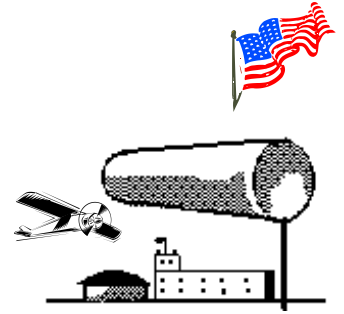


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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023



Photo by Janet Woods

Four of the six Club members that participated in the Club's New Year's Day traditional Fun Fly. First flight of 2023! From left to right are Tim Sahagun, Don Johnson, John Woods and David Rice. All flights were successful without any damage. See more pictures on following pages 3 and 4.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Christmas has come and gone and New Years 2023 is here. Seems like time is flying by at warp speed. I hope you all were able to enjoy your family and friends with all the weather problems we had.

We did have our traditional New Year's Day Fun Fly at the field. The weather was pretty good and everyone was able to get a flight or two in. A list of those who were able to make it out to enjoy the Fun Fly: Don, Fritz, Tim, David, Bud and me. Joy and Janet were able to attend too. Janet brought some yummy cranberry bread and coffee and hot cider. I think everyone enjoyed it – there wasn't any left. Happy New Year.

We have our new Club officers in place and I know everyone is pleased with the choice. They campaigned hard and were unanimously voted in to serve in 2023. Fritz retired from his position as our Club Treasurer and Bud will be taking over that position. Thanks to all the officers and volunteers for helping the Club survive. A special "Thank You" to Fritz for the many years serving our Club. He helped in caring for the flying field and any thing else that needed taking care of.

As a reminder your 2023 Club dues are \$80 and are due. Mail them to Bud or get them to him the next time at the field. Please let Bud know you have renewed your AMA membership. Also, we do not have Club meetings during the months of January, February or March.

Happy landings in
2023John

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

It is with mixed emotions that your old editor puts out his last scheduled Club Newsletter. Time moves on and many things change. When I joined Tri-Lakes RC Flying Club after retiring in 1994 you had to build you RC plane or have someone do it for you, then you could go to the field and fly, or learn how to fly it.

Since joining the Club there has been 326 newsletters published and sent out. Two were done by Jack Bryant in 1995 and the rest since January of 1996 by me except for two that Fritz Corbin nicely did in 2009 while I recovered from a car accident. During this time many things have changed in both RC flying and the way the News letter has evolved.

In the beginning the Newsletter was typed on a manual typewriter, Xeroxed in black and white, then folded, stamped and sent out in the U.S. mail. At the peak we were sending out 50 newsletters a month. Then came computers, home printers, color printers and digital cameras. When Mike Anderson joined the Club he put us on the web with our own website, eventually getting all members to receive the newsletter by email. Currently all our Newsletters since December 2000 are on the Club's website at bransonrc.org or bransonrc.com.

The RC planes have also changed dramatically. Instead of build you own you can buy very good ARFs or ready to fly planes that look very nice and fly very well. Electric power has progressed dramatically due to improvement in in batteries and reduction in weight of receivers, servos and flight batteries. About half the planes and flights at our field are now electric powered. The development of 2.4 megahertz transmitters and receivers has virtually eliminated interference during flight.

Many things have gotten better flying RC during the 28 years I have been a club member except the costs and government regulations.

Many thanks to all that have contributed and helped me with the Newsletter over the years, including John, Janet, Gene, Fritz and many others.

Time to land.....ed.



Tim Sahagun



Bud Austin



Don Johnson



Fritz Corbin



John Woods

Photo by Janet Woods



David Rice

Photo by Janet Woods

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2022

| | | DEC | YTD |
|----------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| BALANCE | 12/1/2022 | \$2,717.69 | \$ 3,229.83 |
| INCOME-DUES ----- | | | \$ 574.00 |
| INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS | | | \$ - |
| INCOME-FOOD ----- | | | \$ - |
| INCOME-50/50 ----- | | | \$ 10.00 |
| INCOME-MISC ----- | | \$ 0.02 | \$ 39.14 |
| EXPENSE-FIELD ----- | | \$ 31.00 | \$ 866.27 |
| EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER | | | \$ - |
| EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS | | | \$ - |
| EXPENSE-FOOD ----- | | | \$ - |
| EXPENSE-AMA ----- | | | \$ 120.00 |
| EXPENSE-Web ----- | | \$ 21.17 | \$ 41.16 |
| EXPENSE-meeting room | | | \$ - |
| EXPENSE-MISC ----- | | \$ 66.64 | \$ 226.64 |
| BALANCE | 1/1/2023 | \$2,598.90 | \$ 2,598.90 |

