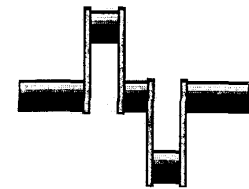


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NEXT MEETING
January 17 – 10AM
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Nomination and
Election of officers.

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Meeting Notes

December 13, 2004

Bob Kradjian, Secretary

Annual Christmas Party a success, again.

Once more, we had a splendid time “yacking and snacking.” However, it was much more than snacking. The food was elegant and abundant. Thanks to all for your contributions.

As there was no formal meeting, there are no notes and not much to report.

This may be a good time to reflect on the state of our group and its future. We are nearly a hundred strong, which makes us one of the largest clubs in the country. The New England group and the Detroit Metalworking group would be of similar size. I believe we have hit a good compromise between excessive formality and chaos. Our meetings have a minimum of wrangling or tedious housekeeping-type business and a maximum of what we really come out for. That is, the celebration of miniature engines and the home shop machinists that make them. The best part of our meeting is always the socializing with our fellow members.

When you look about at one of our meetings, you will see folks that have an amazing amount of knowledge and experience. From experience, I can tell you that they are very generous in helping other members in need of a hand.

I have been corresponding with a Wall engine collector in Maryland who tells me that there are no running Walls in his area. After reviewing our old newsletters and photos, he said he used up all his Kleenexes from drooling.

Our annual election is scheduled for this meeting. Think about our leadership and who you want in place. A reminder, I will not be able to take the outside activities post due to time restrictions. We can either continue our “engine shows” or allow them to either lapse, or be reduced. Three of these are almost automatic, we simply show up and make our display. I will be away in Arizona for the January meeting, can someone take some notes? I can type them up.

The scheduled national shows for 2004 are Cabin Fever January 17 and 18, NAMES April 24 and 25, GEARS (Portland) September 25 and 26, and Men, Metal, and Machines (Visalia)

October 23 and 24. Regrettably, no more PRIME; thanks Patrick and Ram for many fine years.

Holiday Gathering December 13, 2003









Wright Model B

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At the January 2004 meet we will have a talk by John Servin, of HS&S, on the rewards and pitfalls of buying used machinery, how to recognize a serious problem, and the methods/costs of repairing your new jewel.

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