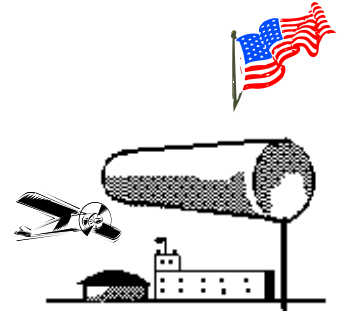


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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2010

A COOL NEW YEAR'S GREETING FROM ROCKY TOP FIELD



A small group gathered at Rocky Top Field for the traditional New Year's Day Fun Fly. It was a cold day but the sun was shining and the wind was light. Much more pleasant than the weatherman predicted. In the foreground is Erv Rohde trying to get the motor of his Wild Thing running and in the background is Howard Shire flying his Magic. Others that gathered at the field were Bud Austin, Don Johnson and Keith Oxby. A note on the table indicated that President Dave Medley had been out earlier and put in his flight. Word was also received that John Woods braved the balmy weather in Florida and put in his New Year's Day flight. These members will receive certificates indicating their bravery and hardiness for flying on New Year's Day.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy New Year to all Club Members.

We just finished a great year and it is my hope to make 2010 the best ever. Our first and most important Goal should be getting new members in our Club. At this date we only have 10 paid members for this year; that is not what we need, and every member should make an effort to enlist a new member this year. (more the merrier)

I met with Erv and Howard to sign the paperwork to Incorporate the Club. This is a good thing for all of us and was passed at the last meeting. Speaking of the December meeting I would like to thank Claudia and Annette plus all the rest of our ladies for the wonderful Christmas dinner.

We did hold our annual election and Dave Medley President, Bud Austin Vice-President, Howard Shire Secretary, and Erv Rohde Treasure were all elected for the year.

As I mentioned before I feel that we must do some interesting things this year to get some attention for our Sport. We will plan on the Boys Ranch, the Cubs and I think we should also include an Open house for

the public. Also do a little work, one and all, to recruit new members. We have several local events where we could get exposure but we can't sit around, we need to get on the bandwagon. For example a static display during the 4th of July celebration, or just have a static displays in the parking lots at Wal-Mart, Harter House, Country Mart, and Summer Fresh. Also I would like to have a Ladies Day or Guest Day.

I will be gone for the next meeting and should be back for the February meeting, I know that some of us are away for the cold spell but all should be ready to go in March.

Talk to all you can and lets make this another great year of Flying.

Dave

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Another year has passed and in some ways that's good. Your editor spent the month of August in the hospital due to an accident and the month of September recovering enough to get back out to the field. This broke my string of monthly Club Newsletters at 13 years and seven months. Fritz Corbin very ably stepped in and got out the August and September Newsletters. Many thanks to everyone for your concern, prayers, cards and support during a very trying time. At present I feel my recovery is virtually complete and I am ready for a new year.

Speaking of Fritz, we all owe him a world of gratitude for solving the armadillo problem. The damage these critters were doing to the field was very extensive and filling the holes was becoming more work than many of us were used to or even capable of doing. But not filling the holes was damaging our planes. Fritz researched the problem, recommended a solution and then supervised the installation of the current electric fence. The critters are still around but are pretty much kept off the

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2009

		DEC	Y T D
BALANCE	12/1/2009	\$ 1,669.32	\$ 2,524.58
INCOME-DUES	-----	\$ 766.69	\$ 1,890.05
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ 55.00
INCOME-FOOD	-----	\$ 175.00	\$ 287.30
INCOME-50/50	-----	\$ 10.00	\$ 65.50
INCOME-MISC	-----	\$ 42.00	\$ 60.00
EXPENSE-FIELD	-----	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,419.14
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ 8.40
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ 159.26
EXPENSE-FOOD	-----	\$ 64.90	\$ 158.85
EXPENSE-AMA	-----	\$ -	\$ 110.00
EXPENSE-Web	-----	\$ 15.17	\$ 210.17
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ 50.00	\$ 175.00
EXPENSE-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$ 133.67
BALANCE	1/1/2010	\$ 2,507.94	\$ 2,507.94

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MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

December 8, 2009

Vice president Fritz Corbin called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. at Branson RexPlex. All officers were present. There were 18 members present including the officers. There were also 12 wives and Dick Shaler present. Dave Medley won the 50/50 pot. He received \$10.00 of the \$20.00 pot.

Committee Reports:

Irv. Rohde reported that we have \$1,669.32 in the bank.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved as published in the Newsletter.

Old Business:

No old business

New Business:

The floor was opened for nominations for next year's officers. There were none. The slate of candidates from the nominating committee was read. President Dave Medley, Vice President Bud Austin, Treasurer Erv Rohde, Secretary Howard Shire. John Woods made a motion that the slate be accepted and seconded by Dave Medley. Motion carried.

