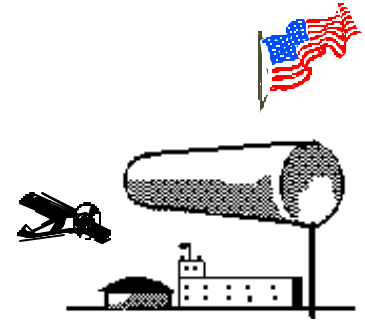


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JANUARY MEETING

JANUARY 14, 7:00 PM
Meet at the Branson Community Center.

Program

Bring your new projects for Show and Tell.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I would like to thank all of the officers and workers who have committed to another year of service. The New Year has begun and the first event of the New Year has taken place. I think everyone that participated in the January first fly enjoyed flying or watching the event that Mike put on. Thanks Mike! Thanks to Gary and Cathy Metzger we had a great chili lunch and thanks to the other ladies who brought the other fine goodies. It was great to see so many wives out for the fun.

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I hope everyone will consider paying their 2003 dues soon. They are payable on the first of January but with the bad weather it is easy to put them off until the weather warms up and we want to fly. Waiting puts an extra burden on the secretary since we are required to remove you from the club roster if your dues aren't paid by the first of March. Then when you do pay your dues paperwork has to be made out reinstating you as a member. If you are planning to maintain your membership please pay Erv. Rohde 928 Jackson Hollow Rd Galena, MO 65656.
Howard

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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BALANCE	12/01/2002	\$ 706.41	\$ 1,989.43
INCOME-DUES	-----	\$ 255.00	\$ 1,363.44
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS	-----	\$ -	\$ 50.00
INCOME-FOOD	-----	\$ -	\$ 217.71
INCOME-50/50	-----	\$ 8.00	\$ 111.00
INCOME-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$ 326.64
INCOME-Weather Sta --	-----	\$ -	\$ 505.00
EXPENSE-FIELD	-----	\$ -	\$ 2,581.84
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER	-----	\$ 14.80	\$ 93.88
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS	-----	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD	-----	\$ -	\$ 181.21
EXPENSE-AMA	-----	\$ -	\$ 55.00
EXPENSE-Web	-----	\$ -	\$ 185.30
EXPENSE-Weather Sta----	-----	\$ -	\$ 505.00
EXPENSE-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$ 6.38
BALANCE	01/01/2003	\$ 954.61	\$ 954.61

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

December 10, 2002

President Howard Shire opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. at the Branson Community Center. All officers were present and there were 23 members present. The minutes from the November meeting were approved as written in the December Newsletter.

Treasurer Erv Rohde reported a balance of \$706.41. The 50/50 raffle was won by Annette McEvoy and she received ½ of \$16.

Mike Wenig of T.P.A. Hobby Center was a guest at the meeting.

Committee Reports: none

Announcements and Old Business:

President Howard Shire said that the brush hogging had been done at the field and looks great. He proposes that we get the same person to brush hog it every year. There was general agreement among the membership but no formal action was taken.

The Branson Community Center will start charging the Club \$20 for each time we use the facilities as of January 1, 2003. Since we only need an indoor facility about six times a year the cost will be approximately \$120 a year. The membership voted to approve this expenditure.

Howard said the Club refrigerator is still inoperative and Curt Krause has looked at it and said it is not repairable and should be disposed of.

The Club now has a new trainer aircraft. It is an Avistar donated by Mike Wenig of T.P.A. hobby Center. Ray Dixson put it together and installed the radio gear from the old Air Core trainer, which T.P.A. had also donated some time ago. Many thanks to Mike Wenig for his generous contributions to our Club.

Walt Hadley suggested that the Club could possibly establish a flying site within the Blue Eye School area either by buying some land or gaining use of the land by giving students flying lessons. After some discussion no action was take,

New Business:

President Shire announced that the dues for 2003 needed to be determined at this (December) meeting in accordance with the Club Bylaws. The Club voted to keep the dues structure the same as 2002, i.e. \$40 for regular members, \$10 for associate members. Students 18 and under that are current AMA members will be granted free Club membership.

Howard opened up nominations for 2003 Club officers. Since no new nominations were forthcoming, nominations were closed and the Club unanimously elected the slate of officers proposed by the nominating committee at the November meeting. The new Officers for 2003 are President--Howard Shire, Vice-President--Ray Dixson, Secretary--Annette McEvoy and Treasurer--Erv Rohde.

