FIXIT WRIGHT

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1 — SEE THE NOTICE UP ON THE BULLETIN BOARD, FIXIT? WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A MID-WINTER MEET! — WHAT! — SURE, DOWN AT HOLZE'S LAKE.

2 — SEE — PENGUIN CONTEST — FEB 10TH — 1ST PRIZE $25.00 BOY, COULD I USE THAT 25 BUCKS! — THERMALIERS — "CLUB MEMBERS ONLY..... COMBINED CLASS EVENT. WINNER TO BE FLYER WHO ACCUMULATE'S THE MOST FLYING TIME BETWEEN 10AM AND 3P.M." SOME FUN.

3 — THE BOYS WORK FEVERISHLY TO MODIFY SOME MODELS FOR COLD WEATHER FLYING — I FOUND OUT LAST WINTER YOU HAVE TO "SELECT" EXTRA VOLATILE GLOW FUELS FOR ZERO WEATHER STARTS.

4 — AREN'T YOU READY YET, TAILSKID? — THESE LONG JOHNS ARE HECK TO PUT ON! DID YOU BRING A THERMOS OF COFFEE? — YEAH!

5 — HEY, BUNNY, YOU CAN'T COME ALONG! — WHY NOT? — WE'RE NOT PUTTING UP WITH YOUR CHILLS IN THIS WEATHER.

6 — WHO'D YOU THINK WAS GOING TO CHASE AFTER YOUR MODELS IF NOT ME ON MY ICE SKATES? 'SURE YOU DON'T WANT ME ALONG?

7 — I BOUGHT A BRAND NEW SET OF BOOSTERS YESTERDAY AND WIRED THREE OF 'EM IN PARALLEL. THAT OUGHT TO GIVE US A HOT SPARK! — TAKE IT EASY, WILL YA!

8 — BRING ME SOME MORE WOOD, BUNNY! — MOST OF THE GUYS SEEM TO BE HAVING TROUBLE, CHUM. THEY'RE FREEZING THEIR FINGERS TRYING TO START THEIR ENGINES — THEY SHOULD'VE BROUGHT GLOVES AND MITTENS TOO!

9 — BOY WE'RE REALLY RACKING UP TIME! HOW MANY FLIGHTS WILL THIS ONE MAKE FOR YOU? — SEVENTEEN!

10 — THAT ENGINE SHOULD HAVE CUT OUT LONG AGO! I'LL BET THAT TIMER IS FROZEN. — YOU SHOULD HAVE TAKEN TAILSKID'S ADVICE AND USED A TIMER TANK, FIXIT!

11 — TAILSKID'S TIMER TANK — TRANSPARENT TUBE WITH MARKINGS ON SIDE. RELEASE, SHIP WHEN FUEL LEVEL REACHES 15 SEC. MARK.

12 — FIXIT'S PLANE WENT O.O.S. BUT FLIGHT AFTER FLIGHT GOES SMOOTHLY FOR THE WELL-PREPARED TAILSKID.....

13 — 3:30 P.M. — TAILSKID, LET'S MAKE THIS BRIEF. YOU WIN THE PENGUIN TROPHY AND THE $25.00. CONGRATULATIONS! LET'S GO HOME, I'M COLD.

14 — WELL, LET'S GET STARTED, TAILSKID! Y'KNOW, BUD WAS RIGHT — IT'S REALLY GOTTEN COLD. HEY — WHAT'S THAT GREEN STUFF UNDER THE JEEP? — LOOKS AS THOUGH IT MIGHT BE.... OH, NO!

15 — YEAH, YOU KNUCKLEHEAD — FROZEN ANTIFREEZE! DIDN'T YOU CHECK THE FREEZING POINT OF THIS MIXTURE? — SURE I DID! JUST THREE OR FOUR WEEKS AGO, AND I'VE ONLY ADDED WATER A FEW TIMES SINCE. I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT!

16 — LUCKY YOU BOYS NOTICED THAT FROZEN ANTIFREEZE AND CALLED RIGHT AWAY. A WHILE LONGER AND YOU'D HAVE HAD A CRACKED BLOCK IT ISN'T FROZEN SOLID YET — JUST "POPPED" THE FREEZE PLUGS! — OH, BROTHER! HOW MUCH, MAC? — OH, ABOUT A $1.50 FOR THE PLUGS — BUT $25.00 FOR THE TOW! — OH NO! — WENNERSTROM

NOTE: DON'T LET TAILSKID'S WOES DISMAY YOU! SLIP SOME SKI'S ON YOUR FAVORITE GASSIE AND TRY A MID-WINTER CLUB MEET WITH YOUR BUDDIES. CHOOSE YOUR OWN RULES TO SUIT LOCAL FLYING CONDITIONS...