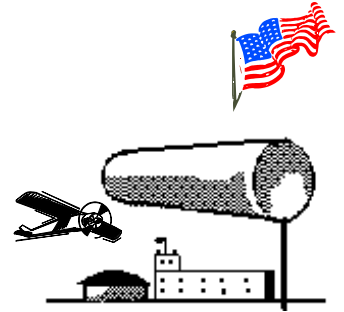


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FEEL GOOD GIFTS

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

A very Happy New Year from your new Club President. May the coming year bring you all health and happiness.

We had a great Christmas potluck party at the Branson RecPlex and collected 43 stuffed toys to be handed out to patients at Skaggs Community Hospital during the holidays.

I would like to thank all the members and their families that donate their time, effort, talent and financial backing to the Club and its activities. Without this volunteer help the Club would not be near as successful and enjoyable as it is today.

It's been a slow start for me this year due to a back operation but the healing is going well and things are looking up. Hope to be out at Rocky Top Field and flying very soon.

Our next meeting is at the Branson RecPlex at 7 P.M. January 8th. Hope to see everyone there.

Dave

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Well here it is another new year and time for another Newsletter. Actually this will be my 145th Newsletter since starting as Temporary Editor in January of 1996. A lot of changes have taken place during the last 12 years. From typewriter, paste-up, 35 mm photos and U.S. Mail to computer processing, color scanning, digital photos and distribution in color via email. Not sure what will be the next innovation, but if anyone has suggestions or wants to contribute material for the Newsletter please let me know. The main intent is to keep the Newsletter fresh and informative.

It is time to pay your 2008 Club dues. As of January 1st we have 14 paid up members which is about 1/3 of the membership that we need. So bring your dues to the January meeting or send them directly to Erv Rohde.

Looking over last year's membership roster I was a little surprised that about half our members were active model builders as opposed to ARF or RTF modelers. And some of them quite inventive. Was at the field about a month ago and Sid Beckham showed up with an unusual plane. He had taken the fuselage and tail of an Electra electric glider, put a 4-stroke glo motor in it and made the wings from a toy white foam glider. He then installed four wing servos so he could set it up to do "Crow" maneuvers. After he flew it a couple of times it was flying quite well. Atta way to go Sid!

Went out to the field Saturday to get in my last flight of the year. Fritz Corbin was already there filling up armadillo holes. Fritz has done a great job this year keeping the field in great shape in spite of the armadillos. We probably should consider an all out war on grubs in the field this coming year. No food no armadillos!

Kept looking at my 4-Star 40 (in PT-19 feathers) and decided that it could use an upgrade, so replaced the Astroflight 25 brushed motor

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| TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2007 | | | |
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| | | DEC | Y T D |
| BALANCE | 12/1/2007 | \$ 1,477.55 | \$ 2,139.03 |
| INCOME-DUES | ----- | \$ 845.06 | \$ 1,925.06 |
| INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS | | \$ - | \$ 210.00 |
| INCOME-FOOD | ----- | \$ 190.00 | \$ 383.75 |
| INCOME-50/50 | ----- | \$ - | \$ 70.00 |
| INCOME-MISC | ----- | \$ - | \$ - |
| EXPENSE-FIELD | ----- | \$ 20.00 | \$ 1,264.30 |
| EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER | | \$ - | \$ 67.67 |
| EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS | | \$ - | \$ 270.52 |
| EXPENSE-FOOD | ----- | \$ 81.22 | \$ 207.20 |
| EXPENSE-AMA | ----- | \$ - | \$ 105.00 |
| EXPENSE-Web | ----- | \$ 10.19 | \$ 204.34 |
| EXPENSE-meeting room | | \$ 50.00 | \$ 225.00 |
| EXPENSE-MISC | ----- | \$ - | \$ 32.61 |
| BALANCE | 1/1/2008 | \$ 2,351.20 | \$ 2,351.20 |

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB
December 11, 2007

President Gary Acton opened the meeting at 7:01p.m. at the Branson Rec Plex. All officers were present. There were 20 members present and the following guests: Lisa Acton, Joy Austin, Jean Corbin, Ellen Fuson, Ardith Halbert, Marge Johnson, Becky Jones, Val Medley, Eva Peterson, Kathy Pilecki, Doris Rohde, Judy Ross, Claudia Shire, Roland White, Janet Woods, Max Woods, Van Woods and Charlotte Zobel.

Committee Reports: There were no committee reports, announcements or old business for this meeting.

New Business: Motion by Dave Medley, 2nd by Jack McEvoy for the 2008 membership dues to remain at \$80.00. Passed unanimously.

