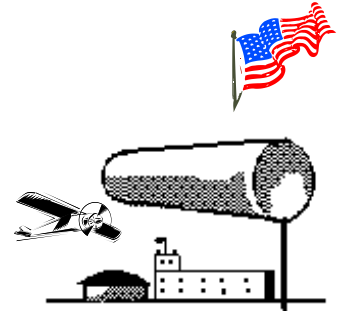


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## HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ROCKY TOP FIELD



2011 began on a cold note, below freezing and the wind was gusty. Five tough airmen braved the cold and showed up for the first flight of the year. Clockwise we see Fritz Corbin's LT-40 as it swings around the field with the wind playing some tricks on it. Next we have Howard Shire as he gets ready to put his Lazy Bee into the air. He was smart and took off into the wind and had a successful flight. Next we have what's left of Don Johnson's electrified Four Star 40. He took off downwind and it mysteriously made a left turn and spread itself all over the middle of the runway. Don did later make a successful flight with another plane. The last picture is of Bud Austin as he piloted his electric powered original just before it encountered problems and went down in the woods. Not pictured is Erv Rohde who arrived at the field and got his flight in as the rest of us were in the woods looking for Bud's plane (parts). A great but chilly time was had by all. Many thanks to Howard for showing up with hot coffee and donuts!

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### Happy New Year!

Well another year has past and we are headed into a new year of flying. I hope those of you who asked Santa for a new plane got one and those who didn't have their old planes glued back together.

My first order of business is to thank the officers who served last year. Dave had a rough year with his traveling and injuries. Thanks for sticking it out Dave. Erv has served as our treasurer for eight years or more and has done a great job. Thanks for your dedication. Bud served as Vice President and Field Marshal. Bud has been willing to serve any capacity that was needed. The field was always ready for our events and weekly flying. Bud, thanks for being there. I can't say enough about the editor of our Newsletter. Don has done a great job seeing that the officers get their columns in so he can get the newsletter out on time. He also served as the program chairman for our Fun Flies. Thanks Don and to all of you for giving of your time and energy to keep our club going.

There are a couple more people who have served in unofficial capacities during the past few years who deserve our recognition. One is John Woods, who has made sure that we have food and drink at our Fun Flies while serving as instructor and maintainer of the club trainer. The other person who remains in the background is Fritz Corbin. Fritz has worked with Bud to keep the field and equipment in good condition as well as keeping the Armadillo fence energized.

I hope some new blood will step up and help out in the New Year.

That's all for now, let's enjoy a great year of flying.

## THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

A very happy new year to everyone.

As has been previously discussed, the Club Newsletter is going through some changes. This issue will be 5 pages and future issues will probably be 4 pages depending on the amount of material available. As stated in the past, your editor welcomes any suitable material that may be of interest to the Club membership, to be submitted for inclusion in the Newsletter.

After careful examination of the remains of my Four Star 40, it looks repairable if I build a complete new fuselage. Since it was a nice plane to fly, that is what I plan to do. Probably make it look a little different with the rebuild. Not sure what made it crash, kind of blame the wind but think an aileron clip may have been broken before the crash.

On the next page, the two articles on 2011 Dues indicates Erv Rohde is the Treasurer. Of course this will change at the January meeting when Roy Steinestel will officially take over as Club Treasurer.

Remember Newsletters will be posted to the Club web site, bransonrc.org, about 5 or 6 days before the next scheduled meeting.

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

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TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2010			
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BALANCE	12/1/2010	\$1,007.54	\$ 2,507.94
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ 346.68	\$ 1,381.70
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ 20.00
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ 120.00	\$ 265.50
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ -	\$ 34.00
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ 11.83	\$ 428.24
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 13.50	\$ 2,163.38
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ 63.04	\$ 80.64
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ 64.37	\$ 145.57
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ 105.00
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ 200.17
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ 75.00
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ 522.48
BALANCE	12/31//2010	\$1,345.14	\$ 1,345.14

# MEETING MINUTES

## TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

December 14, 2010

Vice president Bud Austin called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. at the Coachlight Village meeting room. All officers were present except President Dave Medley. There were 10 members present including the officers. There were also 10 wives present

### Committee Reports:

None

### Old Business:

The slate of candidates suggested by the nominating committee was read then the floor was opened for nominations for officers for 2011. There were none. Pat Adams made a motion that the slate of candidates made by the committee be accepted. Gene Fuson seconded the motion. The motion carried. The Officers are Howard Shire President, Gene Fuson Vice President, Roy Steinestel Treasurer, and Don Johnson Secretary.

### New Business:

The question of next year's dues was raised. The treasurer reviewed this years figures and said he thought the dues could remain at \$80 per year. A motion was made by Gene Fuson and seconded by Pat Adams to keep the dues at \$80 for 2011. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned: 6:05 P.M.

### Program:

The annual Christmas party was enjoyed by all present.

## YOUR 2011 DUES A DUE!!

Below are the names of the 5 members that are current in their 2011 Club dues.

Pat Adams, Friz Corbin, Don Johnson, Howard Shire and Roy Steinestel .

If you feel your 2011 Club dues are current but you are not on the above list contact Erv Rohde for needed corrections.

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## 2011 DUES

Club 2011 dues were due as of January 1, 2011. If you fly at Rocky Top Field on or after January 1, 2011 you will need a current (2011) AMA card.

If you are going to renew you Club membership at the January meeting, bring your 2011 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 2010 talk to the Treasurer before paying as you may get a discount on you 2011 dues.

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



# MERRY CHRISTMAS



On December 14th, 24 Club members and guests met at the Coachlight Trailer Park Club House for the annual Club Christmas party. The top picture shows Jim Halbert wrestling with Howard Shire's inflatable airplane which included Santa Claus and a spinning prop. It looks like Ellen Fuson is giving directions so they eventually got it on its' wheels and the prop spinning. Good work guys!



The next two pictures show Bud Austin conducting the short Club meeting prior to the pot luck dinner.



The dinner turned out great and everyone had all they could eat. Thanks to everyone that contributed to the meal and a special thanks to Claudia Shire who contacted everyone and arranged for getting the meats. Also a big thanks to Homer and Charlotte Zobel for arranging for us to use the Coachlight Club House, setting it up and making the holiday punch.

## **TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB**

### **PRESIDENT**

**HOWARD SHIRE 779- 5069**

### **VICE-PRESIDENT**

**GENE FUSON 538- 9346**

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**JOHN WOODS 338-8419**

## **SAFETY FIRST**

Now that the building season is upon us, unless you are really tough and can fly in the cold wind, most of us will be spending a lot of time repairing and building this winter. As you build and repair, take some time to go over the airplanes that you fly the most. If they do not require any repairs at least check the nuts, bolts, and connectors that hold it all together. Many times items come loose, or are loosened just by using the airplane so much. And, as long as it is working we have a tendency to ignore, or not notice small problems that can become big ones down the line. This will probably happen when you are flying and you are least expecting something to happen. Fly safer this year because you did some preventive maintenance on your fleet.

Happy New Year,  
Gene Fuson  
Safety Officer

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING WILL BE  
JANUARY 11TH, 6:00PM, AT THE  
COACHLIGHT TRAILER PARK CLUB  
HOUSE**