



January Meeting:

Tuesday, January 10, 7:15 PM
 This meeting will be held at The Commons since we have an indoor Fun Fly scheduled for this date. See below

Indoor Flying this Winter:

Alan Beard has arranged with Journey Church for the following dates for indoor flying, all beginning at 6:30 PM.

Tuesday, Jan. 10th
 Tuesday, Feb. 7th

Journey Church is in The Commons, which is at the northwest corner of Baxter Lane and Love Lane.

Build Night:

at Tony Covert's shop.
 Thursday, January 12th.
 4341 E. Valley Center Rd.
 6pm-9pm

R/C Combat:

Randy Shiosaki has set the dates for combat at Shelley, ID for next summer as:
 June 3rd
 August 19th.

Randy always puts on a great contest with 2610 Scale and Open B competition.

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Club Officers for 2017

As always, we elect officers for the next year at our December meeting. Results were:

President	Destry Jacobs	581-3474
Vice President	*Tony Covert	548-4507
Safety Officer	Larry Nelson	599-4222
Events Coordinator	*Brian Westberg	580-3834
Secretary / Treasurer	Chuck Curtis	587-4934
Newsletter Editor	Stan Johnson	585-7541

** indicates changes from last year.*

Happy New Year 2017!

The year is off to a great start. Our last meeting was our club officer elections. Once again, thank you all for your support and I will be taking our club into 2017 as your president and Tony Covert as Vice President. We have a lot of good things to look forward to. Also at the meeting, Larry Nelson gave an informative demonstration on basic set up of an airplane before you fly, thanks for the info, I learned a couple things myself.

Fence pro has plowed our parking lot two times to try to keep up on being able to drive to the runway. They offered to do this for \$60 per time which is a discounted rate which the club appreciates. I have been doing my best to keep up on the runway with my 4 wheeler. I will work on that throughout this winter.

We just finished our New Years fun fly, what a great day! The weather was not to bad at all and a great turn out. Tony, Jeff and I plowed the runway and set up some tarps on Saturday. Thank you to Brian and Joni for the great chili, it was a great

hit again. We had some new faces along with some familiar ones, around twenty people total for the day. Thank you for all the help and for the people who made the drive to come. Our next two meetings will be at the commons to incorporate our indoor fun flies and Tony is putting some build nights together so stay tuned for dates.

Thanks again,
Destry



Above and right: Runway plowing.

Below: Making preparations for flight.



Tony was having fun with his 'Bubba' teeth!

New Years Day 2017

The forecast for New Years Day weather had called for a high of 17, snow and wind, but the day (at least the morning) turned out much nicer. It was cold, between 17 and 24 degrees before noon, but calm air made for easy flying. Several times I saw 3 airplanes up at once! The runway had been plowed well enough to taxi from the pits and take-off and land as if it was summer. Several airplanes were equipped with skis or floats, and the snow runway was wide and long!

Stan Johnson

Crash Curtis, continued from December newsletter. . .

The accident happened in the summer of 1966. We were flying on railroad lane quite a ways out Harrison Ave in Butte. The field was an area cleared of sage brush. Some of the guys were still flying on reeds and one or two on single channel. A four channel proportional system could cost as much as \$600. Look what you can buy now for a 1/3rd of that!

Anyhow, being safety minded, we put up a sign saying: "Stay off the field" - as if that would make any difference. We went out flying the next weekend and.... hit the sign with an airplane. We took the stupid sign down.

Chuck Curtis



Editor's note: Chuck makes a reference to 'reeds' in above article. I had to look this up out of curiosity. The information below is from Wikipedia, much more detail is available there but for a short explanation:

A **reed receiver** or **tuned reed receiver** (US) was a form of multi-channel signal decoder used for early **radio control** systems. It uses a simple electromechanical device or '*resonant reed*' to demodulate the signal, in effect a receive-only **modem**. The encoding used is a simple form of **frequency shift keying**.

These decoders appeared in the 1950s and were used into the early 1970s. Early transistor systems



As airplanes were being assembled, chili, crackers, hot chocolate and brownies were available in the viewing shelter (background). A propane heater was in there as well for pilots to unfreeze fingers!



Speaking of frozen fingers, Brian got to try Alan's Turnigy Transmitter Muff. A clear window allows viewing the display and Brian reports that it was much easier than wearing any kind of gloves.

Below: Brian's T-34 returns from a cold weather mission.

