

# Mountaineer R/C Flying Club

AMA Charter #659

January 2003

Tracks in the snow on our first snow day of the season

## The New Year

It is the beginning of a new year again. Since the last newsletter, there has been surprisingly lots of activity. Hopefully all the interest at the field will continue.

We've had our first snow days at the field, which is really a lot of fun.

The Christmas dinner was a success. We had a great turn out. Seems like more wives or significant others attended this year as opposed to last. The accommodations at the Texas Steakhouse seemed to work very well. Best of all, they serve beer!

Our brief spots of spring like weather has really brought some big turnouts at the field. Now if we could just get all the mud to dry up.

**Reminder: Please have your club dues in to Dave by the end of the month. Those not paying their dues by this date will not receive the next newsletter and gate code. Also, please make sure your AMA is up to date. We've not been able to verify the status of a number of members. Don't shocked if you are asked to present your card before flying.**

Looking forward to a great year.

*Barry*

## Xmas Dinner Meeting

I think everyone had a good time at the dinner. I'm pretty sure I did, because I'm can hardly read my meeting notes. See my previous comment about beer. The following is more or less what took place.

The members that attended were: Denny Bostic, Darren and Micheal Guillion, Bob Rowe, Barry Thaxton, Stan Clark, Jim Creasey, Bob and Don Weaver, Jerry Workman, Bob and Brandon Yates, Dave Gaines and John Clark.

The Treasury reported we had \$671 plus an additional \$120 taken in at the meeting.

Bob Yates discussed our new mower purchase and naturally we kicked around the JR thing again.

I handed out a satellite photo of the field with the no fly zones marked. Copy is enclosed.

The new officers were announced. Denny Bostic as President, Bob Rowe as Vice President and Dave Gaines as Treasurer. Denny and Bob said a few words.

The award ceremony was next on the agenda. I was awarded the President's trophy and Stan Clark received the Pilot of the Year trophy.

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Next Meeting, Tuesday, January 21st  
at the offices of Mountain CAD at 7:00 PM  
Contact Barry for directions

I don't have any notes on who got the gift certificates.

I presented my Bag A Plane awards next. Since there were no clear winners, Dave Gaines received the Grand Prize for the most aircraft abuse during the year. Other prize recipients were John Clark, Bob Yates, Denny Bostic, Bob Rowe, Jerry Workman and of course myself (although I didn't give myself a prize).



*Stan receiving the Pilot of the Year award*



*Denny receiving the Lumber Jack award*

I presented our newest honor to Denny this year. Denny is the first ever recipient of the Lumber Jack award. The only one this year to cut down a tree to retrieve his plane.

Next, Stan's wife Audrey, had a drawing for a quilt square I believe.

Being guy I'm not too good at recognizing these types of things. Anyway, it was a beautiful square with holly leaves on a red checkerboard with a white background. Kim Gaines was the winner.

Drawings for the hobby shop donated items were next. I believe everyone won something. Special thanks to Fountain Hobby and WV Hobby and Crafts.

I would also like to thank Kim Gaines for making the dinner arrangements and Chris Yates for making up the bags of goodies for the wives that attended.

Very special thanks to all the wives and significant others who have to endure this hobby and let their men go out and play.

I'll throw my pre-vote in for having the coming year's dinner at Texas Steakhouse again. Food was good and the service for a group was pretty good as well.

## Snowbirds Fly

Unfortunately, we've only had one decent snow this season. A few of us went out to play. If you want to have some real fun, strap some skis on a plane. One of our new members put on big R/C car tires on his Avistar and came out to play.

Dubro sells skis that are pretty good, you can find a lot of Canadian sources for skis on eBay, or you can make your own. Dave made some for his Fazer that worked real well.



*Bob Rowe doing a little hill climbing with his Telemaster*

I highly recommend this activity. Running the planes around on the ground is about as much fun as flying them. Skis make even the lowly trainer more fun than you've had in a while.

## Reminders

Being the first of the year, it is probably good idea to make a few reminder points especially since we will have new members joining.

When unlocking the gate, spin the combination and hook it behind the pole out of view from the road. Keeps kids from walking by and tossing the lock in the brush.

Please, please, pickup your trash. I walked around the field the other day and picked up a grocery bag full of trash. If you bring it to the field, take it home. Don't stuff garbage down in the spools. Just makes a mess when we have to haul them out.



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## Bag A Plane

OK, I'm running the award again this year. You guys didn't do a very good job crashing last year. To avoid confusion, here are the rules:

- 1) Crash severe enough to require more than one person to pickup the pieces or require one person to make more than one trip or use a garbage bag to get all the pieces.
- 2) Tearing off landing gear, vertical stabs, etc. doesn't count.
- 3) If the crashed plane is rebuilt within 6 months, it doesn't count.
- 4) You get a 1/2 point for destroying someone else's plane. The owner of the plane gets a 1/2 point as well.
- 5) Midair participants get a 1/2 point each or maybe even a whole point if it is really spectacular. My call on this one.
- 6) Crashes have to be reported to me. Pictures are preferable.
- 7) Contest runs from December 1st to November 30th

Current standings for this year:

Bob Rowe 1/2 pt.  
Barry Thaxton 1 1/2pt.

Bob gets the 1/2 point for piloting my OV-10 Bronco into the ground. I get a 1/2 for owning the small box of parts that are left of the OV-10 and 1 point for bagging my Kyosho Gee Bee Z.



*Barry's Gee Bee Z at the crash site*

*You start out with this.*



*You are feeling good about this.*

*You are not feeling too good about this.*



*This is all you get to keep. But of course hanger rash is no longer an issue.*



*Could there possibly be a better hobby than this?*



*Barry's new Somethin' Extra powered by an OS .70*

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## Around the Field

We've had lots of happenings in the last month. The weekend after Christmas I think we saw more people at the field than we have seen in a good while. Of course some of it was the after Christmas rush of folks with new toys. *Note: I've been keeping an eye on the frequencies since Christmas. We are getting interference on a number of channels every now and again. Do a good ground check before heading out.*

Dave Gaines pleased the crowd the weekend after Christmas as he demonstrated his rapid cowl cutting technique. No more measuring and dealing with those pesky dremel tools. Just start your engine and throw the cowl into the turning prop. Presto! A perfect fit. (sorry Dave, I had to)

Bob Rowe and I have been playing with twins as you might have guessed from the OV-10 pictures. After that, we had success with my new TwinStar. We've got a new cardboard tube and foam wing twin we are working on now.

John Goad has been working with his new foam wing cutter. He built a new Funster (basically a low wing Telemaster) with the wing he cut. It had a successful first outing.

Bob Yates has been flying his new Hanger 9 P-51. These are really nice planes and the retracts seem to be holding up.

*Barry*



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*Bob Yates' New P-51*



*Barry's new TwinStar*



*John's new Funster*