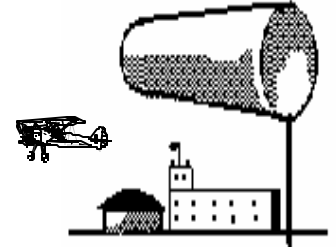


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JANUARY 9, 7:00 PM

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WELCOME TO 2001



Ardeell and Herman Hanebrink enjoying the New Year's Fun Fly

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and fun New Year. The weather has been terrible so don't think any one has been flying – probably working on repairs and new kits. I've just been feeding the fireplace with anything combustible for the last few weeks and boy does that balsa burn hot.

Our web site looks super. Mike worked out the problems we were having in being able to print the newsletter and now we can see it in living color. One can print a copy in black & white, color or just enjoy reading it on their computer. The site looks so good that I've been trying to sell space on it but no takers yet.

We had a good turn out for our "Work Day" and with Howard's direction were able to move several trailer loads of dirt. We filled in the tire tracks at the south end of the field and several other wheel grabbers in various places. Thanks to all who were able to help. After work several flyers flew but the wind and chill factor took its toll for anyone who ventured outside. We had a few donuts and coffee as we showed a couple of the new fliers how to work the Flight Simulator on the computer. Now they can practice whenever they like.

Our December meeting went very well with a surprising turn out for such lousy weather. For all those who we not able to attend, the following members were voted in to fill the offices listed. **John Woods**, President; **Ray Dixon**, Vice President; Secretary, **Howard Shire**; Treasurer, **Erv Rohde**. I look forward to working with all these men in continuing to move our Club forward in excellence.

Many thanks to Erv for being our Safety Officer
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TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 12, 2000

President John Woods opened the meeting at 7:07 p.m. at the Branson Community Center. All officers except Vice-President Don Livermore were present and there were 17 members present. The minutes from the November meeting were approved as written in the December Newsletter. Treasurer Roscoe Fudge reported a balance of \$951.84. The 50/50 raffle was won by Roscoe Fudge and he received ½ of \$19.00. There were no guests at the December meeting.

Announcements and Old Business:

The members in attendance gave a hand (applause) to Mike Anderson for his excellent work on the Club web site. Mike proceeded to bring the membership up to date on the web site. The cost of the Club web site is \$35/year for the name (**bransonrc.org**) and \$49/year for the domain site, but we are still tied to Mike's site and pccomputer.com does show up in some places while using the Club web site. For about \$15/year more we could have an independent site but this does not have to be decided on now. Mike and Don Johnson are trying to work out a way that the Newsletter can be printed directly from the web (done). Mike has talked to Jim Stuart and there looks to be a way using Adobe Acrobat Writer. The members could then use Adobe Acrobat Reader, which can be downloaded from the web free, to put the web Newsletter in a printable format. For all members that elect to get the Newsletter off the web instead of a mailed copy (and we hope everyone that can, will) an e-mail will be sent to you each month when the new Newsletter is posted to the web. Another thing that Mike will add to the Club home page is changes in Club schedules. If a decision is made to cancel a meeting or event, Mike will put a flashing message on the Club home page so check the web before leaving home if the weather looks questionable and you may save yourself a wasted trip. As you can notice on the Club home page we are linked to AMA but do we want AMA to link back to us, that is have AMA list us in their Missouri club directory? If we do have AMA put us in its directory, everyone in the world will have access to all the information on our web site. Think about it and it will be discussed further at the January meeting. Another possibility is to put a weather station at or near Rocky Top Field that will feed current weather conditions to the Club web site. See story elsewhere in this newsletter.

Although Del D'Alesandro has made a couple of new wind socks for the flying field it was decided to wait until after most of the bad winter weather is over before putting them up. President John Woods passed around a couple of articles and pictures from the Stone County Gazette. One covered our flight demonstration for the Branson Special Ed kids and the other showed Annette McEvoy with a Christmas scene layout that also included a flying field.

John also said that the December 9th work day at the field went well and thanked all that helped. The enthusiastic workers were able to get everything done in about an hour and then went about the serious business of flying.

New Business:

Bob Miller brought in a present for the Club from the T.P.A. Hobby Center. President John Woods read the card to the

members and opened the box which contained a new Quatro (JR) Buddy Box for flight training. Many thanks to Mike Wenig and the crew at T.P.A. Hobby Center!

