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Club Meetings are held the Third Thursday of every month at Brauer's Restaurant 6611 Campbell Blvd.

**** Our next meeting is on February 16th at 7:00 PM at Brauer's Restaurant ****

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

If you haven't renewed yet, you are very late! This will be your last newsletter if you don't renew soon. Please fill out the renewal form from The November newsletter and return it (along with payment) to Glenn Topolski **ASAP**. Thanks. →

STORE YOUR TRANSMITTER SETTINGS

Have you ever had a transmitter go on the fritz? Did you accidentally overwrite the settings for one of your planes? Is your transmitter not smart enough to allow you to back it up to your computer? If so, then you should probably create a spreadsheet of the settings for each plane you have. When my transmitter crashed, I didn't have a backup of my settings, so I had to start from scratch for each plane. Yuck! After that experience, I pulled up the settings for each plane stored in each transmitter and stored the settings in an Excel spreadsheet. With my Smartphone, I can now access the spreadsheet out at the field in case I mess up a setting. I could also just print out a copy and keep it in my car. Think about how many planes you have, and how hard it would be if your transmitter broke. It's worth it! →

TRACKING YOUR BATTERIES

Have you ever pulled out an airplane or transmitter and wondered how old the battery is? I'm sure you marked the date you purchased it on the battery itself, but is the battery easily accessible? Did you try to keep a spreadsheet with each battery and what plane or transmitter it's in? Did you make sure to update the spreadsheet every time you moved a battery or purchased a new one? These are all things I've tried in the past and failed at. Now that I have a Smartphone, I started looking for Apps that will help me keep track of my batteries. From the Apps I've found, they all help you keep track of battery voltage, charging cycles, etc. But, I can't seem to find one that actually keeps track of just how old the battery really is and its location (airplane or Transmitter)!

What I did find though is an app called "ScanPet" for android and apple devices. It's not geared towards RC. This allows you to scan QR codes (the big square blob) to an Excel file on your phone, or even via WIFI to an Excel file on your PC. You can make free battery QR Codes by going to www.rc-team.org (QR code = A1, A2, etc) or you can make customized QR codes at www.QR-Code-Generator.com (01/27/2017 Sanyo 4.8v 1000mah nimh) and then just print them off and tape them to your batteries.

So, I printed off the battery codes from RC-Team.org and began sticking them to my batteries. I set up the excel spreadsheet with the fields I wanted to track: battery name, voltage, purchase date, installation (what plane or transmitter), and notes. I spent a little time scanning the QR codes in and setting up my inventory. I can now export the Excel file to my PC and review it once in a while to see if I have any really old batteries that I should replace. If I move a battery to a different plane, when I take it out of the old plane, I just scan it again with my phone and update it with the name of the new plane that it will be going into. I can also, if I want, scan my LIPO's after each use to track the number of cycles.

I fully believe that with this product, I will do much better in tracking all my RC Batteries; airplanes; and other stuff (Water heater, Refrigerator, TV, etc.).



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Barcode:	Description	purchase date	installation	Manufacturer	comments:	Send:	uses
11	a9	11.1 volt 1350 milliamp lipo		electric planes	Thunder Power		Normal	
12	a11	11.1 volt 1350 milliamp lipo		electric planes	Thunder Power		Normal	
13	a12	4.8 volt 700 milliamp	05/15/2016	Piper Cub	Sanyo		Normal	

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Barcode:	Description	Purchase	Installed	Manufact	Comment	Send:
2	20151215	Hanger 9 Fokker DVII 1/4 Scale	DVII	Dec-15	Hanger 9		Normal
3	20021001	Heritage RC Stuka	Stuka	Oct-02	Heritage R		Normal

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