



# UTE R/C ASSOCIATION

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## New Year's Day Fun Fly

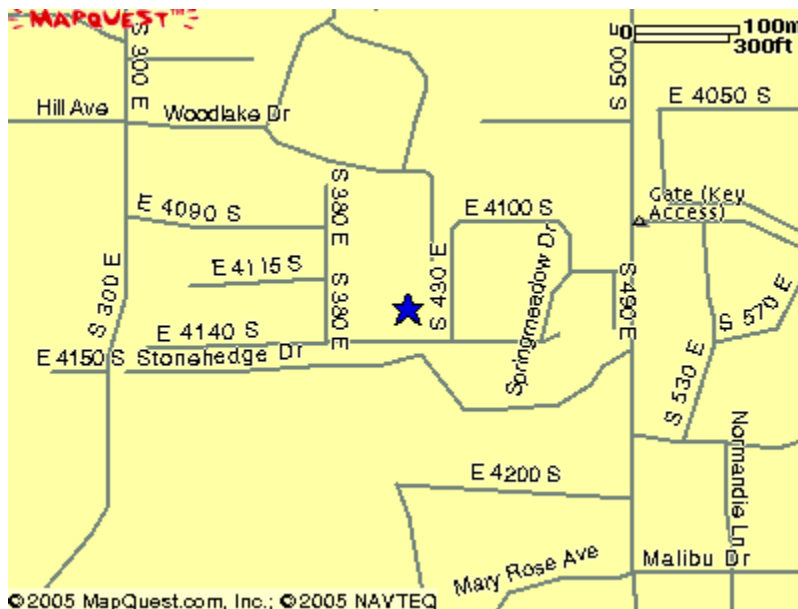
We had a great turn-out for our New Year's Day Fun-Fly in spite of the really lousy conditions. It was a little colder than normal and the winds were blowing in front of a storm later that day. I guess the good part was that the snow did hold off until after the activities.

A drawing was held for a really nice Saito FA-125A engine valued at approximately \$600.00. John Klugiwitze made a really nice "contribution" to the club and won the engine. Congratulations John, we're all looking forward to seeing it fly.

There were a few brave souls who actually braved the weather and flew. I took pictures then promptly lost them all. Sorry, bad newsletter guy!

## Club Meetings:

Club meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held at the Spring Meadows apartments on 4115 S 430 East starting at 7:00 (or whenever we can get a key). I'm told that you can enter from 500 E. but the driving directions talk about 300 E. Here's a map to get you in the general area:



## CLUB FUEL & GLUE

*Evan Higginson (266-8010), Mike Ellsworth (966-7706), and Scott Davis (484-3619) all have fuel and glue for sale to club members. Give them a call and get your fuel and glue!*

## Our Local Hobby Shops

**MRS HOBBY** <http://www.mrshobby.com/> 9445 South 690 East (801) 572-6082

**WEST VALLEY HOBBIES** <http://www.wvhobbies.com/> 1765 West 5400 South (801) 964-1700

**Some Dudes Hobby Shop** <http://www.somedudeshobbyshop.com/> 7946 South State (801) 233-6565

**WORLD CLASS MODELS** <http://www.worldclassmodels.com/> 411 East 1400 South, Orem (801) 235-1869

**DOUGLAS MODELS** West Jordan, 7700 Redwood Rd — (801) 255-1304

**Ultimate Hobbies** - 588 West 800 South, Bountiful (801) 298-5664

**R C Evolution** 966 North Main, Tooele 435-882-5527 Toll Free 877-882-5527 (Todd Wilcox)

**Regional Supply Inc** *Coroplast 2mm and 4mm* -3571 So. 300 West (801) 262-6451

**Way to go inc.** *Pneumatic retracts* - Ron Jones (801) 975-7500

**Norma's Custom Crafts** *Custom wing covers* - Norma (801) 973-7804



## President's Message

Well it's like Yogi Berra said "*This is like deja vu all over again.*"

I'mmmmm back – so let's see how we can make the best of it.

This next year should be an interesting time.

We have some new projects in the planning stages and some new ideas that we are going to try out this next year.

We started reaching out to our fellow clubs last year with very good success. The other clubs really enjoyed working with our members and all asked for more shared events and activities. We will do more of these type activities this year.

I would really appreciate any of you with meeting or event ideas to let us know so we can make things happen for you..

The officers hold a planning/business meeting on the first Tuesday of each month. I would like you to know that these meetings are open to all members and anyone may attend if you have an interest. Please contact any one of the officers for time and place.