The 2008 officer slate of the following: President-Dave Medley, Vice President-Bob Pilecki, Treasurer-Erv Rohde, Secretary-Annette McEvoy was presented. Motion by Howard Shire, 2nd by Dick Ross to accept the slate passed unanimously.

2007 Top Gun Awards were presented as follows: 3rd place-John Woods; 2nd place Erv Rohde, 1st place Bud Austin

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m. so everyone could enjoy the Christmas dinner.

2008 DUES

Club 2008 dues are due as of January 1, 2008. If you fly at Rocky Top Field on or after January 1, 2008 you will need a current (2008) AMA card.

If you are going to renew you Club membership at the January meeting, bring your 2008 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 2007 talk to the Treasurer before paying as you may get a discount on you 2008 dues.

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

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with a Scorpion 3014/16 brushless outrunner. Changed out the speed controls and discarded the receiver battery. This reduces the plane's flying weight by over 11 ounces. Next the 1250 mAH NICADs will be replaced with a 3700 mAH Li-PO battery for another 14 ounce weight saving. Bottom line, with the same power and thrust there will be a 30% reduction in flying weight and three times the flight duration. These changes should yield a great improvement in performance.

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



CHRISTMAS PARTY Here is a photo of many of the 38 members and guests that braved the bad weather to enjoy the Club's Annual Christmas party. A great time was had by all! Also collected several bags of stuffed toys to donate to the hospital.



Above left is Bud Austin receiving the Top Gun 2007 Award from new Club President Dave Medley. Bud earned 743 points during the 2007 Fun Flies. Second Place, Erv Rohde, earned 620 points and John Woods was Third with 593 point. Great flying guys! Above right is Dick Ross' Great Planes Super Sportster ARF looking good on a fly by. Dick makes flying these birds look easy.



Above is Homer Zobel's scratch built and enlarged F-17 heading for the sky with test pilot John woods at the controls. It flies well but John says it can really turn into a stealth fighter when it is flying toward you.



Above is Bob Pileci's E-Flite Blade CX2 helicopter. Bob said it wasn't good in the wind and sure enough the wind tipped it over and broke a part on the top of the rotor. So – off to the hobby shop.

NEW YEAR'S DAY 2008



New Year's Day Fun Fly was a little bit of a misstatement this year. It was cold and it was windy just like the weatherman said, and it wasn't a whole lot of fun. In fact the normal noon hot lunch did not happen—common sense prevailed. But it was New Year's Day and time to fly and two of our members did just that! Top left is Fritz Corbin flying his Pro-Twister. Fritz did a very credible job and even though the plane was really tossed around in the wind he managed to land it without damage. Top right Don Johnson launches his Southern X2 which landed on its nose about 20 seconds later. He then took off from the ground for a short circuit around the field before landing on the wheels. In all, seven members did show up at the field. May hear that other members flew some place else on New Year's Day, like John Woods in Las Vegas or Tom Mckenzie in New Zealand, and if so they also will receive a certificate.



A couple of shots of your editor's new Bellanca Air Cruiser. This Bellanca is 1/20 scale with a 39 inch wing span and weighs 18 ounces, a little smaller than the 1/16 scale military Bellanca Air Bus at 48 inches and 32 ounces. Tried to get it as light as I could and still add scale detail. Couldn't find any 1/20 scale figures so carved my own from blue foam. Some how they kind of remind you of Jack McEvoy and his evil twin brother. Sculpting is not one of my skills. Now that this project is done what's next....hmmmm? Since I have the documentation material, what about a 1/12 scale civilian Air Bus at 65 1/2 inches and around 4 pounds. Got a great picture of one with red scalloped trim. If it was considered a bi-plane it could be IMAA legal.

JANUARY MEETING

JANUARY 8, 7:00 PM

Meet at the Branson RecPlex

Program

Bring your current projects
for show and tell

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SAFETY FIRST

Happy New Year to all of our Club members.

Now would be a good time to review your safety practices for the past year and make a "NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION" to improve on your personal habits to increase your own safety and the safety of your flying buddies.

See you at the field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

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Gary Acton, Annette and Jack McEvoy are pictured as they presented the 43 stuffed toys, donated by our Club members, to Skaggs Community Hospital. Accepting the toys is Skaggs' Chaplin, Mary Helen Jeruzal. These toys will be used to give some comfort to those young patients, and adults too, that find themselves confined to the hospital during the holidays.

Our Club members should feel very good for their generosity as the donation was over 1.3 stuffed toys per member. Way to go people!

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