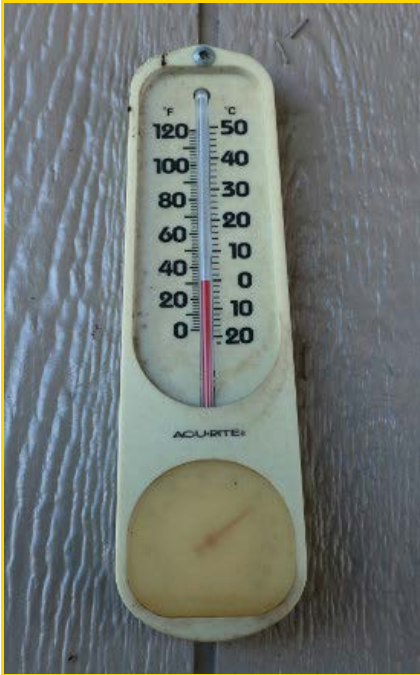


## Chili Fly-In at Agate Field, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016

The backdrop for this year's initial event was a record month of rainfall and surge in the depleted snowpack and very cold fingers handling the transmitters. Sometimes Agate field can have weather that is different than the cities and towns around and that was very apparent this year. The drive to the flying field was through debris fields of blown over signs and tree branches caused by gusty winds that would make flying beyond difficult. Arriving at the actual field saw flags hanging limp, blue skies and almost an unnatural calm and about fifty model airplane enthusiasts. It was also cold as heck!



Here you see the perennial early bird, Rod Elledge, who has won "First Up" honors in years past. He has done it again to win the admiration of all who arrived later. Well done Rod! ->Attested by Kevin Parker

There was evidence that Santa had been very nice to some flyers

as witnessed by some very shiny new birds.

David Boteler has a snazzy new T-28 Trojan with electric retracts that he maiden.



Steve Coleman brought his very nice Jet that he put through its paces to the delight of everyone!





Some of the new birds were not so shiny! Cliff Sands maidened his "Skelator" flying man. That thing really does fly.



There is always some drama when model airplanes are flown and this year's award goes to Larry Maerz here flying a plane that went up with three wheels but is coming down with only two.



Guys tend to bring out their trusted friends and nothing spells trusted better than a good old Four Star... always a good choice to begin the year.





Ron Kelso managed to take off and then successfully land his plane after he somehow caused the transmitter to be set to another model! If anyone has ever done that and had a whole airplane at the end of the flight... well it usually ends in a long walk with a black garbage bag! Ron pulled it off and his plane is still in one piece.



Who does not love a good old P-51 with retracts screaming through the air? Corey is at it again!

**This event always brings out the old friends to share some stories and some hot Chili.**



Even though it was very cold, there was super bright sunshine. Notice Corey Myers (the kid without sunglasses) doing the squinty eye thing.

L-to-R: Calvin Emigh, Richard Schwegerl, Rod Elledge, Corey Myers, Pat Dunlap, Larry Maerz, Randy Hutton, Paul Starks





Chuck Ammerman



Tim Agee



Martin Sherman and Larry Myers



Calvin Emigh and Kai Aiello



Cliff Sands and Ben Musolf



Ray Wasson, Jerry Stinson, Danny Laviolette, Tom Everts, Ron Kelso

Thanks to Larry Myers and Calvin Emigh and Larry Scoggins who made and brought great main dishes! Happy New Year!!

