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Hope you all had great holidays and that Santa brought you lots of r/c goodies. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for helping with the SVF open house and the Turkey Electric Fly in. Both went very well, I think. We did not get a lot of spectators for the open house, but everyone seemed to have a good time and enjoyed the diversity of aircraft types flown. The Turkey Fly also went well, although with a less than anticipated pilot turn out. Possibly because of AMA not getting the event listed in Model Aviation. We had the largest amount of donated merchandise that we have ever had. Every pilot got a hat and at least one merchandise award thanks to the generous donation of many manufacturers. We were still able to send \$1200.00 and about 100 lbs. of food to St. Mary's Food Bank. Again, thank you all for the help and support.

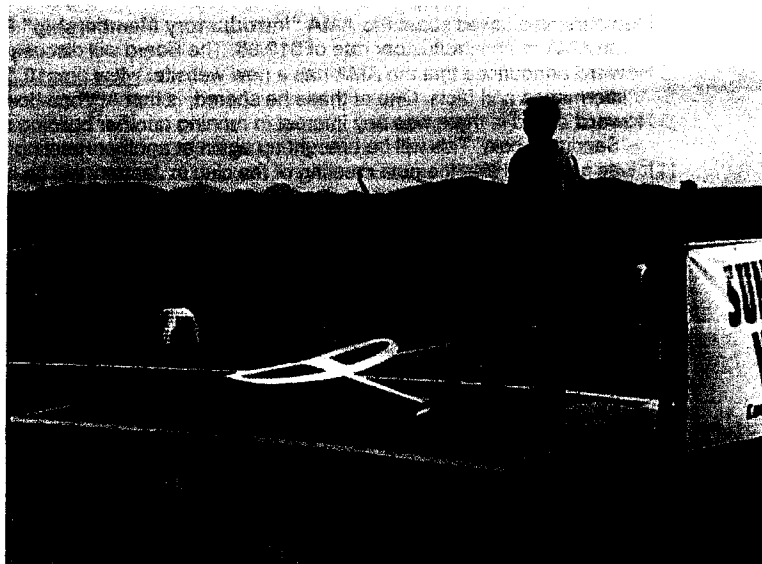
We are working to see what we have to do to become an AMA leader club. It appears that we already meet all the criteria. More on this later. Also Dr Paul Steinberg is checking with AMA concerning their intro pilot program. Again more later.

The field gate has seen a minimum amount of vandalism lately. We did lose one lock, but the vandalism has slowed down. While on the subject of the gate, if you should find the fence cut, **PLEASE** do not go through the cut fence. Open the gate and go through it. The Park Rangers, and who knows whom else, are out there observing, and we need to do all that we can to please the people that control the use of our facility.

By the time that you receive this it will be 2004. Remember, no 2004 AMA card, you may not fly. **PERIOD**. Most of you know now that flying is limited to SVF members and their invited guests with the member responsible for his/her guest. Also I would like to ask everyone to be keenly aware of safety while at our flying field. If someone should speak to you about a safety issue, remember they are concerned and only trying to help you and the other people there. Thank you.

Lets make 2004 a **GREAT** for the SVF and it's members.

Safety Tip - It seems that several pilots have been observed leaning over the prop of their airplanes while adjusting the needle valve. We don't need to tell you what could happen if the prop should let go; so please remember to keep yourself behind the prop at all times.



Waiting to taxi at the Electric Fly

Don't forget to have your new AMA card if you plan to fly after January 1. Year 2004 SVF stickers are required also.

MEMORY LOSS

Two Radio Control hobbyists were talking after dinner one night. One of them remarked to the other that with oncoming age comes short-term memory loss. To help alleviate this condition, he had taken memory classes where he learned to remember things by word association. Then, he told his friend about a new hobby shop he had visited the day before. The hobby shop had high-class merchandise with unusually low prices. The other man got excited and asked for the name of the hobby shop. The first man couldn't remember, so he said, "Let's test what I learned in memory class. What do you call the pretty flower that comes in many colors and has thorns?" "A rose," the second man answered. "That's it!" The first man turned to his wife. "Rose, what was the name of that local hobby shop we visited yesterday?"

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