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Christmas card by  
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SO DON'T FORGET  
TO HUG ALL YOUR  
LOVED ONES!  
  
MERRY CHRISTMAS!



## CHRISTMAS DINNER AT POPI'S A great success!



If you weren't at the Christmas Dinner at Popi's last Saturday evening, you missed out on a great time. A big thank you goes to Tom Sawyer for suggesting the event and following through with coordinating everything with Popi's. Tom's wife Donna Sue had the foresight to make up name tags and Beth Sprouse greeted us with plates of cookies. Thirty-five aviation nuts sat at a very loong table.

Not without design, the long table served a purpose.



After a fine meal, everyone gathered up their “Aviation White Elephant Gifts” not knowing what was next on the agenda. Ron Jarvis read a short story I wrote about Flash Groundloop, a pilot with a slightly inflated ego. Everytime the words “right,” “left,” or “cross” showed up, each person had to pass their gift in that direction. Mayhiem quickly ensued as gifts traveled around the table in a flurry. At the end of the story, each person ended up with an unknown gift in hand.

I have to admit I was remiss in getting pictures of the frenzy and the resulting gifts but here are some of what I saw: Several great aviation books, an old Garmin GPS, a dusty directional gyro that could have been taken from a WWII bomber, a “I’d Rather Be Flying” license plate holder, a Cessna belt buckle, Santa salt and pepper shakers (he flies a sled you know), an altimeter wall clock, and more.

All in all, everyone had a lot of fun. We may have just initiated an annual FAMFAM event!



## HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!

### MY BOOKS

Yep... I still have books for sale. They can be bought on Amazon or I carry copies with me. Amazon offers both paperback and Kindle. Just Google Amazon and enter Lawrence V Drake to see all my books.

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