The question of next year's dues was raised. The treasurer reviewed this year's figures and said he thought the dues could remain the same. A motion was made by Dave Medley and seconded by Gene Fusion. The motion carried.

Keith Oxby told of a situation where a plane went out of control and landed in the pit area. He suggested that a structure be built over the pit area. No motion was made and the question was tabled until next year.

Meeting adjourned: 6:15 P.M.

Program:

The annual Christmas party was enjoyed by all present.

Cards by Janet Woods and Val Medley were raffled off and the \$40.00 raised was donated to the Club.

YOUR 2010 DUES A DUE!!

Below are the names of the 11 members that are current in their 2010 Club dues.

Friz Corbin, Jim Haney, Don Johnson, Reader Jones, Dave Medley, Mark Niebrzydowski, Keith Oxby, Erv Rohde, Howard Shire, Roy Steinzel and John Woods.

If you feel your 2010 Club dues are current but you are not on the above list contact Erv Rohde for needed corrections.

THE CLUB CRISTMAS DINNER



The Tri-Lakes Flying Club's annual Christmas dinner was held immediately following the December 8th meeting. It was a cold, wet and nasty December night but 32 members and guests braved the weather and enjoyed a delicious dinner. Several other members planned on attending but the rain and fog changed their minds. Above and to the right are some pictures of the serving line and several of the attendees are digging in while others are chatting and catching up on things that had happened since they last saw one another. A good time was had by all.



A BLAST FROM THE PAST. John Woods sent me a picture of himself taken about 23 or 24 years ago, but let him tell the story.

Don,
I came across this picture and thought you may like to use it in the newsletter sometime. Several guys in our dirt bike group use to fly gliders while camping out in the Mojave desert. We would bungee the planes to our coat and carry a back pack with the Tx then climb the hill which is shown in the background. After parking on top, we would hand launch the glider off the cliff on the back side. It was the most fun when the wind was around 30 mph or so. Many times we would add a few rocks to heavy-up the plane in high winds. I can't remember the name of the glider but it had a balsa sheeted wing and molded plastic fuse. The bike was a 1986 KTM 500.
John



field and out of the pit areas. Occasionally one will get by the fence but this is a minor problem compared to the major problem it once was. Many thanks Fritz!

After considerable debate, the Club did decide to donate teddy bears to Skaggs Community Hospital. The Club collected 26 bears and President Dave Medley delivered them to the hospital Chaplin, Mary Helen Jeruzal. The donation was appreciated by the hospital and was a feel good thing for the membership to do.

The TOP GUN 2009 winners were determined and the Certificates were handed out at the December meeting. John Woods, after kinda languishing in third place in past Top Gun Completions, came roaring to First Place this year with 1040 points, virtually lapping the field. In Second Place was Erv Rohde with 593 points and in Third Place was Howard Shire with 483 points. Great work guys. Unfortunately there were only eight members that participated and earned Top Gun Points during 2009, hopefully in 2010 there will be more participants. Maybe some sort of change in format would generate more interest and participation. Suggestions are always welcome.

It's dues time again and the dues schedule is in the column to the right. So bring your 2010 dues to the January meeting on the 12th or mail them in to Erv Rohde. I believe the grace period for flying at Rocky Top Field without your Club dues being current (2010) ends on February 28th. So let's get current!

What do you do if you don't feel up to going to the flying field but want to do some flying. Well just back one or two cars out to the garage and fly one of those new small helicopters. The one I'm flying in half a garage is a Horizon Hobby E-flite Blade mSR with a 7 inch rotor and gyro. It flies about 6 1/2 minutes with a tiny 120 mAH Li-Po battery.

On page 6, notice that the meeting will be at the Branson Community Center, not at the REC-PLEX! See you there at 6 PM.

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

2010 DUES

Club 2010 dues were due as of January 1, 2010. If you fly at Rocky Top Field on or after January 1, 2010 you will need a current (2010) AMA card.

If you are going to renew you Club membership at the January meeting, bring your 2010 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 2009 talk to the Treasurer before paying as you may get a discount on you 2010 dues.

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



JANUARY MEETING

JANUARY 12, 6:00 PM

Meet at **THE BRANSON
COMMUNITY CENTER**

Program

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FIELD MARSHALL

FRITZ CORBIN 272-1106

INSTRUCTORS

JOE MAJOR 336-8060

ERV ROHDE 538-2439

JOHN WOODS 338-8419

SAFETY FIRST

Happy New Year Everyone

Hopefully this year will be safer
than last year.

As you work on your new projects this winter, take out some time to check over the airplanes that you have been flying all year. Check and tighten all of those fasteners that you can get to. Test out your batteries in your transmitter and receiver. Check your flight control surfaces for tightness. Check your propellers for nicks and cracks, and if possible, test run your engines for reliability.

See You at the Field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

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