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Next Meeting – January 8th, at Round Table Pizza on College Pkwy – 6:30 pm

The Christmas Party has come and gone! Thank you Court Cardinal and The Fandango for hosting our club! I was amazed at all the great food at the buffet. Best I have ever been to. Art Hall took some photos for us and they are now posted on our web site. However here are a few small ones! Thanks Art and Judy!



Congratulations to all the raffle winners! Enjoy your gift certificates. And, least I forget, Congratulations to Tom Reinbolt for being chosen "Member of the Year." As modest as you are, (gag!, cough!) you deserve this award for all your efforts over the years. You do so much for us and believe me, it is appreciated!

And speaking of Tom, I had a chance to visit with him at his shop the other day. I took a picture of his T-28 Hanger Queen Winner, with its' new cockpit, built by Bob Petten. Sweet!



"If the Wright brothers were alive today Wilbur would have to fire Orville to reduce costs."

- Herb Kelleher, founder, Southwest Airlines

If you'll go to the web site, you'll find the picture of the B-25 shown above on the home page. You can right click on the picture and "Set as Background." I will try to change pictures each month.

I hope you are visiting the web site. I try to post updates as soon as I can. At least check when the next meeting is or when the next events are being held.

Dan

I ran across this recently on RCUniverse. I don't know who wrote it, but thought it was appropriate given the fact that Tom Howell won the broken arrow award at the Christmas Party. Sorry you lost so many planes this year Tom, but wasn't it worth it to win this award?

"I saw a post recently about crashing into corn so I thought I would give my theories:

Certain types of vegetation and even trees possess an energy phenomenon known as "Disastrous Aviation Magnetic Negative Inverse Thrust" (or the acronym D-A-M-N-I-T for short). It's basically a gravitational attraction to the high density of chlorophyll in plants and trees.

Basically the way it works is that trees absorb oxygen which is air. Your airplane needs air to fly. When flying close to trees they 'suck' the air from around your plane. That is why so many people crash into trees.

I'm not a botanist so I cannot explain why it happens with corn or beans but I'm thinking it may be a similar theory called "Ocular Height Corrected Reflex Adjusted Phenomenon" (or the acronym O-H-C-R-A-P for short). As I understand, it's when the plane blends into the colors or texture of the surrounding corn or beans and the height or distance is misjudged causing a sharp reflex action to adjust for the error but is usually too late to recover. I think this can also cause a person to crash into trees as well.

I know these exist because I hear the acronyms quoted a lot when I'm at a field. It seems that the ones who crash know the forces that caused the accident but I am at a loss as to why they didn't fly to prevent the accident to begin with.

Another force I've observed is called "Stalls Happen In Time" and evidently this seems to be the most common cause of crashes since I hear this acronym the most."

Can someone come up with an acronym for Y-I-K-E-S? Maybe something appropriate for the desert!

Sorry this newsletter is late this month, but my wife and I celebrated our 30th with a cruise out of Tahiti to Hawaii. I agonized over which one to do: newsletter, cruise, newsletter, cruise..... Guess which one won?

We stayed a few extra days in Honolulu and had a chance to visit the Arizona Memorial, USS Missouri and the Pacific Aviation Museum. A few Pics:



This is not what you think. It is a water tank that Navy divers trained in! Just looks like a control tower at Ford Island.



This Stearman is "the" plane that Pres. Bush trained in. Love the looks of the dive bomber with speed brakes open!



X marks the spot where the Japs surrendered on the Mighty MO and a UAV hanging on display.



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From the Editor,

Normally, "The Prez", Louie, would write a letter to you after I had published the minutes of the last meeting. However he has been pretty busy lately. What he did write was this:

"This care giving plus running a home (which I have never done before) has me on the go a lot. I thought that the party went well. Wish I could have spent more time with everyone, but she was hurting pretty bad.
Merry X-mas, Louie"

My heart goes out to you and Mary, Lou. And I am sure that everyone else in the club feels the same way. I was very surprised and glad to have seen you both at the Party! I hope you enjoyed yourselves.

Looks like winter is here now, so even if I was not travelling, I don't think I'd be doing much flying. How about everyone go out and start your car to promote some more of that global warming! The older I get the more I hate the cold.

It was just Lou and I running the last meeting, but we made it out alive so that's a good thing! All the officers (even those missing) were re-elected another term because someone said that "We have not drained enough blood from the current ones!" Geeeesch!

There was some (OK a lot) of discussion about the club's trainer. In a nut shell, it is being modified and misused. So, the decision was reached that the trainer will now reside at HobbyTown and will only be given to an approved instructor. I think Gene will form a committee and come up with ground rules for instructors.

Also. Hank Baker donated his trainer to "the cause."
Thank you Hank!

Tom Howell drew our attention to "Operation First Response" which is an organization to support and honor wounded troops. Carson City will be holding an event for this on May 17th. Tom has asked HSRCC to consider helping out. I hope this will be on the agenda when the "Events" for the club are finalized.

Jack Eshenaur, Chairman of the Lyon County Fly-In at Silver Springs has asked if we would be interested in showcasing our hobby at this event. It is also on May 17 and 18th. Can we be two places at the same time?

Speaking of which, let us know what you want next year for club events.

Take care, Dan

Home Depot Alert

A "Heads Up" for those men who may be regular Home Depot customers. Over the last month I became a victim of a clever scam while out shopping. Simply going out to get supplies has turned out to be quite traumatic. Don't be naive enough to think it couldn't happen to you or your friends. Here's how the scam works.

Two seriously good-looking 20-21 year-old girls come over to your car as you are packing your shopping into the trunk. They both start wiping your windshield with a rag and Windex, with their breasts almost falling out of their skimpy T-shirts. It is impossible not to look. When you thank them and offer them a tip, they say "No" and instead ask you for a ride to another Home Depot or Lowe's.

You agree and they get in the back seat. On the way, they start undressing. Then one of them climbs over into the front seat and starts crawling all over you, while the other one steals your wallet. I had my wallet stolen September 4th, 9th, 10th, twice on the 15th, 17th, 20th & 24th. Also October 1st, 4th, twice on the 6th, three times just yesterday, and very likely this coming weekend. So tell your friends to be careful.

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Tahitian for:

Merry Christmas



Have you see these RC helicopters for sale on the Internet?



And, since I'm Basque:

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Also, Happy New Year!
Blue Skies and Calm Winds for all!

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