



The Gold Country Flyer

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Date: Dec 14, 2023 **Annual Christmas Party**

The mixer started around 6 pm and dinner was announced at 7 pm. Due to many generous members we had a very full spread of delectables in the form of a variety of main dishes, sides, cookies, cakes and pies. There was more than enough to go around and even after quite a few "seconds" more remained.

As the dinner wound down, MC Tom Minger conducted a short business meeting by thanking all who helped with the dinner and hall setup and also acknowledged current members who fill the positions that keep the club running smoothly. He announced the incoming elected officers and gave them the mike to voice comments. We are welcoming John Stoney as President and Dick Belden as Vice-President for 2024. The Dummy Of the Month was also discussed and the trophy went to Buzz Bussard for attempting to fly a plane using a 72 mhz transmitter...without extending the antenna.

Next up was the much anticipated raffle. Thanks to Chuck Powell and a few extra donors the tables were full of good stuff. As in past year-end raffles, Alan Ross' wife put together a table full of "Ladies Gifts" and all ladies in attendance were given a free raffle ticket.

Those numbers were called out randomly throughout the event. The ladies tended to be more “vocal” when their number was called, just saying.

Chuck had a newly designed ticket drum and it was pretty stuffed. When you get 26 tickets with one number on \$10 a card, they add up in a hurry. The smaller items went first. Tom would hold up an item and a number would be drawn. Several volunteer runners would speed the item to the winner. When we got to the large items: planes, kits, ARFs, Tom would describe the item, the number would be called, then the winner’s ticket was attached so the owner could retrieve it after the raffle. All in all, it went pretty quickly and smoothly.

As the raffle concluded and the event adjourned, quite a few remained to help break down the tables and chairs and general clean up, ladies and kids included.

Here are some pictures of the party. Tom Minger was the major contributor, thanks!







