

EDITOR'S NOTES

Sorry the newsletter is a little late – cox mail was inoperative yesterday.

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PRESIDENTS COLUMN

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Our fun fly is approaching in March. Hopefully we will be able to see a final copy of the T-shirt design at the meeting. I have seen a preliminary that looks pretty good. Several sponsors have already responded (most usually wait until the last minute), so things are shaping up.

Many of you have noticed the increasing amount of GARBAGE being dumped at the field we are flying from. Every weekend there is more stuff. We are tentatively looking into the price for renting equipment and possibly removing true garbage and spreading the dirt into low areas. It would appear that the city has no interest in stopping people, in fact I've noticed that the patrols that used to come through on the weekend have stopped. Bob Acton has spoken with several people who have indicated that DPS is occasionally patrolling during the week and may have actually issued some tickets. He picked up a group rec. permit application, which I will again try to apply for. Previously, I was told that we couldn't use the group permit, but that was several years ago and people have changed. I believe that the DPS patrols may have something to do with the increased trash dumping. We need to make sure to pick up any trash we bring in, including helicopter remains as these point directly at us.

It's time for dues, and many still haven't paid. Please catch up with me or one of the other officers concerning this. Hopefully we will have enough members at the January meeting to hold elections. We have been lacking the head count to perform proper elections. That's it for this month. Hopefully I'll see you all at the meeting or out at the field.

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TECH TIPS

Here's a tip I just discovered while setting up my Logo 10 electric. A few people told me not to use a BEC (battery eliminator circuit) in a helicopter. Their reasoning is that if you lose the main power (like if your battery falls off!!), you won't lose control of the helicopter.

But here's an even better reason. I set up the Logo 10 with a BEC and did a radio range check. It seemed a little marginal, so I unplugged the BEC and used a NiCd pack. This more than doubled the my distance!!

JOKES

The top 20 things not to say to a cop when he pulls you over (cleaned up):

20. I can't reach my license unless you hold my beer.
19. Sorry officer, I didn't realize my radar detector wasn't plugged in.
18. Aren't you the guy from the village people?
17. Hey, you must have been doing 125 to keep up with me, good job.
14. Bad cop. No donut.
13. You're not going to check the trunk, are you?
12. Gee, that gut sure doesn't inspire confidence.
11. Didn't I see you get your butt kicked on cops?
10. Is it true that people become cops because they are too dumb to work at McDonalds?
9. I pay your salary
5. I was trying to keep up with traffic. Yes, I know there is no other cars around, that's how far they are ahead of me.
4. What do you mean have I been drinking? You are the trained specialist.