

6. Treasurer's report¹: Members: 68+1 Account balance: \$11,724

7. Appointed position reports:

- Safety Officer: Lance was not present. No safety issues were raised.
- Newsletter: Dee Merrill has sent the December newsletter. There were some complications with email servers blocking mass mailings, but he created separate lists for various email domains and that helped. After many years of dedicated service, Dee is retiring from this position. We all offer him our sincere thanks for his contribution, he will be missed!
- Website: Tom Minger will be updating the club roster on the website once the renewal window for 2025 has ended.
- Club Raffle: Jay Clifton reported the Christmas raffle brought in \$975 for the club. Thank you to all who participated, and congratulations to those who walked away with new treasures and future projects!

8. Committee reports:

- A. Swap meet will be the 2nd or 3rd Saturday in August, depending on other scheduled events
- B. Christmas party will be scheduled in December based on availability of the NSGW hall
- C. Promoting Flying: Nothing to report
- D. Field Maintenance: Nothing to report

9. Announcements / Pertinent correspondence:

- Fred informed us that Ron Lenci has passed away. Our sincere condolences go out to his son Shawn and their entire family.

10. Discussion of old or continuing business:

- Gates to replace the stiles? John Stoney brought this up at the last meeting, but no one present had any additional information. Todd will seek clarification from John to see how far along this project was taken last year and what needs to be done to continue with it.
- Moving meetings to a new night of the week? This has come up many times in the past as we have members who would like to be active in the club but cannot attend on Thursdays. We finally put it to a vote and, without opposition, voted to move meetings to the 1st Tuesday of the month beginning in March. Wednesday was also considered as a viable option, but it was believed Alan Ross could not attend on Wednesdays, so Tuesday was approved².

11. Discussion of new business:

- Dick Belden has removed some of the leaves from the pit area, but his leaf blower is not up to the task when the leaves are soggy. Jim Moore offered to try with his high-powered leaf blower.

¹ Alan Ross was not present at the meeting. The information was collected after the meeting and included here.

² As luck would have it, we later learned Alan Ross can attend on Wednesdays, but not on Tuesdays. We will attempt to rectify this minor oversight in our February meeting with another vote to approve the 1st Wednesday of each month.

- Lee Letchworth has scheduled control-line combat for April 25, 26 & 27 (Fri – Sun). Tom will communicate this plan to the rest of the club via an email.

12. Presentation of member's modeling projects:

- Lee brought in a control-line plane based on a design he developed at 14 years old. It has a clear covering, so he stained the fuselage and some of the interior pieces of wood and the result was quite remarkable. And to top it off, it's only caught on fire once, and the flames were thankfully extinguished before spreading through the dry grass!

13. Dummy of the Month: John Stoney, for crashing his T-28 after (supposedly) losing radio signal. We've all crashed for THAT reason, right? Jim Caudle would have taken the honors for crashing his Ultimate 3D bi-plane, but he went down NEAR the pond instead of IN the pond. Better luck next time, Jim!

14. Club Raffle: A special thanks to Dick Belden for donating an airplane to this month's raffle, and congratulations to Craig for winning it. We're all anxious to see it in the air!