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The Cold Wind Blows

President's Corner

The nice long flying days have given way to December darkness and those cold north winds. It sure curtails the flying except for those few really nice days that sneak in and we are available to latch onto them. (Especially good for retirees). Yes, I was able to get a few in.

Actually it's been a good year. We were able to get many more members involved in the club picnics than any events we previously had which were open to the public by a large margin. That should tell us something about what we should do in the future. I personally did a lot more flying rather than building this year. I did assemble a few ARFs however, and was impressed with the quality of construction and covering that is available now. It makes it hard to justify building your own because the costs have improved too. I admit, I'm spoiled now.

We do have one final event to wrap up the year. The Christmas Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, December 14th at the Red Rose Inn. A cash bar starts at 5:30 with dinner at about 6:15. The cost is \$25 per person.

If you're planning to attend please call me at 610-869-0822 or Brian Swarts at 610-255-4998. I need to give them a final count on December 10th, so please let us know ASAP.

This has been a fun event each year where I get to give away some nifty stuff! I urge you to come and bring a guest. This event is subsidized by the Cloud Kings. Dress is informal.

Our last meeting this year is December 10th at the West Grove Fire Hall. I think we will have the regular meeting room this time. The meeting starts at 7:30. We will have some ARFs to see and nominate a slate of officers for next year.

Lets have a good turnout for both the meeting and the Christmas Dinner.

See you there.

Dick Plyler

December Meeting

The next meeting of the Cloud Kings will be on Tuesday, December 10th at 7:30 PM at the West Grove Fire Hall.

We will be discussing plans for next year's events as well as nominating officers for next season.

Please plan to attend.

Membership News

At our October meeting, we added two new prospective members to the club. Welcome to Gabe Hagy and David Woodward, who will be eligible for a vote at our December meeting. We also voted in Elmo Bianco as a full member at the October meeting.

Remember that with our new membership rules all current club members must renew their membership by the first meeting of the year, which should be the second week of February. You must have your AMA membership renewed as well by then.

Wings for Eric

Congratulations to Eric Froysland on obtaining his wings this season! Under the expert guidance of Dick Plyler, Eric managed to meet all the flight requirements to fly solo. His wings were formally awarded at the Club Meeting in October.

Winter Hibernation

Before too many weeks of freezing weather go by, now is a good time to make sure that your model and field equipment are properly stored for the winter months. (Unless you're a member of the polar-bear flying club!)

The following tips will help ensure that your model is ready to fly next spring.

- Drain all the fuel from the fuel tank.
- Clean your engine and muffler, and use after-run oil to prevent corrosion.
- Store any fuel you have in a tightly capped container where it is cool and dry.
- Disconnect your receiver battery pack to prevent corrosion in your onboard wiring and receiver.
- Charge all your batteries fully.
- Do not store batteries where it will be below freezing temperature.
- Recharge your starter battery at least every 6-8 weeks during the winter.
- Remember that large temperature and humidity changes can cause your model to warp. Store your model in a good location.