

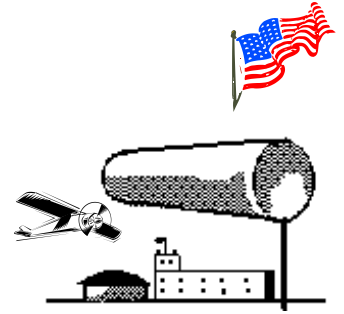
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WINTER FLYING IS SOMETIMES A LITTLE LONELY



Fritz Corbin was the only one flying this day. It was cool and a little breezy but he was able to fly his Polaris XL in the wind without mishap. He and your editor were the only ones present at the field.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The President is missing. He and Janet took off for Florida just before Christmas and we haven't heard any thing from them since. Sent them an email and got no response. Florida is known for their alligators and now the Everglades are full of pythons. This could be serious!

But wait, we finally got an email back from John and they are safe. He said "still in Florida and hope that you all have a few nice days to get out to fly. We will be returning the first week in March and on the 17th I am scheduled for cataract surgery. Janet is continuing to get her strength back and says hi to all".

He also mentioned something about email problems, temperatures in the 70's and wind. Sounds like the flying weather wasn't as good as here. However, come March, things should get back to normal. Hurry back, John, we miss you!

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2015			
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BALANCE	1/1/2015	\$1,668.23	\$ 1,668.23
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ 24.00	\$ 24.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 28.38	\$ 28.38
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ -
BALANCE	2/1//2015	\$1,663.85	\$ 1,663.85

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Here it is, another new year! Seems as you get older the years go faster. The Club seems to be starting off in good shape. As of February 1st we have \$1,664 in the bank which is about \$200 less than this time last Year (think two new picnic tables). We also have 13 paid up members which is the same number as this time last year. Not bad!

The field is in excellent shape due to the care of Fritz Corbin and Bud Austin. Check out Fritz's picture on the next page as he does repair work on the safety fence. Also Jim Haney is keeping the weeds down with his brush hog, outside of the armadillo fence.

The weather this year has not been as bad as last year, so far, and there have been several days that have been good for flying. However, not many members have taken advantage of the good weather. Your editor has been out to the field about three times and Fritz was the only other member there. He would fly a couple of times then do some maintenance work on the field. Some of the lack of participation might have something to do with the snow birds that head south when the weather gets cool.

As everyone knows, we have cancelled the January and February Club meetings so material for the Newsletter is a little scarce. If anyone has a great project going and wants a little publicity, let me know. You may end up on the front page.

We don't have to only fly on Tuesdays and Saturdays. If some other day looks good and you decide to go to the field, email some of the other members on when you will be there and you might find you have some company.

Time to land for this month.....ed.



Fritz's Polaris XL flying along the winter tree line on a cool, breezy day. Fritz was the only member to fly this day.

How does the field stay in such good shape? Well someone comes out and takes care of all the little details like repairing the bottom of the safety fence with a hot melt glue gun.

Thanks Fritz!



Don Johnson's new Polaris XL. The first was made from blue foam and flew well until he let it get too far away and put it in a tree. This one was made from the Depron kit and also flies very well. The Depron is stiffer and more brittle than the blue foam but may not take a hard landing as well as the blue foam.

MEETING MINUTES

There was no meeting held for the month of January 2015. The next Club meeting will be March 10th.

YOUR 2015 DUES ARE DUE!!

Below are the names of the 13 members that are current in their 2015 Club dues.

Bud Austin, Sid Beckham, Fritz Corbin, Wayne Edson, Don Johnson, Dave Medley, Gary Merseal, Randy Needham, Dick Peterson, Erv Rohde, Howard Shire, James Woodruff, and John Woods.

If you feel your 2015 Club dues are current but you are not on the above list contact Fritz Corbin for needed corrections.



Above Fritz Corbin's F-22 foamy comes in over the leafless trees for a nice winter flight.

2015 DUES

Club 2015 dues were due as of January 1, 2015. If you fly at Rocky Top Field on or after January 1, 2015 you will need a current (2015) AMA card.

If you are going to renew you Club membership at the March meeting, bring your 2015 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 2014 talk to the Treasurer before paying as you may get a discount on you 2015 dues.

If paying by mail, send your dues to Fritz Corbin, 106 Neals Trail, Reeds Spring, MO, 65737-9786.

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SAFETY FIRST

Those of us who use Li Po batteries will see some of these packs become unusable at some point. We then need to dispose of them in a safe manner.

Some businesses will recycle them, but a lot of them get thrown away. Before throwing a battery away, discharge it as low as your charger will take it. Then cut the leads off, making sure they can't touch each other, and immerse the battery in a mixture of two cups of salt in a gallon of water. Do not, ***under any circumstances***, cut the pack open. This will further discharge the pack. Keep checking the pack until it has reached zero volts. I tape the leads after this process, but it probably isn't necessary. Once the pack has reached zero volts you can put it in the trash.

Check with Radio Shack, Home Depot, Batteries Plus, or similar businesses to see if they can recycle your batteries. That is the best solution to disposal of these batteries.

See you at the field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

THE NEXT CLUB MEETING
WILL BE MARCH 10TH,
6:00PM, AT THE SOUTH
PORT CLUBHOUSE.