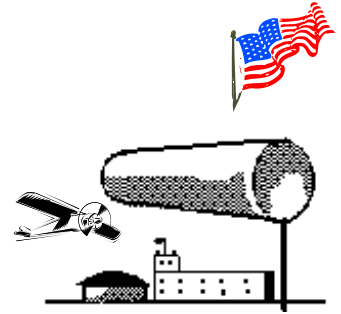


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## HAPPY NEW YEAR



Above are the Club's 2008 TOP GUN AWARD winners during the presentation at the Club's annual Christmas party. On the right is Fritz Corbin who took Third Place with 465 TOP GUN points. To the left is Bud Austin who finished in Second Place with 605 points. And in First Place, and all smiles, is John Woods who earned 730 points during the Club's three Fun Flies (of 3 events each). Well done and well deserved guys! The Fun Flies are designed to be fun to compete in and fun to watch, but even so most pilots go all out to do the best they can in each event. In all, ten Club members competed during 2008. In addition to the above, members earning TOP GUN points were Don Johnson, Annette McEvoy, Jack McEvoy, Dick Peterson, Erv Rohde, Dick Ross and Howard Shire. Erv Missed Third Place by only 10 points. A big THANK YOU to all that competed, helped with and supported the 2008 TOP GUN Fun Flies.

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy New Year to everyone. Saw several of you at the field on New Years day and it was a nice day for flying. Unfortunately when I went to put my plane together I had the wrong wing. I was so disgusted I just went home and since I was just recovering from the flu symptoms I didn't feel like making another trip out there. I hope all of you got a new plane for Christmas. I got a Sig 1/4 scale clipped wing Cub kit so that will keep me busy building for a while. I got a Cheetah 42 for it that should take it straight up.

I would also like to thank Dave, Bob, Annette, and Erv for serving as officers last year and doing such an excellent job.

Hope to see a good turn out for the January meeting. I have appointments in Fayetteville that day to have my glasses and hearing aids adjusted ( sign of old age?) but I should be back in time. See you Tuesday.

Bud

## THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Well here it is 2009. The Club started the new year out right with its annual Fun Fly. Nine brave pilots showed up at the field, Sid Beckham, Fritz Corbin, Jim Halbert, Don Johnson, Joe Major, Henry Racette, Erv Rohde, Howard Shire and Robert Smith and got in their New Year's Day flight. The weather wasn't near as bad as forecast, in fact by noon it was quite pleasant with a moderate breeze. John Woods also got in his flight by toughing out the weather in balmy Florida. A big thanks to Howard for showing up with coffee and a big box of doughnuts.

The Club did their annual teddy bear donation to Skaggs Hospital with 25 stuffed animals - not as many as last year but we had fewer members this year. These are used to reduce trauma for the kids in the hospital and the staff is very glad to get them. The Branson Daily News had a nice write up on December 11th, including a 3 1/2 by 6 color picture featuring John Woods and about four stuffed toys. Good Club publicity!

Another thing that rolls around about this time every year are the annual Club dues. If you haven't paid them yet you can bring them to the January meeting on the 13th or send them to Erv Rohde, 928 Jackson Hollow Rd, Galena 65656. If paying by check, make it out to the Tri-Lakes R/C Flying Club. The dues structure is the same as 2008. Regular dues \$80/year, Associate Member \$15/year, additional Family Membership \$5/year and Student Membership (with current AMA card) free.

Here's a little wish list from your ole editor:

1. More members, 40 regular members would be great. They are out there they just don't fly at our field. We need to figure that out.
2. A hotter and drier spring and summer to drive the grubs down where the armadillos can't find them or discover a magic armadillo eliminator.
3. Find an indoor flying site. Micro planes and equipment are becoming common place and fairly reasonable in price. How bout flying a 4 channel RC plane weighing less than 2 ounces without worrying about wind or rain.
4. A fairly regular time and place to fly off the lake. Floats can be added to most planes.

Time to land for this month, have a great year..ed.

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2008			
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BALANCE	12/1/2008	\$ 1,727.65	\$ 2,351.20
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ 800.00	\$ 2,378.75
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ 67.00
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ 180.00	\$ 288.00
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ -	\$ 58.00
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ 42.00	\$ 142.00
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ -	\$ 1,773.85
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ 54.24	\$ 79.24
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ 61.04	\$ 177.47
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ 105.00
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ 9.79	\$ 204.37
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ 100.00	\$ 225.00
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ 195.44
BALANCE	1/21/2009	\$ 2,524.58	\$ 2,524.58

# MEETING MINUTES

## TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

December 9, 2008

President Dave Medley opened the meeting at 6:12 p.m. at the Branson RecPlex. All officers were present. There were 19 members present. Guests were as follows: Member's wives-Joy Austin, Jean Corbin, Ellen Fuson, Ardith Halbert, Marge Johnson, Becky Jones, Harriet Mckenzie, Val Medley, Annette Oxby, Kathy Pilecki, Eva Peterson, Shirley Racette, Doris Rohde, Claudia Shire, Margie Steinestel and grandson Joey, and Janet Woods.