Last month, the hardy guys finally got into the club house about an hour late. The building owners changed the lock again, plus the maintenance guy that came over 45 minutes later didn't even have a key and had to go back and get a second key. That made it almost an hour before we could get in. Thanks to those hardy souls that stuck it out.

I'll do my best to see that this doesn't happen again this year.

Hopefully you guys have been getting in some flying in this on again – off again spring – winter season.

Now go teach a kid to fly.

Wade

## Vice-Presidents Message

Steve tried real hard to get something to me, but had some computer technical difficulties and was not able to get it in. Thanks for trying Steve.

## Safety Officers Message

Safety Notes Feb 2006

This month I'd like to spend some time talking about propellers and the dangers associated with them. Common sense says that we should not stick any part of our body into a spinning propeller. Unfortunately this still seems to happen all the time. Why someone would use a finger instead of a chicken stick is beyond me? I did once. After a lot a blood and a few Band-Aids I quickly got into the habit of putting my chicken stick in my pocket as soon as i got my gear out of my car.

There are other things to consider though. Have you checked that wooden prop for cracks? When you pick up a new wooden prop, check the grain of it. It should have an even parallel grain to the wood. If not pick out one that does. Do you sand the backside of your APC type props a little and properly balance all props before you put them on your plane? My own fingers can tell you, from personal experience, that the backside of those buggers is as sharp as a razor blade. Trust me, a little sanding will not make any difference in performance that you would even notice. Balancing is important because an improperly balanced prop will cause undue vibrations which are rough on the airframe and motor. Do you have one of those fancy carbon fiber props? Watch out for those carbon fiber threads they love to embed themselves under your skin and can be quite nasty to pull back out. If you have a damaged carbon fiber prop, or any other type for that matter, it's best just to throw it away. Another use could be as a stir stick for your next can of paint. If you land like me you will very quickly have a lifetime supply of stir sticks. Also, while your looking at your prop, check your spinner. Those plastic ones love to get a crack in them. Now think about how fast that puppy's spinning at full throttle when your "ground testing" and just how many sharp little pieces of plastic will embed into your skin when

that crack decides to spread all the way. Have you checked to ensure your prop is tightened securely and for that matter all other nuts, bolts, and screws on your airplane? I know we've all heard all this before, but I think since all these things keep happening perhaps we should all hear it again. Okay maybe that prop that shattered from the crack didn't hit you, but what about that 3yr old watching from 5ft away. Speaking of standing away, try to keep yourself behind the propeller and never directly to the side of it. If a blade should break off, centrifugal force is going to throw it at you. Same things apply to you electric guy, and unlike that gasser which will kill the motor after cutting into your finger that electric is still going to try and keep spinning. That's all for now. Keep safe and teach a kid to fly

To all club members. I'm looking for other people's "mistakes" they have made in the past in the form of a short story. I would like to compile a safety letter of others experiences so that we can all have a good laugh and maybe even learn a few lessons of what not to do. I will withhold your name if requested. Please email any "safety mistake" story's to me at [klugie2@comcast.net](mailto:klugie2@comcast.net). Thank you.

## 21 Ways to Kill Your Club

□The following list was obtained from a leading national community service organization. We can all learn from it.

1. Don't attend meetings, but if you do, arrive late.
2. Be sure to leave before the meeting is over and make sure everyone hears you leave.
3. Sit in the back so you can talk with other members during the meeting.
4. Never have anything to say at meetings; wait until you get outside, then always be negative.
5. After meetings, find fault with club officers and fellow members.
6. Hold back your annual dues as long as possible, or better yet, don't pay at all.
7. Never accept an office or serve on a committee. It is much easier to criticize than to do.
8. When everything else fails, abuse the club's officers.
9. Don't bother enlisting new members; let the others do it all.
10. At meetings, agree to everything, then go home and do nothing.
11. Don't tell the club how its policy can help you, but if it doesn't help you, tell everyone else it's useless.
12. Do nothing more than what's necessary, but when other members roll up their sleeves and willingly use their ability to help matters along, complain that the club is being run by a clique or dictator.
13. Talk cooperation but never cooperate.
14. Get all that the club has to give but give nothing in return.
15. Threaten to leave the club if something isn't the way you want it.
16. If you're asked to help, always say you don't have time.
17. Never read any mailings or seek information. You might find out what's going on.
18. If appointed to a position, never devote any time to it. Let someone else do it all.
19. Overlook your own shortcomings and concentrate on what they are not doing.
20. Repeat all the unpleasant things about your club to anyone who will listen.
21. Always criticize club officers whenever the opportunity arises. □