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NEW YEARS DAY FUN FLY

Wednesday January 1 was our first New Years day fun fly. I left my house around 7:40 hoping to be the first one there. Halfway out of my development I remembered my batteries sitting on the counter, so back to the house I went. When I pulled into the field driveway the chain was down and halfway down the road was Cliff McMorris.

Cliff was the first to arrive, we both started putting our planes together. Cliff was quick to get his plane together, then he switched it on and nothing, was it not bound or was it on the wrong plane or did he have the wrong transmitter? While Cliff sorted things out I saw my chance, a little after 8am I was the first in the air (Cliff was next several minutes later).

Doug Richardson was the first in the air with a helicopter (if you call lifting off six inches and scooting fifty feet across the runway flying). Cliff Chmiel showed Doug how it is done putting on quite a show with several helicopters.

Cliff and Jordan McMorris engaged in a dog fight between an Extra 300 and a quadcopter, but it didn't end well. The first crash of the new year was a twofer (the Extra 300 got the worst of the incident).

No one took a headcount but our best estimates are there were about thirty people in attendance with most people flying. Nate Martin and Gary Shea were busy helping new pilots with trainer planes on a buddy box. The day ended with the two Cliffs putting on a control line demonstration that had everyone's attention.

The feedback from those in attendance was very positive. When asked, everyone voted to call this event Gator Day fun fly. So next year's New Year's Day event will be known as Gator Day.

Michael Myers reports that we registered several new members and received many renewals.

Note; Michael, after a lot of head scratching and hard work was able to set up a new club bank account. We can now deposit checks and pay bills. Thanks for your hard work Michael! That means there is no reason not to pay your dues, so get your dues in please.