President John Woods announced the winner of the coveted Top Gun Award. The most feared and skillful Club pilot of 2000 was Don Livermore with 830 points, 150 more than second place. Atta way to go Don! Don was not at the meeting but will pick up his trophy later when the weather forecast allows him to leave home.

Don Livermore had an AMA frequency meter at the field on December 9th and was checking both transmitter accuracy and interference signals. Though there was some interference between channels 10 and 20, it was less than 5 db which should not be a problem. But as Roscoe Fudge pointed out, what you read on the ground may not be what the airplane sees 200 or 300 feet in the air. John Woods cracked up his 911 the same day due to radio problems but attributed it to radio failure and not interference. Could it be engine vibration killed it?

John Woods has checked on the quantities needed for new Club t-shirts. Minimum quantity would be 3 dozen and would cost about \$11 for S through X-L and \$13 for XXL. John will have samples of different colors at the next meeting.

The Club voted to continue the Intro Pilot program whereby designated pilots can allow non-AMA member to fly at the Club field via a Buddy Box. The designated pilots for 2001 are John Woods, Ray Dixon and Mike Anderson.

Annually the Club Dues are reviewed at the December meeting. After some discussion it was moved and passed that dues remain at the current level for 2001.

President John Woods asked if there were any more nominations for Club 2001 officers. With no nominations forthcoming nominations were closed and the candidate slate of John Woods – President, Ray Dixon – Vice-President, Howard Shire – Secretary and Erv Rohde – Treasurer were elected unanimously by voice vote of the members present. They will officially assume their duties on January 1st.

Programs:

There was no program since Don Livermore decided to skip the meeting because there was a little snow in the forecast. But Ian Pietz brought a model he was starting to build and solicited advice from some of the old hands in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM



NEW CLUB MEMBER

We have picked up one new Club member since the December Newsletter for a year end total of 61 members.

Robert Smith has joined the Club. Robert and Wife, Irene, live in Rockaway Beach. Phone 417 561-4170.

Welcome to the Club, Robert. We are glad you have joined us!

THE EDITOR'S NOTEPAD

Another year has come and gone and 2000 must be considered a success for the Tri-Lakes R/C Flying Club. We ended the year with sixty-one members which is the largest membership in at least the last seven years, or more. Our Club field is in great shape (at least it will be come spring) and we have a web site with many bells and whistles. And there seems to be more ideas on how to make the field, activities, website and Newsletter even better. Ah, life is good!

Speaking of the Newsletter, why have the Club pay 58 cents each month to send you a black and white copy of the newsletter (with fuzzy pictures) when you can read the Newsletter on the web page. And we will notify you by e-mail when the new Newsletter has been posted. With Mike Anderson's magic you can now print the Newsletter off the web page—and in color. We hope all members that can, will get the Newsletter off the web so they can be dropped from the snail mail list with a substantial savings to the Club. We have four on the drop list right now, If I can drop you off the snail mail list advise me by e-mail at dmj@tri-lakes.net.

The Club did get in four events during 2000, even though two were a little windy. As expected Don Livermore got most of the trophies and the Top Gun award with a score of 830 points, 150 points more than second place. Erv Rohde was second with 680 points and would have done a little better if he had been able to get his engine to stop running at the right time. Now brace yourself, Don Johnson, flying only electric, came in third with 555 points. President John Woods came in fourth with 510 points. Good to see John moving up in the rankings. Three other members would have probably done much better if they hadn't missed one of the events. There were 19 members that participated in the New Year's Day Fun Fly and a total of 12 members that participated in any or all of the other three Fun Fly events. Hopefully 2001 will see even more members participate.

Have visited, by phone, with Herman Hanebrink a couple of times this past month and he appears to be mending quite well from his operation. Herman always seems to have a positive attitude and he and wife Ardell made it to the New Year's Fun Fly. Good to see him out flying again.

You will notice on page 5, a write-up of the New Year's Day Fun Fly. With digital camera, email and other electronic wizardry you should be able to see the pictures in the Newsletter, on the web site, by Wednesday (January 3rd). Pretty fast, huh. Snail mail should reach you by Friday or Saturday.

Time to land for this month.

