



# The R/C Flyer

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Next Meeting – Thursday, January 11 at 7:00pm - Clear Lake Park Bldg.

## The President's Corner

By: *Clay Bare*

Oh boy, 2001 is finally here! I hope St. Nick brought you exactly what you wanted. I guess that means that we will have a lot of product reviews in the upcoming newsletters (hint, HINT!). Charles, clean up your hard drive to make room for all the articles.

I myself didn't get any RC equipment for Christmas since I got two heli's , a radio, and a lot of other odds and ends throughout 2000. I did however get a real nice toolbox/work center. It has plenty of drawer space for all of my tools and a nice working surface on top for me to put my heli on while I work on it. It also has several small trays molded around the top to keep those small screws off the floor. This also allows me to keep my building table clear until my son or daughter decides he or she is ready to try RC airplanes. Heck with the latest explosion of new airplane kits coming to the market, I may even breakdown and buy one for myself. Has anyone seen Lanier's new Phantom or Kyosho's Electric Learjet? Even some of the new "Park Flyers" look very intriguing.

Throw some of the new heli kits in the mixture such as the Raptor 60 and now I feel like a kid in a candy store with only a quarter to spend. So many kits, so little time, so little hanger space.

I want to remind everyone of the safety audit forms located in the field box. If each member would commit to completing one each month, we could start focusing on some of the major safety issues at the field. An article in the most recent Model Aviation illustrated the importance of good communication between pilots while on the flightline. Calling out takeoffs or landings, or that you wish to do aerobatics in the center of the flight pattern may make the difference between two pilots having a great day at the field

or two pilots loading up Hefty bags at the end of the day. The incident in the article involved a fixed wing and a rotary wing, but let's not get into that can of worms, as the accident had nothing to do with the types of aircraft involved.

It seems I have run out of things to talk about for now (stop cheering!). So until next month, may all your landings be intentional.

Happy New Year

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## What a Christmas Party!

By: *Charlie Teixeira*

Those of you that missed the club's Christmas party missed a good one. The attendance was great and so was the food.





Several people walked away with valuable door prizes and exiting cub officers were acknowledged for their contributions with newly obtained club mugs.

Six models competed for the Model of the Year award and Holly Mathia won the honor and the \$100 prize. (A hand recount was sought by the runner-up but was denied).



Holly Mathia with her Model of the Year

So if you missed this party, make a note to attend next years (bigger and better) party.

## **SIG "Something Extra" Product Review**

*By: Charlie Teixeira*

I recently purchased a SIG airplane kit called "Something Extra". It's been a while since I built a SIG kit and I am really impressed by the quality of the balsa, hardware and instructions. The model has been coming together very quickly aided by the accurate and well fitting interlocking laser cut parts. The instructions are very detailed. I am finished with the basic construction and have started covering with Monokote. I plan on putting a K&B .48 in the plane and hope to have it finished in the next few weeks. (With the ease and quality of construction, why bother with an ARF at 2-3 times the cost?? The last ARF I built had so much epoxy on the control surface hinges that every single control surface was locked in place (UGH!). Sorry for the soap box dissertation).

If this "Something Extra" flies anything like Scott White's, it will be a real beauty. Will let you know how it flies.

## **Model Airplane News 25 Best New Products for 2001**

*By: Charlie Teixeira*

The February issue of *Model Airplane News* has a feature on new (and neat) products for 2001. Most of them are tempting which raises the question, which ones are really worth the hype? So if you have one of these new gadgets (maybe you were lucky and got one for Christmas) share with us what you like/don't like about these new products.

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