

LIBERTY FIELD FLYERS

DECEMBER 2013 NEWSLETTER

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DECEMBER 14TH PARTY/MEETING

This year's XMAS party is likely to be one of our best. The party will be at Bill and Linda Sherlock's place at 4-PM Saturday. They have a lovely home with a view toward SF and will provide the turkey. Brenda will bring the ham. Two volunteers will get a dessert and the rest of us should bring either a salad or a vegetable to round out the feast. Call Chris R. at 925-229-2977 if you want to volunteer for the desert. Les will bring an appetizer.

Chris R. tells us to feel free to bring any wine, beer, or other drinks to share. Eggnog or Cider always blasts through the calorie barrier, but is great. He said he thinks this year the important thing is the camaraderie, sharing and feasting, so we will do away with the gift exchange because it takes a lot of time. However, we will continue the tradition of THE BIG LIBERTY FIELD PHOTO CONTEST this year. Please bring three photos to enter in the contest which will be judged sometime after dinner. All photos should be taken by the member and reflect some of this year's past flying experiences.

Chris added that we have had another good year of flying and it will be nice to gather again and celebrate together with our wives and our new members.

NOVEMBER 9TH 2013 MEETING MINUTES

(exactly as written, with all imperfections, by Mark Johnson)

At 1 PM Chris opened the meeting. Eighteen people were present and everyone introduced themselves.

No Treasury report.

OLD BUSINESS: (none)

NEW BUSINESS:

- This year's Christmas Party will be at Bill and Linda Sherlock's home in Greenbrae starting at 4:00 PM on Saturday the 14th of December. The address is 325 Vista Grande, in Greenbrae, 94904. We will do away with the gift exchange but we will have the LIBERTY FIELD PHOTO CONTEST! Please bring three photos to enter in the contest which will be judged sometime after dinner. All photos should be taken by the members and reflect some of this year's past flying experiences.
- Harry and Mike are now flying together!
- We then had a spectacular slide presentation by Steve Smith describing his recent flight to Nevada, Arizona and Utah!

Meeting adjourned at 3 PM.

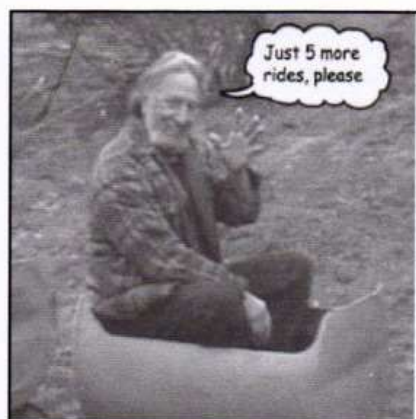
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Old'e XMAS newsletter pages follow:



TOOT TOOT! Lynn Deedler's Ultralight Express is about to depart the hanger ! Our first big surprise at the Christmas party was a scenic ride around Lynn's property in his homemade train.



WOW WHAT A PARTY!

by Mark Johnson

Big photos by Bim Lipp
Small ones by Don Anderson



As we arrived for the Christmas party, we were greeted by Lynn Deedler who eventually took us on a miniature train ride around his estate. That amazing train of his was able to pull 12 cars! The engine was a converted tractor and the cars were cleverly cut barrels with seats and wheels. After the thrilling ride, we all gathered in his recently re-decorated hanger to party hardy.

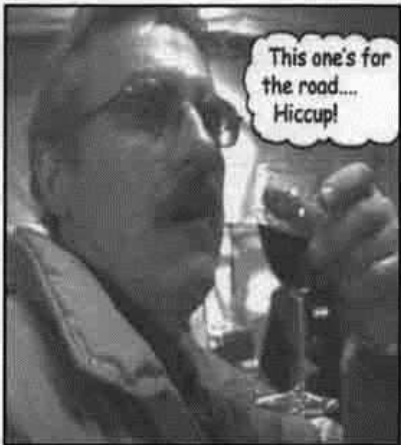




Everyone is eagerly anticipating which gift they will get as we begin our famous gift swapping segment and photo contest.



Bim, our resident chef and all around-nice guy.



Don, our famous film maker, just before someone drove him home.

WHAT FUN !

We concluded our holiday bash with gift swapping and our photo contest. Chris was not allowed to directly participate in the photo contest this year because he always cheats by taking the best photos. So the winning photo was submitted by Andre of his own plane, shot by you-know-who.

The gift swapping was intense this year. Everyone wanted the Jack Daniels and no one wanted the little flashlight. Norm won the JD and immediately disappeared. Andrea got the flashlight. Watching a grown man cry was so distressing, but I hear he is fine now.

All in all, it was one hell of a party. The preparation must have been enormous. The cleanup took over an hour but most of that was replacing the street light before the cops came.

I, for one, am putting in my bid to have the next Christmas party there again. The surroundings, the atmosphere, the food, and the hospitality were superb. However, at the next party, I want to see 70 people. I already have my seat reserved.

Submitted by Mark Johnson



The award winning photo of Andre's plane held by somebody.



Andre ended up with that damn flashlight no one wanted.



A toast to all you intrepid ultralight flyers who couldn't be here.. We missed all of you, not just Bud and Dottie. We hope you make it next year. The accommodations, the food and the fun was as good as it gets.

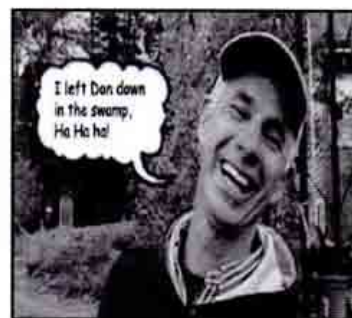


WHAT A SPREAD!

Bim prepared a meal that rivaled the finest Bay Area Restaurants. His Beef Burgundy, sauteed in copious amounts of liquor, his delicately seasoned potatoes and the unusual salad dressings would make any chef cringe in envy. His personally labeled wines were rich and full bodied and beautifully complimented the meal.

Although I was caught sneaking a third helping, I don't regret it. That was the best meal I have had in a long time.

As you can see by everyone's faces, I was not the only one who enjoyed it!



PICTURE OF THE MONTH

(Note that since no pics were submitted you only get one from me this month)



Gordon and Vic's plane during a wind storm