

SMAC NEWSLETTER  
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We really started the New Year off right this year, which will be our first full year at our new field. Jan. 1 was a beautiful day and a large group of our membership gathered at the field to take advantage of such an unusually bright and warm day for the time of year.

There were guys making speed runs with new equipment received at Christmas. Some of the engines were fantastic. Seemingly unlimited power, and the planes they put them on were built to take advantage of all that power and turn it into speed. We have wondered for years how fast some of the planes were going, well now we know, thanks to someone, and I apologize for not knowing who, brought a speed gun to the field.

I believe Logan Phelps was going the fastest at 119 MPH, and Tony Hunt came second at 112. Several of our members have T34's and have been racing them. We knew they were fast but it was always just a guess. Well, no longer, Gary Todd's plane was going 97MPH, and Logan Phelps's was going 106, it's hard to believe that those little planes will go that fast, and that's just the beginning. What will the results be when they've had a few months to adjust and tinker with them.

The new year seems to be bringing out a renewed interest in Helicopters. We have another member that is getting a new Century Hawk Sport in a few days. We are planning a Saturday Century Hawk putting together day at Tony Burris' house. Any of you out there that have a Hawk Sport, contact David or Tony or Richie or me, Fowler, and we'll include you in the festivities.

The first of the year is always election time for new Officers for the Club. We had the election at our monthly meeting in January, and by the way, all the club wants to thank everyone that brought all that delicious food to the meeting, what would we do without you...

The new officers are as follows:

President.....Randy Thompson  
Vice President.....David Phelps  
Secretary.....Jean Genton  
Treasurer.....Linda Crawford  
Safety Officer..... David Palmer  
Field Marshall..... Ron Roberts

Contest Director..... Chris Doerr

Intro Pilot Instructors.....Logan Phelps

Justin Todd

Richie Roberts

Newsletter Editor.....C.R. Fowler

Congratulations to all the new officers, and the club thanks all of you for taking on the responsibility and hard work, we all appreciate it very much.

We also discussed the Mall Show, which will be held Feb. 26, 2005. Gary Todd was elected to the position of mall show coordinator, if you have any questions or suggestions please get in touch with Gary.

It is still the depths of winter here, but there is a lot of talk about spring projects at the field. The concrete for our shelter floor is being discussed. The parking lot and entrance road is going to get a makeover, our grass runway and helicopter area are going to be reseeded and fertilized. Some small Cedar trees and bushes that are no problem at the moment, but certainly will be in the future, are going to be cut down.

It seems that the enthusiasm for making our new field an even better place to fly is still alive.

We have been fortunate in the weather department, up until now at least. We've been able to fly almost every week. It's really nice to go to the field on a winter's day and see a bunch of your flying buddies already there driving those beautiful little red and yellow airplanes around the sky. It's late January at this time, and it seems that the Weather Man isn't going to be so kind for the next couple of weeks. But, can spring be far behind????

The colder weather seems to be giving a lot of our members the building bug! Several have bought new planes, and some have bought things then driven home, and discovered that they left them sitting on the table back at the Swap Meet. We won't mention any names here.

The trend toward helicopters seems to still be growing. We have a brand new helicopter owner that has always said that he "wouldn't have one of the things". If my count is correct, we have 10 heli owners in our club at the present time. Gary Todd has a nice simulator for sale, and with all the new helicopter owners in the club now, someone should snap that up.

Barry Speaks has a good looking camper top for a pick up truck for sale, it's not just the usual square box type, and it has style and eye appeal.

That's about all for now. I look forward to seeing all you great modelers at the field, the next time it's warm enough for "doing our thing."