

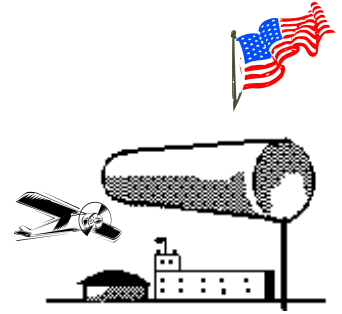
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HAPPY NEW YEAR



What a great way to start off the year! The sun is shining, there is a small fire in the fire pit and in the background is hot coffee in the pot and a package of donuts. Howard and Dave are sitting around chatting and Fritz is thinking about joining them. By noon all eight New Year's Day Fun Fly Club members had gotten their flight in and headed home to enjoy the bowl games. Thanks, Howard, for bringing the coffee and donuts!

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

President John Woods sends his regards and photo proof of his New Year's Day flight from sunny Florida. He too will receive a certificate for braving the elements and flying on the first day of the year.



THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Welcome to 2016. We will not have a Club meeting during January, February or March but that does not mean everything is shut down. The field is in great shape and there will be several days, albeit maybe a little cold, that are good flying days. If the weather forecast looks favorable email some of your buddies that you are going out flying. It is always wise to have another person with you when you are flying.

The new year also signals it is time to pay 2016 dues, both Club and AMA. To fly at our field you must be current in your AMA dues. With Club dues you have a couple months grace period but you are urged to renew as soon as possible. About half our members already have paid their 2016 dues. Regular dues are \$80 and Associate member dues are \$15. If you want to pay by mail, make your check out to Tri-Lakes RC Flying Club and send to Fritz Corbin, 106 Neals Trail, Reeds Spring, MO, 65737.

Don't forget that winter is also the time for building and repairing. So take advantage of the bad weather and have all your planes and equipment ready for spring.

Will probably send out a Newsletter each month even although there is no scheduled meeting. It may only be two or three pages but will try to keep everyone up to date on what is going on.

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

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2015

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BALANCE	12/1/2015	\$1,073.83	\$ 1,668.23
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ 638.00	\$ 1,634.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ 10.00
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ 168.00	\$ 269.05
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ -	\$ 24.50
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ 142.00	\$ 238.87
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 28.10	\$ 1,337.20
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ 91.02	\$ 151.72
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ 90.00	\$ 180.00
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ 18.17	\$ 138.17
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ 243.02
BALANCE	1/1/2016	\$1,794.54	\$ 1,794.54

YOUR 2016 DUES ARE DUE!!

Below are the names of the 12 members that are current in their 2016 Club dues.

Lloyd Apprill, Bud Austin, Fritz Corbin, Jim Haney, Don Johnson, Gary Merseal, Darrell Miers, Craig Pullman, Phil Rogers, Erv Rohde, John Woods and TJ Viola.

If you feel your 2016 Club dues are current but you are not on the above list contact Fritz Corbin for needed corrections.

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB DECEMBER 10, 2015

President John Woods opened the meeting at 6:10 PM, at the South Port Condominium Club House. There were 11 members present including the officers. There were 15 guests, including spouses and retired members. There was a short business meeting. Treasurer Fritz Corbin recommended that Club Dues remain at \$80 per year. A motion was made and passed that dues for 2016 remain at \$80 per year. President, John Woods, stated the Nominating Committee's slate of officers for 2016 were President- John Woods, Vice-President- Gene Fuson, Secretary-Don Johnson and Treasurer-Fritz Corbin. John then asked if there were any other nominations for Club Officers. Since no other nominations were forthcoming the proposed slate of officers were approved by unanimous vote. The meeting was then adjourned for the annual Christmas Party.

PROGRAM:

Dave Medley was the Chef and Master of Ceremonies for the party. He had cooked both a ham and a turkey, and to make sure there was enough food he also cooked a chicken. Side dishes and desserts were provided by members and spouses. More than enough delicious food for everyone.

During the meal, Dave conducted a raffle, eleven items including a couple of packets of hand painted cards by Janet Woods and one packet of hand painted cards by Val Medley. Dave then went to the Auction mode for a nice scarf and a painting with verse by Janet Woods which winning bids came in at \$20 and \$60. Respectively.

The Club also received donations of at least fourteen Teddy Bears to be donated to Cox Hospital in Branson. This is a tradition with the Club and the stuffed toys will be handed out to kids, or other patients, who are confined to the hospital during the holidays.

A good time was had by all.

Below is M.C. Dave Medley conducting the drawing/auction and other photos of the 26 members and guests as they enjoy the Club Christmas Party.



Below, Val and Dave Medley present the teddy bears collected by the Club to the Emergency Room resident at the Cox-Branson hospital. They had at first taken the two bags of stuffed toys to the main hospital but were told there were no kids in the kids ward at this time, but suggested they take them to the Emergency room. At Emergency the toys were gratefully accepted as there were several kids under care and more expected during the holidays. They said the teddy bears would go a long way in helping the kids through the trauma of being in the hospital. Thanks to everyone that donated to this cause.



NEW YEAR'S DAY FUN FLY

Eight Club members showed up for the Club's annual January first Fun Fly. The weather wasn't too bad but it was cold and windy. But Bud Austin, Fritz Corbin, Gene Fuson, Don Johnson, Dave Medley, Gary Merseal, Erv Rohde and Howard Shire gave it a go. Below left Dave Medley can be seen flying Gene's drone and he did a good job making it go up and down a little. To the right Bud Austin gets ready to take his big electric up for his official flight. He landed it with no damage but it did seem to have a bent landing gear.



Though everyone made a flight, some were quite a bit shorter than others. Below left is Howard Shire's Lazy Bee after a short flight that ended suddenly. This earned him bragging rights for first crash of the year. A short while later Erv Rohde lifted his Kaos into the air, about four feet, and immediately landed very hard and earned the honor of shortest flight of the day. Both planes will be eligible for the January crash trophy.



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JOHN WOODS 338-8419****SAFETY FIRST****SAFETY RULES & REGULATIONS**

I am reviewing the CLUB SAFETY RULES for all members, but in particular for our newer members. These rules will continue to be published every month until they are all listed here. If you can't wait to see them all, e-mail me and I will see that you get a copy.

Please read and comply with the following rules:

The following SAFETY RULES were adopted by the TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB Membership in October 1997 and revised November 2010.

13. Pilots must announce that they are going to be landing and taking off to the other pilots on the field.

14. Spectators must remain behind the flying area.

15. It shall be each member's responsibility to police the flying field at the end of each flying session. If you brought it to the field, take it home with you.

See you at the field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING
WILL BE APRIL 12TH,
5:30PM, AT THE CLUB FLY-
ING FIELD.**