TOP GUN 2002 Mike Wenig, of T.P.A Hobby Center, presented awards to the Club's Top Guns of 2002. Getting the First Place plaque was Mike Anderson with 590 Top Gun points. The Second Place plaque went to Erv Rohde with 490 points and the Third Place plaque went to John Woods with 485 points. Mike Wenig thanked the Club for its' support of TPA Hobby Center and wished every one a happy holiday.

Program:

Jim Halbert demonstrated a foam cutting machine designed to cut circles and cylinders, both straight and tapered. This is a companion machine to the one that cuts wing cores and flat sheets.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Another year is beginning and we started off with a great Fun Fly on New Year's Day. A couple of new twists in the Fun Fly this year was a chili lunch and a competitive event. Although a little chilly everyone seemed to have a great time. The only negative was that some of our competitive members were out of town and missed the Top Gun event. But hopefully we will get in four more Fun Flies this year so there is plenty of time to accumulate Top Gun Points.

Speaking of Fun Flies, Mike Anderson is our new Fun Fly Director for 2003, and he started out with a bang on New Year's Day with Sky Bowling. However since he didn't knock down any pins will we see Sky Bowling again? Looks like Mike is following in Joe Major's foot steps and coming up with new and interesting events. One thing to keep in mind is that the events are supposed to be FUN and should be designed so that even fairly novice pilots can compete at some level. It appears that the friendly competition for the Top Gun 2003 will be fierce with four or five members gunning for the title, but some of the rest of us will be picking off an event here and there and acting as spoilers. It would be great to have at least a dozen competitors in each event and make the Top Guns earn their awards.

The Branson Community Center will begin charging us for meeting there. The charge is \$20 per meeting and since we only meet at the Center about six times during the year, the cost is very reasonable. However if we became more involved with charity or community service activities we may be able to avoid the charges altogether. Something to think about!

It's time for dues again! If you haven't paid yet send them to Erv Rohde or bring them to the January meeting. Also if you want to fly at Rocky top Field you must be a current (2003)

2003 DUES ARE DUE

If you haven't paid your 2003 dues yet you can pay them at the January 14th meeting or send a check or money order payable to TRILAKES R/C FLYING CLUB, to:

ERV ROHDE
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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 2003 flying privileges your 2003 Club dues must be paid and your current (2003) AMA membership card shown to Erv Rohde.

If you are a new member and were not a member for all 12 months of 2002 mention this to Erv as you may be entitled to a discount on your 2003 dues.

AMA member. Show your card to Erv so you can be checked off for the year, also you should have your AMA card with you when you fly at our field. Members that don't pay Club dues by the March meeting will be dropped from the Club roster and will lose flying privileges at Rocky to field as well as their Club discount at T.P.A. Hobby Center. So don't procrastinate on paying your dues!

An interesting thing happened several days ago. The Club's web page got a hit from Adolf Knoll of Prague, CZ, inquiring about

FUN FLY NEW YEAR'S DAY 2003

New year's day, 2003, was a mixed bag. It was cold enough to be uncomfortable and make a person believe he was braving the elements to fly this day, but the field was clear of snow and the wind was fairly steady at about 8 to 10 mph—across the runway. By noon several members had gathered and some had already gotten their official New Year's Day flight in.

A welcome addition to this year's event was a chili feed for lunch. Cathy and Gary Metzger teamed up to provide a large crock pot of delicious hot chili. Cathy did the work and Gary took the credit. It's wonderful to see couples work together that way. The Shires supplied an ample amount of hot coffee, cherry and blackberry cobbler and the McEvoy's supplied brownies and candy. A head count by the writer indicated twenty Club members were present along with several wives and also kids and grand kids. Many thanks to those that provided lunch for all of us, it was well received and appreciated.

The main purpose of this annual event is to fly on New Year's Day, regardless of the weather, and thereby receive Club prestige and bragging rights for the coming year. Again, by the writers count, thirteen members will receive certificates, suitable for framing, certifying that these members did indeed fly on New Year's Day. Other members may have flown at other fields and will also receive a certificate if they notify the editor. Special wimpy certificates will be given if a member did their official flight in Arizona or Florida.

