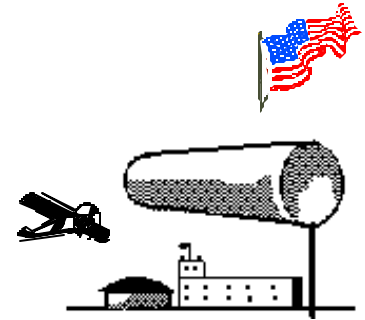


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JANUARY MEETING

JANUARY 13, 7:00 PM
Meet at the Branson Community Center.

Program

Bring your new projects for Show and Tell.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The holidays are over and it is time to get your planes ready to fly. I hope everyone got a new plane for Christmas, or at least enough sticks and glue to get the old plane airborne.

I hope one of these days the weather will break so we can get in some flying. It seems that just as soon as the temperature co-operates the wind has to blow hard, or the rains come. I didn't think the bad weather could last forever, but now I am starting to wonder.

Many thanks to Cathy Metzger and Annette McEvoy for coordinating a great Christmas party. It was nice having the wives at the party. I think the dishes brought by the members showed the great cooperation within our club. Thanks to the members who brought a dish. I'm sure there was enough food and I hope everyone had a good time.

We will be laying out plans for next year at our January 13th meeting so I hope, as many members as can, will try to make the meeting. See you there!

Howard

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TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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BALANCE	12/1/2003	\$ 1,369.28	\$ 954.61
INCOME-DUES	-----	\$ 381.70	\$ 2,089.30
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS	-----		\$ 35.00
INCOME-FOOD	-----		\$ 87.42
INCOME-50/50	-----		\$ 68.50
INCOME-MISC	-----		\$ 22.00
EXPENSE-FIELD	-----		\$ 898.63
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER	-----		\$ 120.19
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS	-----		\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD	-----	\$ 85.03	\$ 135.71
EXPENSE-AMA	-----		\$ 130.00
EXPENSE-Web	-----		\$ 176.35
EXPENSE-meeting room	-----	\$ 20.00	\$ 140.00
EXPENSE-MISC	-----		\$ 10.00
BALANCE	1/1/2004	\$ 1,645.95	\$ 1,645.95

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

December 9, 2003

President Howard Shire opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. at the Branson Community Center. All officers were present. There were 22 members; Mike Wenig from TPA and the following wives of members in attendance Lisa Acton, Denise Anderson, Vicki Dixson, Ardith Halbert, Marge Johnson, Becky Jones, Harriet McKenzie, Cathy Metzger, Eva Peterson, Shirley Racetti, Doris Rohde, Claudia Shire, Janet Woods, and Charlotte Zobel. The minutes from the November meeting were approved as published in the December Newsletter. Treasurer Erv Rohde reported that the balance as of December 1st was \$1,369.28 The 50/50 raffle was not held to save time for the Christmas party.

Committee Reports:

No committee reports.

Announcements and Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Election of officers was held. The slate presented at last months meetings was not changed and passed unanimously.

Discussion for 2004 dues was brief. Erv Rohde announced that expenses for 2003 were \$1,465.00. Motion made, 2nd and passed to keep the dues for 2004 at \$40.00. Everyone was asked to renew as soon as possible to help avoid additional paper work.

Howard Shire read a letter from the AMA F3A Aerobatics Team, that we donated \$25.00 to, again thanking us for our contribution and showed the picture that they sent to us as a thank you.

Program:

Mike Wenig from TPA presented the Top Gun plaques to the following members for

Club Top Gun 2003 scores. 3rd place Joe Major; 2nd Place Erv Rohde and 1st place Mike Anderson.

John Woods brought a Lazy Bee that he just completed featuring a .20 OS 4 stroke and it has floats. He also mentioned that there is a FMS free download flight simulator available on-line. He'll let everyone know how it is when he gets it running.

Roscoe Fudge brought his DynaFlite Butterfly with a 99" wing span that is for sale. This is a Chris Russ built glider and is complete less radio. Price is \$100.00 or ?

Ray Dixson showed a new 5 channel (1,2,3,4 & 6) Berg receiver that is now available at TPA. Weighs 13 grams but could be lightened 3 ½ grams by removing the case.

Howard Shire thanked Mike Wening for his and TPA's support for our club and also everyone that joined us for the first annual Christmas party and all the food that they brought for the event.

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 P.M.



Unusual? Unplanned, three newly completed Lazy Bees showed up at Rocky Top Field for the first time for each one's maiden flight. They all flew very successfully. From front to back, John Woods' four stroke Bee, Don Johnson's electric Bee and Howard Shire's two stroke Bee. Looks like Howard went with the traditional color scheme. Of course John bought his already 90% built.

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Well another year has come and gone and again the Club starts a new year in good shape. We ended the year with 59 members and hopefully all will renew their membership for 2004. We have a good slate of officers for the coming year, our lawn mowing equipment is in good repair and the treasury has a nice balance. One thing to remember is that although both the Club and AMA give two or three months grace period on dues before your membership is dropped, you must have a current (2004) AMA card before you can fly at the Club field. If you have sent in your AMA dues but have not received your AMA card you can verify that AMA has received your dues on the membership section of the AMA website and you can print out this verification. Remember no AMA membership verification, no flying at the Club field.