2001 DUES ARE DUE

If you haven't paid your 2001 dues yet you can pay them at the January 9th meeting or send a check or money order payable to TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB, to:

ERV ROHDE
928 Jackson Hollow Rd.
Galena, MO 65656

The dues schedule is as follows:

1. **FULL MEMBERSHIP** - \$40 per year.
2. **ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS** - \$5 each per yr.
3. **ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP** (non-voting) - \$10 / yr.*
4. **STUDENTS** - Free Club membership but must be a current AMA member.

*A person can join as an Associate Member if he/she lives outside Taney County or counties adjacent or touching Taney County. A non local person can also join as a Full Member if desired.

To maintain 2001 flying privileges your 2001 Club dues must be paid and your current (2001) AMA membership card shown to Erv Rohde.



WEATHER STATION AT ROCKY TOP FIELD

How about a weather station at the flying field that transmits current weather conditions to the Club web site. Want to fly but unsure of the weather, just pull up bransonrc.org and find out what the temperature, humidity, wind speed and wind direction, etc. is and make your decision. Could save a lot of gas money. Sound preposterous! Well the technology is available now.

To see what can be done go to the web address www.KY3.COM/KY3FTP/currents.asp. Check it out! Pretty neat! With all the bells and whistles it would run the Club about \$500 and a telephone line to the field. But there are less costly ways to do this. Maybe only get equipment that just records wind speed and direction and temperature. Also how about locating it at someone's house that is only a few miles away and eliminate the telephone line. Cost could drop to around \$300 or less. Security (theft) would be better also.

Give some thought to this idea, Check out the above web address and we will discuss this exciting possibility at the January meeting.

AWARDS FOR 2000

These awards are given for famous and infamous accomplishments by Club members during 2000.

TOP GUN AWARD. **Don Livermore** wins for the second year in a row by out pointing all other Club members by 150 points in Club Fun Fly events. His trophy will be awarded at later date. Atta way to go Don!

PERFECT ATTENDENCE AWARDS. Not only did **Howard Shire** and **John Woods** attend every Club meeting during 2000, they also participated in all four Club flying events. Atta way to go guys!

INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR. Again this award goes to **John Woods** for his tireless work, on the Buddy Box, with new and perspective pilots. His good work has definitely been a factor in the Club's membership growth. Atta boy John!

JUNIOR OF THE YEAR. This year's award goes to **Ian Pietz** for his persistence in learning how to fly and continuing practice after he soloed. Really like the motto on the wing of his trainer plane—"FLY EM FIX EM". Good going Ian! Also many thanks to Ian's parents for providing him encouragement and transportation to the field.

SENIOR OF THE YEAR. **Virgil Moon** is the unanimous choice for this award. Virgil has been dedicated, persistent, energetic, enthusiastic and good natured in his quest to become a proficient R/C pilot. Atta way to go Virgil.

GREEN THUMB AWARD. Again the award goes to **Howard Shire** for his dedicated efforts to maintain (and improve) Rocky Top Flying field and Club equipment. Many thanks Howard for a job well done.

THE BILL GATES AWARD. This award goes to the Club computer guru, **Mike Anderson**, for his development of the Club web site. It has been a lot of work for Mike and it looks world class. Many thanks Mike.

ACE OF ACES AWARD. With the reduction in combat activity this year we have a new winner for this award. President **John Woods** clearly destroyed or damaged (or was in the immediate vicinity when it happened) more planes in 2000 than any other Club member. John! John! John!

CAREFUL PREPARATION AWARD. **Ray Wommack** is the winner of this award. Ray clearly spends more time getting his aircraft ready to fly and then disassembled to take home than any other Club member. Maybe Ray found a high speed electric screwdriver under the Christmas tree.

MR. EXCITEMENT AWARD. Many Club pilots do exciting things with their planes but **Roscoe Fudge** can almost always be counted on to increase the flow of adrenalin along the flight line when he takes off and lands. He may want to pick up a few pointers from the ACE OF ACES, but then maybe not.

HANGER QUEEN AWARD. This is a walk away for **Don Livermore**. How many more times is he going to show off his Gee Bee and Storch without flying them?

SIX MILLION DOLLAR MAN AWARD. With all the medical alterations he has had lately, **Herman Hanebrink** is the clear winner of this award. The next time you see him he should be faster and stronger and able to fly straighter than ever.

