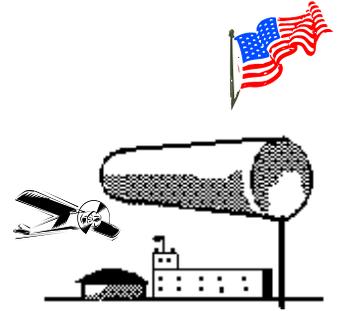


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TIS THE SEASON FOR GIVING



This year, as we did the last two years, the Club is collecting stuffed toys for donation to Skaggs Community Hospital. These toys will then be given to kids, and even adults, that find themselves in the hospital during the holidays and in need of something to help cheer them up. Above are the toys that were collected at the November meeting. Last year the Club donated over forty stuffed toys which were gratefully accepted by the hospital's patients. If you have not donated yet this year, pick up one or more (new) stuffed toys and bring them to the Club's Christmas party on December 9th. Doing so will make some child's holiday season brighter.



Above is Jim Halbert's electric Super Cadet. The 80 inch wing is ARF and the rest is sort'a plan built. With a Scorpion 4020-16 outrunner motor and nine A123 cells (about 35 volts) it should put out about 700 watts (1 Hp) at 20 amps. It should fly well and stay up around 10 minutes at a little over half throttle.



Above is Don Johnson's latest and maybe last, Bellanca Aircruiser. Scratch built from his own plans it has a span of 65 inches and has a flying weight of 48 ounces (3 pounds). It has a Scorpion 3008-26 outrunner motor and a 3 cell 3700 mAH Li-Po battery. At 37 amps it develops over 370 watts, or over 120 watts per pound. The large letters are hand cut and the small ones are custom made decals. Now for a nice calm day at the field!

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Pilots;

Well, now that thanksgiving is history we can all start getting ready for Christmas. It seems impossible that the year is almost gone and it is time for our Christmas Dinner Meeting. In case you don't remember, it is Tuesday, 9 December 2008, at 6 PM at the Rec/plex. Hope to see you all out for ham and roast beef and I know all of the ladies are good cooks and we will have plenty of food.

Not much in the flying news, it has been a little too cold and windy.

We also have election of next years officers.

See you at the meeting. Cheers .

Dave

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2008			
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BALANCE	11/1/2008	\$ 1,803.17	\$ 2,351.20
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ 85.00	\$ 1,578.75
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ 22.00	\$ 67.00
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ 108.00
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ 8.00	\$ 58.00
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ 100.00
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 142.03	\$ 1,773.85
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ 8.40	\$ 25.00
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ 116.43
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ 105.00
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ 194.58
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ 25.00	\$ 125.00
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ 15.09	\$ 195.44
BALANCE	12/21/2008	\$ 1,727.65	\$ 1,727.65

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Here it is Christmas time again. Hope you have been nice and not naughty and will receive great gifts this year. There never has been a better time for airplane modelers. If you like to build there is an unlimited number of airplane kits, short kits or plans available from many sources or you could design your own. For those that have little time available there are many great high quality Almost Ready to Fly (ARF) or Ready To Fly (RTF) planes available. These come in sizes of over 80 inch wing spans to small planes of about 6 inches that you can fly in your living room. There is radio gear now that allows you to fly any time, any where without fear of radio interference. Life is good!

Everyone will probably be busy during the holiday season but don't forget our Club meeting on December 9th. We will elect the new Club Officers for 2009, set the Club dues for next year and have our annual Christmas party. Also don't forget to bring some stuffed toys for our annual donation to Skaggs Hospital. Then on the first day of January come on out and get your first flight in of 2009. Bad weather is not an excuse not to fly. See page 5 for particulars.

Got an e-mail and picture from Fritz Corbin concerning grubs in the field. Seems he put about \$100 of insecticide on the field and got about 350 grubs to come to the surface. Not sure how many more died in the ground. Of course the grubs pictured below are prime armadillo food. The \$100 only treated about 7,500 square feet, just a small portion of our field. Fritz is putting up a supreme effort to keep the field in good shape but the armadillos seem to be winning. Maybe this wet year, giving us a nice grass field, has also have given us a bumper grub crop. Possibly if we have a normal year where the field gets dry and hard during the summer, the grub problem will abate itself. In the interim, Fritz could use any suggestions that would be affective in controlling the armadillo damage. Howard Shire was wondering if moth ball crystals would effect the armadillos sense of smell so they could not smell the grubs. If there are no grubs or they can't find them, the armadillos will go away. Any other constructive suggestions would very much be appreciated.

Time to land for this month, see you at the Christmas Party.....ed.



MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

November 11, 2008

President Dave Medley opened the meeting at 6:11 p.m. at the Branson RecPlex. All officers were present. There were 14 members present. Guests were Paul Long who's interested in electrics and Claudia Shire, wife of member Howard Shire. Treasurer Erv Rohde reported that the current treasury balance was \$1,803.17 as of November 1st. The 50/50 raffle was won by Claudia Shire who received one half of \$16.

Committee Reports:

Gene Fuson reported that we now have an established protocol for using the field when both fixed wing and helicopters would like field time. It is agreed that the helicopter pilot simply notify the other members that he/she would like to use the field and once all fixed wing aircraft have landed, the field is theirs to use for a reasonable length of time, say 15 minutes.

Fritz Corbin reported that he and Homer Zobel put down 5 bags of grub killer and almost 500 grubs "surfaced" which they removed. The center of the field is in reasonable shape however the sides are pretty rough. A work day is necessary and approximately 10 volunteers (and their rakes, shovels, etc.) will be needed. Future date to be announced.

