



# Skyhawk Report

February 2011

Next meeting Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at Perkins Restaurant, 1455 Woodruff Road  
Dinner at 6:30 Meeting Begins at 7:30

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## Quotes of the Month

“The worst thing about new books is that they keep us from reading the old ones.”

- John Wooden

“If all the world is a stage, where is the audience sitting?”

- Oxy Moron

“I don't really like political jokes. I've seen too many of them get elected.”

- Will Rogers

Question: “When a couple has a baby, who is responsible for its sex?”

Answer: “I'll lend him the car, the rest is up to him.”

- Charlie Weaver, Hollywood Squares

## New Members

Two new members joined the club at the January 17<sup>th</sup> meeting: John Horvath and Trent Crawford. Both gentlemen are novices at the moment, but we'll get 'em “signed off” pretty quick like when the weather permits us to use something other than ice skates or skis to land on.

## Communication

- A motion was made, and passed, at the January club meeting to allocate \$300 per year from the treasury to help offset dues for WCRC instructors. The details of this program will be decided at a future club meeting.
- Also at the January meeting the suggestion was made that we have a posted schedule for the WCRC instructors. The idea would be to have novices use the schedules to call the trainers and make arrangements for lessons. It was decided that more discussion about this will take place at the February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

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## Upcoming Events

2/19/2011 -- Scranton, South Carolina. FLYING TIGERS SWAPSHOP & FUN FLY. Site: Club Field, 1443 McKnight Road, Scranton, South Carolina 29591. \$10 Landing Fee. Pilots must have AMA membership to fly. We'll fly Friday night and all day Saturday. Includes Swap Meet: table fee \$5.00 for non-flyers. Also includes Chili Challenge Cookoff: No rules, three judges, participants must be ready by 11:30 AM (Winner gets \$100!). Contact: [www.flyingtigersrc.com](http://www.flyingtigersrc.com)

2/26/2011 -- Gaston, South Carolina. CONGAREE FLYERS 3RD ANNUAL HELI FLY IN. Site: Club Field. John Morgan, Contest Director. Phone: (803) 445-2323 Email: [rcavi8or@gmail.com](mailto:rcavi8or@gmail.com). Great fun, great fellowship, great food. 60' x 600' runway with plenty of overfly room. Open flying, events, prizes, 50/50 available. Novice area and novice help. Swap and shop OK. \$10 landing fee includes lunch. No channel 20 please. Sponsor: CONGAREE FLYERS

## Huh?

I read in the press these days that “global warming” is the *cause* of the bizarre, yet undeniable, *cooling* phenomena we experienced in the South (and the East and the North and the West) this past month. Hard to fathom, or even figure out, but, eh, what do I know? Suffice it to say, January was a bit ... uh ... shall we declare, quite useless. Useless, of course, except to those terribly ingenious, crafty little squirrels in my yard which climb up the tree to get the bird seed outta the feeder since they were not counting on eight inches of snow and, hence, their

winter stash was insufficient, or maybe they just couldn't find it. That activity left all the wee birds sort of stupefied as to how to overcome these flagrant little beasts in the effort to endure through March. Yet (see the first sentence), nature has a "way" and no doubt they'll all be back come the Spring for their feedings.

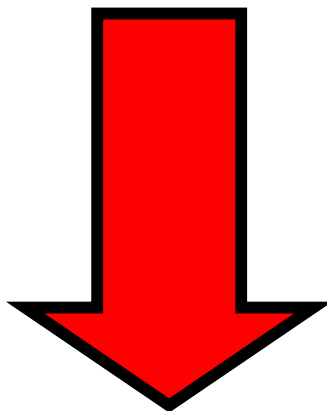
And speaking of trees, I will deduce that most of you have not been out to the field of late. But you're gonna like it! See, a couple of months ago the field's owner decided to sell all the trees to a paper company and in came the saws and the dozers and those wonderful machines used to pick up fifty foot long trees and put 'em through a "stripper" removing all the branches, at the rate of about one minute per! It's really fascinating to watch! And progress has been made each day. It's going to take them a while longer to get through all that acreage but, come the Ides of March, my guess is that our field will be mostly, well, barren. And that'll mean no more "incidents" on takeoff or approach due to the presence of those monster trees, although you're still on your own as to "incidents" *other* than the trees. The power lines to the left of the runway, for now, will continue to challenge us, of course, but hey, one cannot have everything one might wish for!

The possibilities are, literally, stunning! We'll be able to extend the runways, if we choose, fly those big 35% jobbies that we now have to go out to Blue Ridge or Flying Tigers or Firetower Flyers to fly and, dare I say it, we'll be able to fly jets!

I think we're going to have a *great* year!

## **This Month's Special**

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