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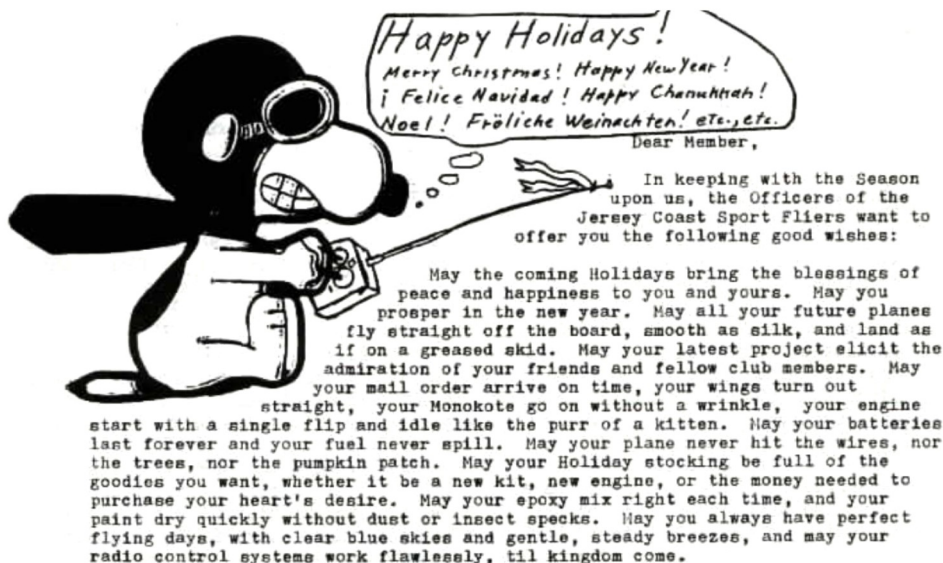
WELCOME TO 2022!!!

Well, I have to admit that the holidays snuck up on me again this year, but unlike in years past I totally missed my dates for the December newsletter. Perhaps it was because the November edition came out late, but regardless it didn't dawn on me that something was amiss until it was too late. I'd like to blame it on the ongoing weirdness that COVID seems to be casting over everything, but that's still lame. In any case for 2022 I'm making a resolution to try and make sure that I don't miss any issues this year. At least I'll give it the old college try.

Although the holidays are officially over, I felt it was still appropriate to include Snoopy's infamous holiday wishes in this first issue of the new year, which initially premiered in the *Transmitter* back in 1977 via our esteemed former editor Ed Runkel. The message still resonates **forty-five (45!!!!)** years later. Wow...

For those of you keeping track, I still think that 2021 was a MUCH better year than 2020, but not nearly as good as 2019. I'm still pretty optimistic that we're all getting used to the "new normal" and that this year will be a lot closer to 2019 than 2020, I'm crossing my fingers and toes in the hope that this comes to pass. What I think will make this year feel much more like earlier years will be getting more members engaged in club activities, whether that be our monthly meetings or coming out to the field. The Exec Board just wrapped up event planning for this year, and there are a number of changes that are included that we hope will get you back to Dorbrook. The updated calendar is now up on our website—more on all of the changes later in this issue...

Our January meeting will be on Wednesday January 26th starting at 8pm at the Eatontown Public library. It would be great to have a solid turnout—it's been quiet the past few meetings. Please bring anything you'd like to show off for MOTM :)



December Meeting Notes

Despite the promise of food for our annual holiday party, we unfortunately had a low turnout again this month. However it was great seeing those guys that made it out. We enjoyed an assortment of snacks, including fresh buffalo wings, hot pretzels, cookies and assorted cheeses and crackers.

Notes from the 12/15 meeting are as follows:

- Dave discussed the 2021 Club Awards dinner. Due to ongoing issues with COVID and the resulting low interest from the membership in having an indoors dinner we decided to again host the event outdoors at Dorbrook Park. The plan is to have it in May.
 - <Editor's note—look for more info on the plans for this event later in this issue>
- We did not have a treasurer's report this month—will catch up in January as there was very little activity this time of year.
- We reviewed the recently completed Turkey Shoot that was held in November and CD'ed by Mike K. We had a lot of fun plus Mike and Sandy provided additional opportunities for getting points. We also were able to use the bomb drop devices of our choice, which was very cool.
- Yours truly reviewed the rules for the upcoming Santa's Training Mission event that was held on Sunday 12/19.
- Due to the low turnout the Model of the Month was postponed for this month. We plan to restart it at the January meeting.
- Normally we have the club elections at the December meeting but as we didn't have quorum we postponed the vote to January '22. The current board agreed to run again for the upcoming year, plus Rob K. was nominated to take over the Recording Secretary position, which he (I) accepted.
 - <Editor's note— everyone should have received an email from Dave recently about taking a vote and any nominations by email. I believe the voting has either closed or is on the cusp of wrapping up>

Things we're doing different in 2022...

As I mentioned earlier, the Exec Board has had several lengthy conversations about what could be done to get the membership reengaged with our monthly meetings and flying at the field in general. We are all creatures of habit, and with the pandemic keeping lots of us close to home, getting back out and engaged in old activities can sometimes be tough. So we're shaking things up for '22...