Announcements and Old Business:

Annette McEvoy reported that AMA has been extremely slow in getting back information regarding new members on the Club Roster Forms that are required to be sent in. Nothing has been returned since August and that she called to verify that all 3 members that have joined since that time have valid AMA cards. She asked that we consider establishing some method of verifying, on a regular basis, that all members/guests do indeed have current AMA cards.

Dave Medley asked for volunteers for the Teddy Bear presentation next month to Skaggs Community Hospital – Roy Steinestel and John Woods will attend with Dave. Annette will make up labels for the stuffed toys with the Club information

Claudia Shire will be taking care of the details for the Christmas party and passed around a sign-up sheet for everyone that will be attending to let her know what they plan on bringing and how many will be attending. Harter House will be doing the brisket again this year and Dave and Val Medley will take care of the ham preparation. There will be a \$5.00 charge for each person attending (same as last year) and everyone is asked to please contact Claudia (417 779-5069) no later than December 3rd so we will have an accurate count.

New Business:

Annette McEvoy brought up the subject of non-member use of our field. Considerable discussion regarding the situation ensued and everyone was reminded that item #3 of our Safety Rules & Regulations states that "Guest of Club members MUST be an AMA member and may use the flying field for a period of two weeks. If guests exceed the two week period, they will be required to become members (associate if from out of the area).

John Woods announced that Tom Hammer is agreeable to let our members use Hammer Field any time that they may deem necessary to try out new models, etc. that may require larger areas than our field has available.

Erv Rohde read the slate of 2009 officers that he and Bob Pilecki were able to establish: President-Bud Austin; Vice President-Fritz Corbin; Secretary-Howard Shire; Treasurer-Erv Rohde. Anyone who would like to serve or would like to nominate someone to serve other than the previously listed are asked to do so prior to the elections to be held at the December meeting. We must also vote on the 2009 dues. Erv said based on the expenses and the dues of \$80.00 for 2008 that we could probably get by with the same amount for next year.

Program:

Bob Pilecki handed out the certificates for the October Fun Fly as follows: 3rd O/A-Don Johnson; 2nd O/A-Erv Rohde; 1st O/A John Woods. Erv was 1st in the 2 Min. Drill; John was 1st in Howard's Egg Drop and the Spot Landing.

Don Johnson brought a nifty Turnigy battery charger that's available for \$40. Will charge and discharge up to 6 cells at a time of various types of batteries. Go to hobbycity.com (says Hobby King on web page) for further details.

Don also brought his latest creation – a beautiful 1/12 scale Bellanca Aircruiser with a 65" wing. He's completed everything and is only waiting for the "El Dorado Radium Express" decals to arrive to finish it off.

Jim Halbert displayed his highly modified 80 1/2" Sig Kadet. He's using a Scorpion outrunner electric motor which is about the equivalent of a 40-60 size glow depending on the battery power that you're using. Jim's using a 9 cell A123 setup that will produce around 700 watts giving him about 100 watts per pound. It should fly nicely.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

January's Club meeting will be January 13th at the Branson Community Center **not the** RecPlex.

John Woods attended the OCTOBERFEST FUN FLY at Hammer Field and submitted the following report on the event along with the photos. Great looking planes! Always happy to receive a submission to THE WINDSOCK on things that are relevant to our sport. Thanks John!ed.

OCTOBERFEST RC - FUN FLY at Hammer Field near Eureka Springs. This event highlights the planes of the Dawn Patrol Squadron of the WWI era. The attendance was a little off this year but everyone seemed to enjoy visiting and watching the planes fly. All variety of planes were there but the cross wind kept many planes on the ground. Tom's field is really great - flat, lots of room and no trees except in the distance - it's amazing what you can do with 300 acres. I flew my Decathlon four times. On my first flight, while landing, I bumped a piece of rebar at the end of the field and put a 3" dent in my planes leading edge. On my last flight I stuck my left wheel in the runway and bent the landing gear back about 6". Other than that I had a good time. Several of the WWI planes flew and are really beautiful to see. Of course very scale like in their appearance and their flying. Tom Hammer is a gracious host and wanted to let all our Club members know they are always welcome, anytime at his field.

John



CHRISTMAS PARTY

6:00 PM December 9th at the Branson RecPlex

Members and families will enjoy a potluck dinner along with a short December meeting. The Club Will furnish BBQ meats and sauces, members will bring the side dishes and desserts.

There will be a \$5 charge per person, which will be collected at the door, to cover the cost of the purchased food.

Please advise Claudia Shire 417 779-5069, if you and members of your family plan to attend and what side dish you will bring, so she can get an approximate headcount.

Ya' all come join us in the model aviation social event of the Year!

NEW YEAR'S DAY FUN FLY



2009



Show everyone how tough a pilot you are. Come out to Rocky Top Field regardless of weather and put in one official flight. GOOD LANDING NOT REQUIRED! This will earn you a Certificate (in color) suitable for framing and bragging rights for the coming year.

To be prepared, you may want to have skis or floats for your model if there is snow on the ground.

Howard and Claudia Shire will bring some coffee so pilots and guests will be able to stay warm from the inside out.

Gather at the field somewhere around noon.

DECEMBER MEETING

DECEMBER 9, 2008 6:00 PM

Meet at the **BRANSON RecPlex**

Program

**ELECTION OF 2009 OFFICERS
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

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SAFETY FIRST

As we get into the winter building and repair season, I would like to remind everyone to use safety precautions if you are going to do any soldering. Make sure you always work over a bench to avoid dripping hot solder on yourself, been there done that, work in a ventilated area as the fumes from soldering are dangerous, wear eye protection- most of us can't see without glasses anyway, and keep flammable materials away from the soldering area.

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See You at The Christmas
Party,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

