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Normally I make the January issue of the Newsletter about the Christmas party. This year when it was time for the party Chip Mower was recovering from a stroke and Danny Hickey was on life-support fighting for his life. I was so sad but I am so grateful for the way Mike and Barb Mower came to the party and made us all feel comfortable. They made things right for the moment. Without them there, I wouldn't of had much of a party. I'm glad Chip is recovering; but Danny is gone and I've been thinking about him.



During the family remembrance at Dan's memorial, Dr. Michael Fischer talked about how Danny had the knack for making people he just met feel like he had known them forever. It was true. I had felt Danny thought I was particularly special and I smiled, realizing how lucky I had been to have been in the presence of such a good man and call him my friend.

Going on a trip with Dan was an experience never to be forgotten. During the annual trek to Castle we would sit around in the evenings reminding a city boy like me what it might have been like being out on the trail, sitting around the camp-fire swapping stories. He and his brother Mike had a thousand of them. I soaked them all up: both the tall ones and true ones. Under the influence of margaritas I learned about mud wrestling at the Rotary Club; the price the boys paid for getting a traffic ticket (loss of driving privileges for one day for every dollar of a fine) and the art of car trading, where Dad fixed the price at four hundred dollars from brother to brother for the same car. According to Danny; Tommy got the best deal because he was the youngest and he got the car last after Mike and Dan made many improvements when it was their turn to own the car. There were many other mishaps, disasters and adventures where according to Danny they were only saved by their father Jim's good standing in the community and the tolerance their neighbors had for "those Hickey boys".

One of the great things about our club is the fact Danny was in it. I can't remember a time when I was at the field with him that we all didn't have great fun. He was a good sport, a generous member and had empathy for us when we had our own challenges, whether we were flying or in some cases something more personal. When he came up to Carson to fly he was the same, because he was always the same everywhere.

I know many of you knew Danny a lot longer than me and I can imagine you know a lot more of his stories than I do. I think you are truly blessed for knowing him longer and maybe we can sit around sometime and share some of the stories I never heard.

When Danny's Grand Parents and Parents heard he was coming to be with them, I'm sure they probably lovingly said to each other "Here we go again". For those of us still here with planes left to crash, we can relax because thanks to Danny, there is already a Golden Cow-pie Award in heaven. BJ

AT THE PARTY... We had it all. Santa Claus delivering drinks. Bob Heitkamp delivered another great “Blond Joke”. Barb Mower was there with her fantastic videos of Mike Hickey’s maiden flight of the half-scale J-3 and a video of the year in review.

In addition to the annual the blond joke, Bob did his usual great job as host and got us through the raffles and the “White Elephant Prize ceremony. Dick Vlach now holds the club record for making the most trips to the front of the room to claim the most stolen gifts. Dick should have a medal for navigating all that prior to having his knee surgery.

Dennis and Kent signed up members and collected over three hundred dollars in raffle tickets.

Jim Kelso closed the evening with his very nice comments.

So now it is on to 2019 and I want to wish every one of you a “ Happy and Prosperous New Year”. BJ





Tom Reinbolt got another annual award for crashing the most planes. Bob H. made a subtle suggestion that Tom try helicopters next year by giving him a commemorative “I crash helicopters cap”. I can see it at the next Christmas Party... Tom Reinbolt receives the first “Hovering Cow Pie Award. -BJ

July 16, 1944 – December 11, 2018

Danny Hickey was born July 16, 1944, at Saint Mary's hospital in Reno to Jimmy and Grace Oxoby Hickey and left this life on December 11, 2018 in Carson City. Danny grew up in Gardnerville on Main Street first at the house on the turn next to the Shell Station and then at Jimmy's Motel and Frosty Spot, with his two brothers Mike and Tommy. Danny attended Douglas County Schools and graduated in 1962, with a group of life-long friends. He attended UNR for a couple of years but returned to Carson Valley and married long time girl-friend, Laurie Allerman on October 17, 1964. They were married for 54 years and the parents of two children.

Danny was a people person and gave countless hours to the community he had many interests and hobbies. He started skiing at an early age and was one of the seven members who established the Douglas County Ski Club. He became a very good skier and instructed for several years for the Dennis Hogan Ski School at Mt. Rose. He coached Little League, referred adult basketball and was a Pop Warner referee for many years. He announced the Douglas High School football games for about 20 years and was one of the organizers of the Douglas High School Athletic Boosters Club. He was a member of the Douglas County Engine Company and taught first aid to locals and neighboring communities. Member and past president of the Minden Rotary Club and a former County Commissioner. Current member of Sierra Sagebrush Flyers.

As a young adult he was employed by the Nevada Highway Department, California Interstate Telephone Company, Warren Reed Insurance. He owned Hickey Distributing Company, Hickey Homes & Development and Laura Springs Ranch until his retirement a few years ago.

Danny was a wonderful husband and father that loved his family and great friend to many.

He is survived by his wife Laurie, children Shannon Hickey, and Troy Hickey, brothers Mike and Tommy Hickey and a large extended family.

Celebration of Life will be held Thursday Dec 20, 2018 at 11:00 am at Saint Gall Catholic Church 1343 Centerville Lane, Gardnerville.

From the "Record-Courier" Saturday, December 15, 2018

A Celebration of Life In Loving Memory of Daniel R. Hickey



*Daniel Hickey
July 16, 1944 – December 11, 2018*

*Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us everyday
Unseen, unheard but always near
still loved, still missed and very dear*



*Thursday, December 20, 2018
St. Gall Catholic Church
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