



# ***Squadron 36 Dispatch***

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## **Message from the Oval Workbench**

Well, here we are in the middle, so to speak. Flying season is just over ( thanks to some last minute nice weather), and the holiday season is just about upon us. Let me take this occasion to wish all our members and their families a very Merry Christmas and the happiest of New years. I'm not going to make this a "what happened last year" missive, but I have a few comments concerning the past 12 months.

We ran three contests, at least tried to. The first was a blow out, the second set a record for low attendance, and the third was a lot of fun, even if we didn't pull the kind of numbers from the previous year. Keeping that in mind, our weekday and weekend flying days have been more numerous with better attendance. I will remind you again, anyone can fly, anytime!! If you want company, notify myself (preferably) or Jerry and we can put out an APB to let others know about your intentions. I'm only 20 minutes from the field, and being retired can usually show up given a reasonable warning.

I'm looking forward to the coming year. The "Golden age" contest is especially exciting. I should be back to my normal self as I had a hip replacement in October and am feeling a thousand percent better. FS Gilbert (Gibbs) has recently had both knees done and is well on the way to recovery.

At this point I would like to express my undying gratitude and thanks to my indomitable Vice-President and Secretary, Jerry Litschi. Most of the stuff we deal with, from getting access cards to filing for contest sanctions is dealt with by Jerry. Next time you see him shake his hand and say "thanks"!!

Lastly, (finally you say!?! ) the annual winter gathering here in my basement/oval workshop will be earlier this, hopefully, I'll let you know when, most likely mid February.

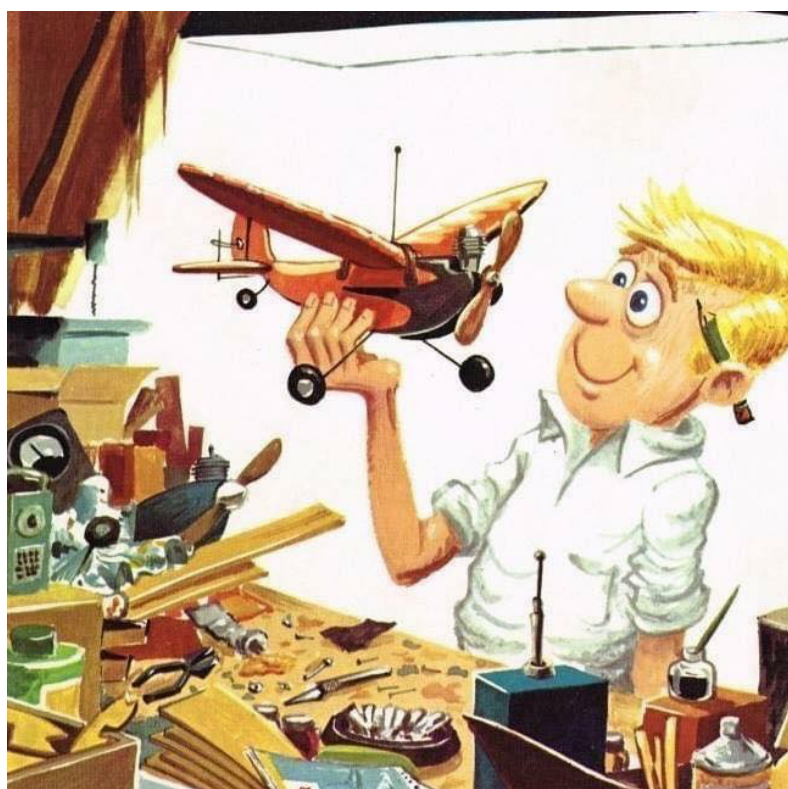
Best of the holiday season to you all!! See you soon!!

Da Prez





Hopefully it won't be too long before We have to deal with this again!



Are we all being good Modelers and building our next Masterpiece?

I'm not, too busy with prepping for winter and reorganizing my hobby.

Now Christmas is here with its' own needs

At least I managed to get my woodworking-shop up and running again





Our FAI member Ron Felix has been very busy! He was flying all over the place this year. Canada, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, and Mongolia. I spend a day with Ron in September. He mentioned the Traveling. And that he was to meet the FAI Vice president of Free Flight. This picture Taken in Tashkent, Uzbekistan I have yet to find out if that is an award or not.



So beautiful when there're more than one plane in the air!

## **FROM THE HILLTOWN HANGER**

The dues letters are on their way soon. The letter hints at some of the things in the works for 2025. We owe a debt to the Maxecuters of DC. If a few of their members had not joined our club, we would not be having contests. So, Da Prez and I have changed thing up for them. Since they are too far from the field. They are no longer required to obtain the access card. They come to the contest pay the entry fee (\$20) and fly as a guest.

Now for the part that would seem only fair, for those of our members that can access Waywayanda easier and with less travel time. You could have the same right, keep in mind that you will not be able to use the field except for contests. I not advising one thing or the other. If you are going to use the field for fun, trimming or practice buy the farm access card.

The silly old man signing off    **Merry Christmas to one and all!!**