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Club Meeting/Holiday Party Friday, Dec 10, 7PM at Anheuser-Busch

President's Message:

- The Annual holiday party is this Friday. Thanks to everyone who RSVP'd. Mike Amie is in charge of the catering and Kevin Kiniry has secured the facility for us. Should be a good time! A map and written directions are included in this newsletter.
- Walt's Secret Santa sale was another fantastic event. Lots of interest in model aviation, great demo flying, good company.
- At the meeting we will assign duties for our New Years Day Fun Fly. It will be at the main hangar on Jan. 1st. There will be food and drink and flying. Bring a dish to pass if you like. The fun starts at 11AM.
- The January club meeting happens to fall on the same date and time as the STARS auction. If we have a need for a meeting we will have a brief one after the auction. Maybe we won't need one. Watch for the next newsletter for details.
- The membership voted unanimously to raise dues. New levels are \$45.00 for regular membership and \$25.00 for Senior membership (over 65). Junior membership is unchanged at \$10.00. Be sure to pay before Jan 31st to avoid the \$5.00 late fee. Please submit your renewal with a completed renewal form on page 3.
- On Nov 24th, Phil Artese and I did some buddy-box flying with about 20 Civil Air Patrol cadets and their leaders. It was a cold day but not too windy and fairly dry. Besides the numb fingers, everyone seemed to have a good time.
- The solar panel has been removed from the impound shed roof for winter storage. It has worked well all summer by keeping the club trainer and buddy boxes charged. It is now inside the impound shed so please be careful if you are in the shed.
- Model Forum planning is going well. There will be a swap shop and The Civil Air Patrol will be doing a building event for youths. The next meeting for the planning committee is on Wednesday, Dec. 15th at 7:30 at the Denny's at Erie Blvd. and Genesee St. Feel free to attend.
- I was asked about winterizing airplanes. See page 2.
- I hope everyone has a nice holiday and Happy New Year.

See you at the party!

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Airplane winterizing tips:

Airframe:

- Clean off all fuel residue with windex or some similar cleaner. If it's electric, wipe off excess electrons.
- Inspect for damage and repair.
- Inspect for covering problems and repair or replace as needed

Engine:

- Empty the tank and run all the fuel out of the engine.
- Open the carburetor and put in several drops of after-run oil (or Marvel Air Tool oil).
- Take out the glow plug and put in several drops of oil.
- Re-install the glow plug and turn the engine over briefly to distribute the oil.
- Close the carburetor completely.
- Plug the exhaust to keep air and moisture out.

Receiver:

- Inspect all connections and wiring in the airplane. Repair or replace anything suspicious.
- Charge the battery and keep it on trickle charge. If you don't have a trickle charger, charge the battery once a month.
- Inspect control linkages for looseness. Repair as needed.

Transmitter:

- Clean off dust and dirt. A small soft paintbrush works well for this.
- Charge the battery and keep it on trickle charge. If you don't have a trickle charger, charge the battery once a month.

Field Box:

- Clean it out. Get rid of old rubber bands, glow plugs and any other junk you may have accumulated throughout the season.
- Charge the battery
- Disconnect and tightly cap your fuel bottle.
- Purge fuel out of your fuel pump.

LiPo's:

- Inspect for any physical damage, swelling, etc. Don't take any chances with these! Discard any suspicious batteries.
- Charge them properly
- Store in a LiPo safe container, like an ammo box.

Storage conditions:

- It is best to store airplane gear in a dry place at a constant temperature. Storing in a garage where the temperature goes up and down with the weather could lead to condensation and engine bearing failure. It could also cause warpage and other moisture related damage to the airframe.
- The best place to store your planes would be your living room. Most of us will have to accept a compromise here.

General: You've got a long winter ahead of you. Spend some time now assessing the condition of your aircraft and correct problems thru the winter. When spring hits you'll be ready to go, especially if you store your planes in the living room!

ARCS Membership Application/Renewal

Date: _____

Name: _____

Please Check all that apply:

Address: _____

New Member initiation fee \$ 5.00

City: _____ State: _____

Junior Member (under 18, parent *NOT* a member) \$10.00

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Junior Member (under 18, parent *IS* a member) \$ 0.00

Mobile Phone _____

Senior Member (over 65) \$25.00

E-Mail: _____

Regular Member (18-65) \$45.00

AMA Number: _____

Late Fee (after Jan. 31, Renewals only) \$ 5.00

Radio Channel(s): _____

Submit this form and payment to:

Add up all applicable fees \$ _____

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Make checks payable to ARCS

A severely rusted bearing.
 Don't let this happen to you!
 Winterize your airplane
 properly!



Calendar 2010/2011

Fri, Dec 10	7PM Anheuser-Busch	Club Meeting/ Christmas Party
Sat, Jan 1	11AM At the Main Hangar	New Years Day Fly In
Fri, Jan 14	6PM Walt's	STARS Auction/Club meeting
Fri, Jan 28	6:30PM– Syr. Academy of Science	Set up for Forum
Sat, Jan 29	All Day– Syr. Academy of Science	Model Forum
Fri, Feb 11	7PM Walt's	Club Meeting