We were lucky again in 2003 to get all four fun flies in as scheduled and hopefully our luck will hold for the 2004 fun flies. There seems to be some talk about making changes in the Fun Flies and it seems most of the talk is to restrict participation rather than encourage participation and enjoyment. Don't allow helicopters to compete, don't allow different aircraft in different events, don't allow an aircraft to compete if it has an advantage over my aircraft in any event, etc. The idea of fun flies was to get a group of members together for some friendly competition and to encourage newer pilots to participate to improve their skills. Maybe it is time for a change. Here is some food for thought—eliminate the Top Gun Award. No more points awarded or accumulated. The fun flies just becomes a fun afternoon trying to be best in some events with goofy rules that the Fun Fly Director has come up with. The emphasis would be on camaraderie and encouraging newer pilots to hone their skills and not winning a prize or award.

After attending Springfield's annual indoor fun fly, several of us felt that if we could find an indoor

site closer to Branson, it would open a whole new area of the hobby to us. It would be great to be able to use a school or church gym on a regularly scheduled basis. Maybe we could work out a deal where our Club would conduct a building and flying class for the kids in exchange for the gym use. If you know of a gym site that might be available to us please let us know. If you have an AMA card you can fly at the Springfield soccer complex on Tuesdays from 7 to 10 AM and Thursdays from 8 to 10 AM.

Time to land for this month.



Above is John Woods' new Lazy Bee coming in to a landing on its maiden flight. It has a 4-stroke .20 O.S. for power that hauls it around the sky with authority. Below is Don Johnson's new Lazy Bee with a borrowed PJS 1000 electric motor on 10 cells. The motor has since been changed to an AXI 2808/20. Both motors seem to give the same brisk performance. Don has also made a wing with ailerons that gives the Bee a much better roll rate.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

The December meeting, after a short business session, was turned into the first annual Christmas party. During the meeting Club officers were elected for 2004. By voice vote the nominating committee candidate slate (President-Howard Shire, Vice President-Gary Metzger, Secretary-Annette McEvoy and Treasurer- Erv Rohde) was accepted. Also during the meeting Mike Wenig of TPA Hobby Center presented a plaque to Mike Anderson (pictured below) for winning the Club Top Gun Award for 2003. Mike also presented a second place plaque to Erv Rohde and a third place plaque to Joe Major. Many thanks to Mike and TPA for donating the plaques and the support to our Club.

With business out of the way it was time for the Christmas party. Annette McEvoy, with help from Cathy Metzger had arranged an impressive pot luck dinner, complete with festive decorations. As can be seen in the pictures below there were many dishes and food items to choose from and members and guests were not bashful about digging in. There were about 38 members and guests that were present but there was more than enough food for everyone. A big thank you to Annette and Cathy for all their work and planning and to everyone that contributed to this holiday feast.





New year's day 2004

New Year's day at Rocky Top Field was again good for our Club. The forecast rain and wind did not materialize until everyone, except Joe Major, got in their New Year's Day flight. Need to buy an alarm clock Joe! Actually until about 2 PM the wind wasn't bad and the temperature was unseasonably high. Eighteen Club members qualified for their certificates with others probably qualifying at different locations, maybe as far away as New Zealand. Pictured above is Annette McEvoy getting her flight in while on the Buddy Box with Don Livermore. Shouldn't be long before she is doing this solo!

Pictured right is Gary Metzger's new Foamy Factory 3DX, made from 1/4" blue foam fan fold. Like all flat plate wings, it gets its lift from prop thrust rather than wing airfoil lift, but it does do 3D maneuvers.

The Shires set up coffee and donuts for the

2004 DUES

A note from the Treasurer!

If you are going to renew you Club membership at the January meeting, bring your 2004 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.

If you joined the Club during 2003 talk to the Treasurer before paying as you may get a discount on you 2002 dues.

If paying by mail, send your dues to Erv Rohde, 928 Jackson Hollow Rd., Galena, MO, 65656.



early fliers and about 11 Cathy Metzger arrived with two large pots of delicious chili. The McEvoy's contributed a big bowl of candy and Denise Anderson brought a couple of trays of fresh baked cinnamon rolls. If anyone went home hungry, it was their own fault! Many, many thanks to those that provided a great winter day's lunch.

About two o'clock the sky darkened and the rain began to fall. Everyone hurriedly packed up and headed for home to enjoy the football games .

Words of wisdom from Club Safety Officer Roscoe Fudge

Start off the new year with a positive outlook

Roscoe

SPRINGFIELD INDOOR FUN FLY

On the Saturday after Christmas the Springfield indoor group held their annual fun fly at the indoor soccer facility. About a half dozen of our Club members took in this event. Pictured below is a typical indoor plane. The plane shown does have an airfoil but many of the planes are made of 1/4" foam board with



flat plate wings. Typically they have a motor, gear, prop, battery combination that provides thrust in excess of the planes weight. They can hang on the prop and go straight up. At the other end of the spectrum were tiny RC planes, weighing less than 1/2 ounce, that floated around driven by tiny pager electric motors. Even had a couple of electric ducted fan planes, one was a flying wing and the other a scale F-86. Shown above right is Club member, Don Livermore, retrieving his Lil' Luscomb from the net between the two soccer fields. Got to look where you're going Don! Hot dogging these fragile planes seemed to cause a lot of needed repairs. Now if we could just find an indoor sight closer to home this would be a great way to spend a windy day (or evening) flying.

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