BAD LUCK AWARD. We have co-winners for this award. **Gary Metzger** had an impaired driver drive through the side his garage and over his models and **Ray Dixson** had his wood pile collapse on some of his models. It could have been worse as both of these members are very good model builders.



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and doing such a great job. Our Club members have been made more aware of safety issues and thank Erv for being a part of that. Howard, our sincere thanks for keeping our flying field perfect. A huge task and done well. Thanks to Mike Anderson for all the work and effort that went into our excellent Web page – we appreciate it very much.

It has been a pleasure having Don Livermore as our Vice President in 2000. He always brought enthusiasm and humor to all our meetings. I am sorry he had to move to Springfield but know he must follow the job first. Don Johnson has been doing a superior job in taking care of all the secretarial functions along with never missing a deadline in getting our newsletter to us. The newsletter takes an enormous amount of time and know all members thank Don for one of the best publications we've ever seen. Roscoe has been our Treasurer forever I think, and know he deserves a break. Actually, he has been the Club's Treasure for the last five years and know all members share in thanking him for all the work he has done in keeping tabs on our finances.

Tri-Lakes R/C Flying Club has always been a great Club due to its members and their love for modeling and flying. Like all of you I enjoy being a part of a great Club and appreciate all the members very much.

Happy Landings in 2001 -- JOHN

NEW YEAR'S FUN FLY 2001

It was a bright, but cold wintry day at Rocky Top Field. With about eight inches of packed snow on the field it was a day for pilots with the right stuff like Yeager, Lindbergh, Doolittle, Post and the other immortals. The Tri-Lakes Flying Club had seven brave pilots show up with the right stuff. Mike Anderson was there along with Herman and Ardell Hanebrink, Don Johnson, Sam Noe, Jim Stuart, Ray Wommack and John and Janet Woods. All pilots got in at least one official flight before succumbing to the fridged temperatures. Some of the glo engines had trouble staying lit in the cold but all eventually fired up and flew. Field parking was a little treacherous and a couple of vehicles had to have some assistance before they could get back out the gate. We did have one mishap, Ray Wommack parked his plane in the top of a tree just short of the runway. We found out the plane retrieval paint gun does not work well in very low temperatures. It was a short Fun Fly but everyone seemed to enjoy being out in the great outdoors and all have official bragging rights till next January first.



Front Page. Herman Hanebring made his official flight. Had a great landing!

Left. Sam Noe did a good job of flying his stop sign.



Right. Mike Anderson with his Ugly Slab (Pro Twister).



Left. Jim Stuart with his Battle Floyd. Jim also had a plane with skis



Right. Don Johnson with his Pipe Dream.



Left. Ray Wommack with his Pro Twister. This plane is now displayed in a tree on the east side of the runway.

Right. Our fearless leader, John Woods with his Battle Floyd.





Nice looking old time model, isn't it? Who's the modeler? None other than Cliff Larson who was a Club member before moving to Rogersville a few years ago. Cliff builds them big, as this is a FULL SCALE job he plans to fly around in. Maybe he will fly down to see us one of these days—ether land at Rocky Top or just buzz the field.



ADDRESS CHANGES

Has your **mailing** address changed, especially those with new 911 addresses in Stone county?

If so, notify Don Johnson. You can call him, give him the change when you see him at the field or at the January meeting or better yet by e-mail to dmj@tri-lakes.net.

FOR SALE

Stinger 60 with Saito .91. Just add radio and fly - \$300. Call Mike King at 417 587-0124.

Also **FULL SCALE** bi-plane project - fuselage, plans, engine (EA-81 Subaru) -\$1200. Call Mike King at 417 587-0124 for more details.

Futaba Attack 2 channel radio, receiver and servos. Channel 45. New. \$50. *** **Dynaflight** Standard Upstart glider launcher. \$50. Call Ian Pietz at 739-1919

Eagle 63, completely built, covered and never flown. Needs engine and radio gear. \$80. Call Roscoe Fudge at 417 336-5841.

Dave Brown Flight Simulator with hanger no. 1 disk, best with DOS or windows 3.1. FREE. Call Don Johnson at 779-5340.



COMING EVENTS

Jan 20, 2001 - Kansas City Radio Control Association **ANNUAL SWAP-N-SHOP**. Ararat Shrine Temple, Kansas City, MO. See January 2001 issue of Model Aviation for more details.

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