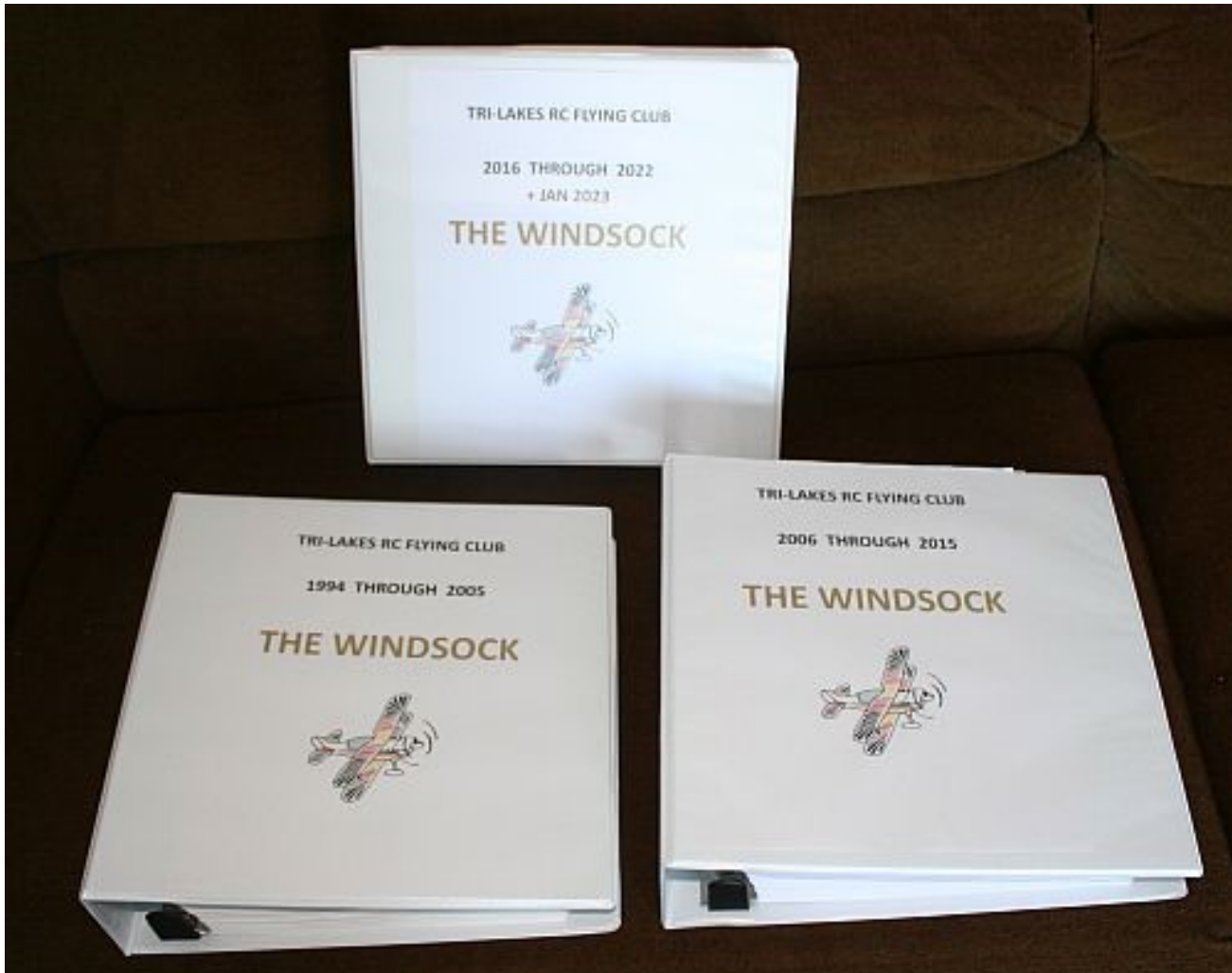


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Above are three 3 inch binders containing 326 newsletters that were sent to Club members, dating from 1995 to January 2023. With the title of Editor now open, Tim Sahagun has voiced an interest in filling this spot. Your old Editor will support Tim in any way he can and urges other member to do th same.

Left is Tim Sahagu's vertical lift flying machine. All plastic and a wingspan of about 30 inches, it has 3 electric motors. On take off all motors point up and lift the plane into a hover. Then the two wing motors are rotated forward while the rear motor is shut down. Now the plane will fly in a conventional manner. To land the process is reversed and then it will land vertically. Tim says it does have an optional landing gear that can be used like a normal plane for landings and takeoffs.

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TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB
There was no Club meeting for
January

2023 DUES

Club 2023 dues were due as of January 1, 2023. If you fly at Rocky Top Field on or after January 1, 2023, you will need a current (2023) AMA card.

If you are going to renew you Club membership at the April meeting, bring your 2023 AMA card. If you are paying by check, make the check out to "Tri-Lakes R/C Flying Club. You may also pay your dues in cash.

The dues schedule is as follows:

1. FULL MEMBERSHIP - \$80 per year.
2. ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS - \$5 each per year.
3. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP (non-voting) - \$15 per year.
4. STUDENTS - Free Club membership but must be a current AMA member.

If you joined the Club during 2022 talk to the Treasurer before paying as you may get a discount on your 2023 dues.

If paying by mail, send your dues to Bud Austin, 199 Quail Dr. Branson, MO, 65616.

THE NEXT CLUB MEETING
WILL BE APRIL, 11th, 10AM
AT THE CLUB FLYING FIELD.