### Committee Reports:

Treasurer Erv Rohde reported that as of December 1<sup>st</sup> we have a balance of \$1,727.65 and that the expenses for the year were as follows: \$2,523 compared to \$1,903 for 2007. He said it would take \$93 for dues if we only have 27 full paying members next year as we did this year. Reeder Jones motioned to keep the dues at \$80, seconded by John Woods and passed unanimously.

### Announcements and Old Business:

The slate of 2009 officers presented by the nominating committee was read and no other nominations were made. The proposed officer were: President-Bud Austin; Vice President-Fritz Corbin; Secretary-Howard Shire; Treasurer-Erv Rohde. Motion by Don Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Mckenzie and passed unanimously, to accept the slate as presented.

Janet Woods donated a packet of hand painted Christmas cards to the club to be raffled and the club raised \$42 from the drawing which was won by Henry Racette.

### Program:

Top Gun 2008 certificates were presented by Dave Medley to the following Club members: 3<sup>rd</sup> place-Fritz Corbin; 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Bud Austin; and 1<sup>st</sup> place John Woods.

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m. so everyone could enjoy the wonderful dinner.

Next meeting will be January 13th at 6:00 p.m. at the Branson **Community Center**.

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## MERRY CHRISMAS

Below are a couple of pictures of the Club's annual Christmas party. Thirty-six members, wives and guests endured a short business meeting and then enjoyed a great holiday dinner. It looks like some members would rather chat up airplanes than get in the serving line. A great time was had by all.



Photo by Annette McEvoy

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## YOUR 2009 DUES A DUE!!

Below are the names of the 15 members that are current in their 2009 Club dues.

**Bud Austin, Friz Corbin, Gene Fuson, Don Johnson, Reader Jones, Joe Major, Annette McEvoy, Jack McEvoy, Dave Medley, Robert Pilecki, Henry Racette, Erv Rohde, Howard Shire, Robert Smith and Roy Steinstel.**



## Swap-n-Shop Shawnee Mission R/C Club - December 6th. by John Woods

Shawnee Mission R/C put on their annual Swap-n-Shop and it was very good. Of course I like to buy used and ARB (All-Ready-Built) so always enjoy attending any swap meet. The Swap is about 1/2 the size of the typical K/C R/C event (upcoming January 17, 2009), which many of you have attended. Since the two Clubs are in such close proximity to each other, the same planes usually show up at each others event. This event while being smaller had a really nice variety and selection of planes for sale. I bought a 1/4 scale Dave Patrick Extra 330L and a Katana 3D. Keith Oxby bought the Pitts Special and all seem to be in excellent condition - of course the proof is in the sky. The event was well attended and a lot of planes were sold. Darrell Watts and Pat McGee, who many of you met at the Springfield Float Fly, will be having their Club's (R/C Barnstormers June 6-7, 2009) Float Fly again at Lake Miola. They build really nice float planes for their raffle and I'm hoping to win this year.

I encourage you all to attend these swap meet events - fun and entertaining too.



Photos by J & J Woods



A couple more shots of the Shawnee Mission Swap-n-Shop. John and Keith chatting it up with Keith's new Pitts Special in the foreground.



Below in the upper left is Jim Halbert's ElectriFly ELECTROSTIK ARF. It's powered with a Scorpion Electric motor and A-123 cells. On the first flight it broke off the landing gear so Jim stripped it down, re-glued most joints, took a lot of weight out, put in some dihedral and gave it a new color scheme. It flies quite well but New Year's Day Jim let it get too far away and it went out of sight behind the trees. When found it was setting on its wheels in a tramped down part of a field with the only damage being broken prop blades. The dihedral may have saved it! It was back in the air within a half hour. The other three photos are of Keith Oxby's Great Planes Revolver ARF. It flew great and has a good looking pilot in it. Will go well with his new Pitts Special.





# JANUARY MEETING

JANUARY 13, 2009 6:00 PM

Meet at the **BRANSON  
COMMUNITY CENTER**

## Program

**Bring your current projects  
for show and tell**

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## SAFETY FIRST

While we have some flying down time at this time of year, take the time to check out the nuts and bolts, clevises, anchors, and all the other fittings and fasteners on the models that you have been flying all year. Believe it or not, these items get loose with continued usage. This year I've seen loose motors, servos, ailerons, rudders, landing gear and the worst..... a loose propeller. So take a few minutes and go over the aircraft you use all the time, it could save a lot of problems when we get back to flying again.

Happy New Year To All Of You

Gene Fuson  
Safety Officer

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