problems at the field, and the opinions of those in attendance. Many clubs have stopped newsletters because they feel many members use the newsletter as a substitute for not attending the meetings; for that reason they simply send out announcement postcards

IF you're interest in our club is genuine and not just bullshit then come to as many meetings as you can, voice your opinion and help us make decisions that affect our flying pleasure. Stop bitching and cowering in the shadows, Stand in the light with us and be counted

✈ **TALES FROM THE CRPYT:** (RCFU's meeting room).

The humor at the meetings can be absolutely hysterical, for instance, the pandemonium at the December meeting-party. Apparently Ward had one to many Christmas egg-nogs which enticed his ultra-generous self to announce that he was donating his entire *porny CD* collection to the club raffle! Within micro-seconds of those words mayhem broke out with thirty or more seniors leaping to their feet wildly searching themselves for every available dollar to buy raffle tickets. Long forgotten I.O.U's were being remembered and called in when Ward through his self-inflicted fog realized the chaos about him was his own creation; announced in a slurry, timid voice: *"my collection-s not here, it's for another meet'in."* In a heart beat those jovial, mirth filled gentlemen turned into a potential lynch mob, but fear not, Ward was saved by none other than (the spark himself) Pres. Jimmy S. who immediately climbed on a chair away from the kitchen door, genius-ly anticipating the coming human avalanche, announced *"food's on"*

You can see that meeting are not necessarily dry, boring undertakings but rather if one comes expecting humor, that's exactly what will be found !!

WHAZ---UP

Usually the meeting is on the 2nd Wed. It had to be changed to the 3rd Wed. (Jan. 17) because the police dept. is repairing its' floors.

✈ **AMA convention in Onterio, CA.** The different manufactures provide expert lectures on their products. It's a nice way to meet and obtain the E-mail address of an expert. The convention has a good swap meet if you're there early. Most sellers on the convention floor will give a discount or at least drop the sales tax; but is it worth the travel expense and time to save a few bucks? Now, if you're like me and can sacrifice a few boring convention hours to turn the remainder of the stay into a mini-vacation; then I'll see you there!

✈ **NCRC Scheduling:** N. CA. club Presidents will gather to harmoniously schedule their events. It takes two to three weeks for the organizer to publish the master schedule. Once I receive the master schedule, I will post on the monthly calendar those events from the clubs who have supported our events in the past, so please keep me informed of those clubs who have attended our events. I will also post a copy of the NCRC master schedule on the bulletin board at the field.

ALERT-ALERT-ALERT: The last day to pay dues without a penalty is **Feb. 14th-** at the meeting. After that date, your dues are delinquent and a late fee will be charged. If you have not paid your dues by that date , you are not allowed to fly until you do so. **NO PAY-NO FLY!!!**



ONCE AGAIN: FIELD WEATHER

If you want to know the conditions at the field; fog, wind speed & direction, temp, etc. (Tammi say's "his Weather predictions are amazingly correct") then use these directions to his website.

www.wunderground.com now in the search box at the top left corner of the screen type in Oakdale, CA and click the search button. This private weather station is very close to our field.



SHOW ME THE MONEY:

INCOME

CLUB DUES - \$2512.00
RAFFLE 102.00

EXPENSES

PORTA-POTTY - \$ 75.00
RAFFLE PRIZE - 141.00
Dec. Meeting/
Party expense &
Newsletter - 325.16
Membership cards- 30.00

DECEMBER TOTAL -----\$12,364.10
INCOME ----- 2,614.00
EXPENSES ----- (571.86)
BALANCE \$14,406.24



LOOKING AHEAD: SAT. MARCH 31st SWAP MEET

Now's the time to start thinking about and writing down all those items you would like to buy, especially you new members. A low cost motor or trainer maybe just the ticket or now's the time to buy the second airplane with aerobatic capabilities. For you old f-ts like Johnny Nortoon, Lloyd the Poe, & Dennis Screwsloose; slide under your bed (I could sell tickets to see that) and drag out all your old treasures. To quote Tammi, (the practical) "*IF YOU HAVEN'T USED IT IN A YEAR; YOU DON'T NEED IT!!-SELL*

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GIGGLES & SNORTS:

YOU ARE A CRAZED R/C MODELER IF.....

...YOU INSIST ON 20/20 FUEL FOR YOUR OS-70 4 STROKE, BUT BUY THE CHEAPEST REGULAR YOU CAN FIND FOR YOUR \$40,000 SUV!

...110 DEGREE SCORCHERS ARE FORECASTED FOR THE WEEKEND & YOU HOPE ITS NOT BREEZY!



BUILDER'S CORNER : (HELPFUL HINTS—maybe)

Members who read this column, please correct me if I'm mistaken or inform me if you know of a better technique. I'm hoping this series of columns will be useful to the beginning ARFer as well as the more experienced builder

GLUES: The ARF instruction booklets recommend 5 min. to 30 min. epoxy. Buy only 30 min epoxy because the others do not provide enough time to correct mistakes. The CA they usually refer to is thin CA for hinges.

My recommendation for glue purchases (smallest bottles you can find)

? Wood glue – 4 oz (Titebond II is my favorite)

? 30 min. epoxy – 4 oz

Buy these as need arises.

? ½ oz thin CA

? ½ oz medium CA

? 4 oz- 5 min. epoxy

HANDLING GLUE (SPILL PREVENTERS) – If you use these hints, then when the time comes and it will come, When your arm accidentally hits the top of an open glue bottle; you will breathe a sigh of relief and thank yourself for making one of these spill protectors. Believe me there is no worst mess then a large glue spill and especially that god awful, fast draying, fuming CA.

HINT: EASY GLUE HOLDER (make-up as many as you need-at one time) Need (2) 10 oz Styrofoam cups. Ring the inside top edge of one cup with white or wood glue – put cups together - let dry. Trim the edge and high points off the bottom and glue to the approximate middle of a 5 in. square of cardboard – weight down and let dry.(over night). Trim down if the holder is too high.

HINT: SUPER CIGAR BOX HOLDER (for those who have some tools) Get a wood cigar box from me. On paper, draw rectangles and circles a little larger then the glue bottles. Cut out the paper templates, than arrange them in a logical arrangement on the box, trace them, then drill and dremel out the shapes. You can also drill out small holes to fit small tools like standard and metric hex-drivers, small screw drivers, small pliers and cutters, tweezers, small scissors, glue bulbs etc. When finished, glue the top on and pull off the hinges. Glue an old thin piece of wood (like orange crate) across the length of the back and extend it above the top about 1 ½ in. You now have a thin ridge across the back that you can use to clamp on clothespins or those small plastic wood clamps. This is a great rainy day project.

HINT: SMALL HOLDER- Turn over the plastic top of an old spray paint can. It's perfect for small paint bottles and glue bulbs.

Editor's note: Next month - Drills and CA hinges