Another change this year was the inclusion of a competitive event that would count for Top Gun

2003 points. Since Mike Anderson volunteered to be the 2003 Fun Fly Director (beware of volunteers), he thought it would be good to start out with a new event—Sky Bowling. Set up ten toy bowling pins in the center of the runway and tie a softball size whiffle ball to the airplane with thirty feet of fishing line. Take off and drag the ball through the pins and knock down as many as possible. Each pilot gets five passes and the one that knocks the most (any) pins down wins. With trepidation, six brave pilots gave it a go. Since this was Mike's brainstorm he was chosen to go first and failed to hit one pin. Next up was Joe Major and he made an accurate run (lucky bounce) and knocked down seven pins. The remaining four pilots, Howard Shire, Don Johnson, Roscoe Fudge and Ray Dixson took their turns and failed to knock down any pins. With seven pins, Joe is the winner and receives 100 Top Gun Points. With 0 pins the other five pilots tied for second place and receive 36 points each (average of second through sixth place points). Actually the event wasn't as hazardous, to the planes, as suspected. The aircraft, from quarter scale Super Decathlon, Ultra Stick, two meter powered sailplane to Fazor and Pro Twisters, handled the attached ball well and no one caught the ball on any of the trees. Great show Mike, you gave everyone some entertainment and excitement.

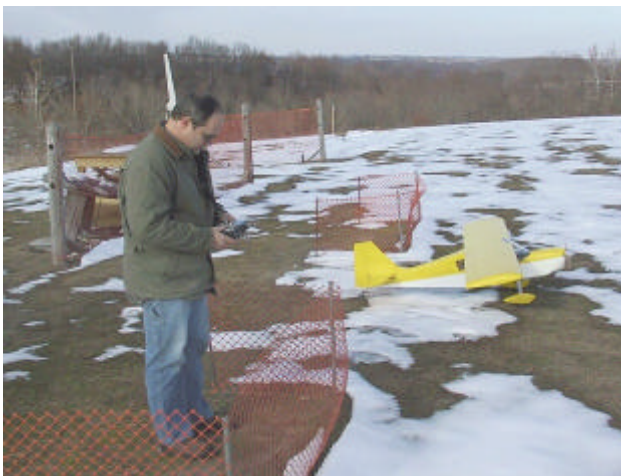


Above is a view from the pits on January 1, 2003. In the foreground is the Fun Fly event winning yellow and white Super Decathlon of Joe Major. Below is the Sky Bowling target before and after Joe's seven pin hit.





Above Left are the smiling recipients of the Top Gun 2002 awards. First Place was Mike Anderson (right), Second Place Erv Rohde (center) and Third Place Johns Woods (left). Mike Wenig (background) of T.P.A. Hobby Center donated and presented the plaques to the winners. Above right is our own mad scientist, Jim Halbert, demonstrating his new foam cutting machine, This one cuts solid or hollow cylinders with either straight or tapered sides. Below is the new Club Avistar trainer. This plane was donated by T.P.A. Hobby Center. Motor and radio were taken from the Air Core trainer and put in the Avistar.



Above is Joe Major with his quarter scale Super Decathlon. This big bird looks very nice and flies quite well. This plane was the winner of the New Year's Day Sky Bowling event. With the snow on the ground it is evident the Club members fly year-round.

COMING EVENTS

Jan 18th, Sat. KCRC SWAP-N-SHOP, Kansas City, MO, Ararat Shrine Temple. 5100 Ararat Shrine Dr. For more info see the February Model Aviation magazine.

FOR SALE

Futaba Conquest four channel radio—channel 49 frequency. Includes transmitter, receiver, receiver battery, charger, four unused servos, servo arms, switch harness and manual. \$80 Call Don Johnson at 417 779-5340.

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the authenticity of the markings on the editor's Waterman Mercury Gosling racer which he had seen in the Club's Newsletter, which was pasted on our Club's web site. The next day the editor got a similar email from Adolf. Seems he is also planning to build a small Gosling racer and wanted to know if the markings used were authentic or imagined. After a couple of emails back and forth, with pictures attached, it now appears the marking which were thought to be from a reliable source in fact are not factual. He also gave the site for his club's web page, which is pretty neat except it is all in the Czech language. Will follow up with him later and see how his project is progressing. Certainly brings home the fact that the world has gotten much smaller with the introduction of the World Wide Web. Also that you should not put anything in the Newsletter that you do not want everyone in the world to see.

Time to land for this month.



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