

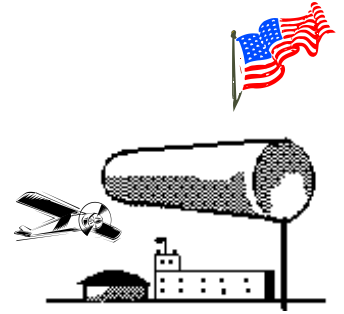
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WHO IS SCREWING WITH THE CLUB'S SHELTER ?



Caught in the act! Fritz Corbin was all by himself at the field tightening the screws in the framework of the field shelter and replacing the screws that had fallen out. Seems that the wind is strong enough at times to flex the shelter and loosen up the screws. It was amazing how much more ridged the shelter seemed after Fritz was done with his maintenance chore. Thanks, Fritz, we appreciate all that you do to keep the field in tip top shape.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hope you all are doing OK through the winter months and hopefully able to get a few days of flying in. I check the Branson weather and notice it hasn't been to terribly cold last month so hope it stays manageable this month.

Had another mishap so if we were having one of our monthly meetings, I would be a candidate for the CRASH trophy. I was flying the Extra 330L and apparently the left aileron servo mounting block came lose, due to an improper glue joint, and in she went. It was kind of sickening to say the least - about 150' up and then straight in. It appears the engine is not damaged along with all the other stuff but the plane was totaled - I'm sure even Bud couldn't fix itreally bad.

I did bring my Ultra Stick with us to Florida. It needed some repair from the last crash so I bought some ply & balsa and was able to repair it so now I have something to fly. I haven't had it out yet since the repair but plan on flying in a couple of days. I'll try and send a picture.

Janet is doing great. She had another CT Scan and blood test a couple of weeks ago and all her numbers are still normal and the blood test results are good too. She has been painting a lot outside under the shade canopy and of course really enjoys it. People stop by and she gets to visit and meet some of the new neighbors. Janet says hi to all of you.

Happy landings John

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Winter is normally a slow time of year for RC flying. On many flying days it is a little to cold, a little to windy or a little to wet to fly but as can be seen by some of this month's photos there are days that are actually quite comfortable to fly. So, if the day looks good come on out and fly, you probably will find someone else out there enjoying the relatively crisp but flyable weather.

But if the weather is bad it is a good day to design or build new planes or repair damaged planes that have been tucked into a corner and kind of forgotten. I discovered several sheets of blue fan fold foam, a couple of motors, speed controls and some servos, obviously from some unsuccessful flights, and thinking how I can use them in a new project. It will be interesting to see what develops, but whatever it is, if it flies it will have been a fun project.

We only have ten members that have paid their 2017 Club dues but there are twenty members that are current in their AMA dues so hopefully most of the AMA members will renew their Club dues. The Club does recommend that you register for an FAA number however the Club does not require that an FAA number be on planes flown at the Club field. With thousands of drones being sold and many of them over 9 ounces and most drone owners who are not AMA members are not even aware of the registration requirement and the current administration's desire reduce red tape, it will be interesting to see where this goes.

Got the notice below from the Nixa RC club so if you are interested in buying instead of building or even selling your stuff, you may want to attend this meet. If you need more info, let me know.

3rd Annual Springfield RC Club
RC Swap Meet!
Saturday March 4th, 2017
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
 1860 N. Commerce Dr
 Nixa, MO 65714

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

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2017

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BALANCE	1/1/2017	\$2,029.22	\$ 2,029.22
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 28.29	\$ 28.29
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ -
BALANCE	2/1/2017	\$2,000.93	\$ 2,000.93

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB

There was no Club meeting in January.

YOUR 2017 DUES ARE DUE!!

Below are the names of the 10 members that are current in their 2017 Club dues.

Bud Austin, Fritz Corbin, Don Johnson, Dave Medley, Phil Rogers, Erv Rohde, Charley Schenk, Howard Shire, John Woods and James Woodruff.

If you feel your 2017 Club dues are current but you are not on the above list contact Fritz Corbin for needed corrections.



Don Johnson's newest scratch built Bellanca. This one is a 1/20 scale Airbus, C-27, circa 1930. Don may wait for his snow bird test pilot to return from Florida before making its' maiden flight.

2017 DUES

Club 2017 dues were due as of January 1, 2017. If you fly at Rocky Top Field on or after January 1, 2017 you will need a current (2017) AMA card.

If you are going to renew you Club membership at the April meeting, bring your 2017 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 2016 talk to the Treasurer before paying as you may get a discount on your 2017 dues.

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

It was nice and crisp on 1/21/17 as Phil Rogers (left) and Bud Austin (right) prepare their planes for flight. Fritz Corbin can be seen in the center as he walks up to join them.



Fritz Corbin having a nice flight with his most recent Polaris XL about the third week in January.



President, John, in Florida, showing his newly repaired Ultra Stick prior to putting it back into the air.



Photo by J. Woods

Bud Austin coming in for a landing with his big Obsession on the last day of January, 2017.



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SAFETY RULES & REGULATIONS I am reviewing the CLUB SAFETY RULES for all members, but in particular for our newer members. These rules will continue to be published every month until they are all listed here. If you can't wait to see them all, e-mail me and I will see that you get a copy. (Or find them on our web site)

Please read and comply with the following rules:

The following SAFETY RULES were adopted by the TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB Membership in October 1997 and revised November 2010.

5. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed at the flying field nor may they be consumed prior to participation in any model operation.

6. All radio equipment should be ground range checked before the first flight of a new or repaired model.

7. Vehicle parking is restricted to the area adjacent to or behind the shelters.

8. All pilots must have the proper frequency pin, from the frequency board, in their possession before turning on their transmitter. They should also have a pin with their name and or AMA number on it and clip it to the frequency board, where the frequency pin was. The frequency pin is to be returned to the board when the pilot is through flying. You must surrender the frequency pin at the end of your flight if other pilots are waiting to use that channel. Pilots using spread spectrum type technologies are not required to have a frequency pin.

See you at the field,

Gene Fuson, Safety Officer

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING
WILL BE APRIL 11, 5:30PM,
AT THE CLUB FLYING FIELD.
IN CASE OF SEVERE WEATHER MEET
AT THE SOUTH PORT CONDO CLUB-
HOUSE.**