First off, we've decided to trade off a pair of contest dates for Club Flying Days. This means we'll provide the food and you provide the fellowship. Come on out on these days and hang with your friends, and enjoy a nice BBQ at the field. No pressure – just fun.

Secondly, and this is a big deal—the park has given us permission to start doing night flying at the field this year. We plan on starting this following our May Awards Dinner/Club meeting, which is scheduled for Saturday May 21st starting at 3pm. For those who've flown at night before, this is great. If you're interested in trying out or just checking out the fun, here's a chance for you to do so. As we're planning to also have our normal summertime club meetings at the field on Wednesday nights, we'll also use those times to get in some flying afterwards. If anyone is interested in learning more about how to get involved in night flying feel free to reach out to me or any of the other Exec Board members— we're happy to help!

To shake things up even more, the club will be having a Scale contest in the fall. We'll have awards for static judging and flying, and any scale model is allowed—from foamy ARF to scratch built. We'll be getting more info out on this cool event very shortly :)

Last, in order to give everyone a little more incentive to come out and participate in all the events going on this year we're having a special raffle for a gift certificate to one of our favorite hobby vendors! For every event you attend— meeting, contest, open fly-in, etc., you'll get a ticket for entry into the raffle. At next year's Award ceremony we'll pull a ticket (we'll have your names on the tickets, so don't worry about being present or losing your tickets). And this way you get to pick the prize you want!!! BTW the Exec Board will be sitting out of this raffle so this is for the rank and file members only!

Santa's Training Mission—2021

It's funny— I was just wondering how many times we've held this contest, so I decided to go back and check. Lo and behold— this year's contest was the 10th anniversary of our annual flying and eating contest. Wow—I had no idea we'd been doing it for that long but I'm glad to see guys still think it's fun. Plus I love the notion that we give ourselves one last chance to get together at the field before the holidays come in full force and the weather takes a nosedive.

This year was another cold day for the mission, but it was dry albeit windy which made it definitely feel colder. However I'd have been very happy to fly off of the snow as we've done a few times over the years, but no such luck.

We had a total of seven pilots show (plus yours truly as the CD) but that number was quickly reduced to five as Dave broke his prop during his warm-up flight and didn't have a spare handy, plus Stu was literally suffering from jet lag and wasn't comfortable flying on such little sleep. So I set up the event, put out the cookies and milk, then kicked off the fun.

As you'll recall from prior reports, this contest is a landing contest that also includes an eating component. You need to deliver presents to three different "houses" and eat the milk and cookies that are left for you. Since this is a timed event there are different strategies for getting through each house quick. I gave the pilots the option of eating a large item at one house, which would allow you to skip the snack at the next. This can be risky, as choking down something like a muffin can be tough (as Stan found out). In any case a huge part of the fun is watching the guys slam down their snack while trying to get their planes back into the air. It never gets old.

Because of the cold windy conditions we all agreed to fly one round, with low time taking the win. After the dust had settled it turned out that Adam beat Stan by ***a mere two seconds***, with third going to Mike Cripps. Larry B. took fourth and Tom C, who really didn't want to choke on his food, came in a leisurely fifth place. Afterwards we all enjoyed taking presents from the grab bag, which was a lot of fun. There was some cool stuff in there.

We had another great time, and I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I for one can hardly wait for spring and the start of the flying season!

Pilot	Time	Place
Adam L.	5:15	1st
Stan B.	5:17	2nd
Mike C.	5:55	3rd
Larry B.	6:00	4th
Tom C.	10:00	5th

Photos from Santa's Training Mission

(courtesy of Stan B.)



Happy elves!



Mike making the rounds



Watch out for the muffins!



A view from the pole...



Special delivery!



Adam making time



Cool present!



Someone is going to smell good :)

More photos can be found at our website at [2021 Santa's Training Mission ::](#)

Lucky Stunts Fun Fly 10/17/2021

By Dave Mauger

Sunday, the 17th, was supposed to be Pumpkin Bowling. But as the wind was blowing at around 15 mph, the pins would not stay up. (I've got to work on that for next year) So we had to go to an alternate game. It was based on a previous fly that Mike Cripps had done using dice to determine air maneuvers. Timed event. Jake and I made a couple changes to try and even out the playing field. Each round pilots would roll two dice, two times to determine two maneuvers and how many of each. Then roll one die to determine the roll to make to stop the clock. We did three rounds, knocked off the worst time and combined the other two for an overall. As it turned out, Mother Nature had the most say in the outcome. High winds and high wing planes do not make maneuvers easy at all. It was a challenge as it should be, but it was fun. And it was actually quick as we were done by 1 o'clock. And then...pizza...and more flying. Here's the finishing order and total time for the two best rounds:

Pilot	Time	Place
Mike C.	1:17	1st
Stan B.	1:25	2nd
Dave M.	1:31	3rd
Tom C.	1:40	4th
Tom A.	1:52	5th
Darrin F.	2:21	6th
Gino S.	3:09	7th
Stu K.	DNF	8th



Dice Rollers



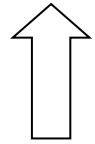
Pilots Meeting



Technical Discussion



Mmmm... tasty prizes



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Meeting – Wednesday January 26th, 8:00 PM at the Eatontown Public Library. Model of the month and raffle.

Sunday 1/16— Rescheduled Brass Monkey –noon (Mike C. CD)