



Skyhawk Report

December 2017

Next meeting is December 18th at **Epic Corean Restaurant**, 1455 Woodruff Road
Dinner at 6:30. Meeting Begins at 7:30

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Quotes of the Month

“I hate when I’m trying to pull the blankets up and I punch myself in the face.”

- Anonymous

“My husband thinks I’m crazy. But he’s the one who married me.”

- Rita Rudner

“When I say ‘I understand’ it doesn’t mean I understand, it doesn’t mean I agree, it doesn’t even mean I’m listening.”

- Charley Sheen (Two And A Half Men)

“I’m sorry; if you were right I might agree with you.”

- Robin Williams

New Members

The club welcomed four new members at the November meeting: Bill Gemmell, Jim Corry and Dan Dakin – all pilots. And, we welcomed Dan’s son, Wyatt, currently a novice, but surely not for long. Welcome to WCRC gentlemen.

Communications

- The 2017 Props and Brats has come to an end. I really appreciate all the interest and those that attended any of the events this year. I really hope that it has been both profitable and rewarding for all. I think this year alone I have seen many more pilots improve in their skills and confidence. It's always hard because precision flying can push you way past your comfort zone. And of course we all know that ultimately you can and mostly will have an accident or possibly a very close call. Once you have figured out what needs to be done it's just a matter of honing that skill.

This year we did not end up having any "Iron Man". Or in other words we did not have any one pilot attend every single event.

I would like to mention a few positive things that happened this year.

1. This year we saw a few new faces: Tommy Kameda, Glenn McLendon, and Ben Templeton. I can honestly tell you that all three of these pilots are very good pilots. And yet they were all very challenged with flying the various sequences that they chose.
2. Coming out of our local club pattern contests this year we had two pilots who chose to travel to a different state and fly a National Registered event. Steve Hildebrandt and Jim Giannico. Jim was only able to make it to Anderson GA to fly down at Mac Hodges field. If you have never been you need to try and make it there to fly. Beautiful facility and field. Steve on the other hand made it to a few other events. Besides Andersonville GA, he made it to Monroe NC, and Green Sea SC. Both guys did very well and received some valuable instructions.
3. For me the most impressive pilot was Steve Hildebrandt. This year he really embraced precision flying. Steve has put in a lot of hours practicing and working on the Intermediate sequence. It has really paid off so far and he will get better throughout next year. There was a point during the summer at which things just seemed to have really clicked for him. I am really looking forward to next year to see Steve continue to improve.

Here is the list of our Props and Brats 2017 champs:

Club Class

1. Tom Senewski
2. Tommy Kameda
3. Roberto

Sportsman Class

1. Chris Nall
2. Ed Engasser
3. Tommy Kameda

Intermediate Class

1. Steve Hildebrandt

If you have not received your award please let me know.

Again thanks to all who came out to participate. It was an honor to have been part of the fellowship and what a pleasure it was to see everyone learn and improve.

Going forward we will need to have some type of meeting. Either by phone or at one of our club meetings to decide if anything will happen next year. One thing to consider is that this year we had a little less participation at the events than in 2016. So if it would help to have fewer meets this is something we should discuss.

Best regards,

Chris Holiday

- The website is now back up for viewing. The URL is the same as before except it is wrcskyhawks.net. Because of a failed attempt to save the club money by moving to a free web host we lost the “.com” name. We did move to another web host and the yearly cost is significantly less. The new site works exactly like the old one except for the .net part. An enhancement has been made to the club application in that a front and back page can be downloaded for printing. If anyone has any suggestions for improvement, I am open to them.

Tom Holmes

Upcoming Events

Eh, it's December and it's cold out. So, nothing happening in our neck of the woods this month, except:

The annual Christmas party will be held at the club meeting on December 18 starting at 6.30 PM at the Epic Currean restaurant followed by the “traditional” Yankee Swap Xmas exchange. Values of gifts to be exchanged should be in the \$20 to \$35 range, and all gifts need to be RC related. According to the Yankee Swap rules when one selects a gift it can be “taken/stolen” twice before it becomes a permanent gift. Enjoy this one!

This Month's Special

I just gotta tell y'all. *That was one hell of a landing!*



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