

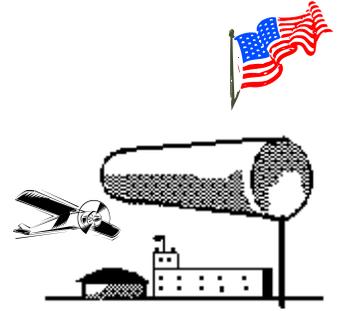
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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

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**Bud Austin getting his plane ready for his New Year's Day flight. The plane flew but not well. The motor did not seem to put out its' normal power. Maybe because it was electric powered, it was only 28 degrees and the battery had some age on it. But all's well that ends well and Bud had a good landing and earned his New Year's Day certificate.**

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy New Year!!

We made it to our campground in Texas on Dec. 17th. We spent Christmas in the park and in the early evening the campground hosted a Christmas Dinner for all the winter Texans. Real nice meeting some new people and everyone had a nice time. We hope you all were able to be with your friends and family too.

We are camping at Eastgate RV Park in Harlingen, Texas. It is a mixture of R/Vs and Mobile homes. As of this writing I haven't flown yet but plan on flying January 1<sup>st</sup> of course. Janet and I talk about the nice time we had at our Club's Christmas dinner. It was great having everyone there and listening to the stories you all shared after dinner. It was a very special time and hope you all enjoyed the get together too.

I sure hope you have a good day at the flying field New Year's Day. Of course, no telling what the weather will be at this time. Hope everyone survives.

Thanks to all the officers, volunteers and members for all they do to keep Tri-Lakes RC flying. We all appreciate you and your dedication.

Happy Landings in 2019. God bless you and your families always.

John

## THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

As we leave 2018 here are a very few statistics. At the end of 2018 the Treasury had \$2,015 and the same time last year we had \$1,928. Not bad. Our membership was 17 at the end of both 2017 and 2018. We only had 8 meetings during 2018 and the total attendance was 52 or an average of 6.5 members per meeting. It would be great if we could somehow increase our membership in 2019.

The year started with our annual New Year's Day Fun Fly. At this time the only known participants were Bud Austin Gene Fuson and Don Johnson. it was a nice day, the sun was shining and there was a slight breeze. But it was 28 degrees minus the wind chill factor. Really missed Howard Shire with his coffee pot perking in the shelter. You can see Bud on the front page, and there are a couple more photos at the field on the next page. Maybe one of these events will be challenged with some snow! If any other members did their New Year's flight, let me know so I can make you a certificate.

Winter is a little tough for flying but there are days when it is fairly pleasant at the field, so watch the forecasts and come on out on the good days. It is also a good idea to call or email a buddy and let him know you plan to go out. It is better not to fly alone!

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

### TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2018

		DEC	Y T D
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>12/1/2018</b>	<b>\$1,465.03</b>	<b>\$ 1,928.49</b>
<b>INCOME-DUES -----</b>		<b>\$ 480.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>
<b>INCOME-SHIRTS&amp;CAPS</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>
<b>INCOME-FOOD -----</b>		<b>\$ 180.00</b>	<b>\$ 276.00</b>
<b>INCOME-50/50 -----</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 21.50</b>
<b>INCOME-MISC -----</b>		<b>\$ 15.22</b>	<b>\$ 175.27</b>
<b>EXPENSE-FIELD -----</b>		<b>\$ 31.00</b>	<b>\$ 944.44</b>
<b>EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>EXPENSE-SHIRTS&amp;CAPS</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>EXPENSE-FOOD -----</b>		<b>\$ 73.89</b>	<b>\$ 138.34</b>
<b>EXPENSE-AMA -----</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 120.00</b>
<b>EXPENSE-Web -----</b>		<b>\$ 20.17</b>	<b>\$ 170.51</b>
<b>EXPENSE-meeting room</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>EXPENSE-MISC -----</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 22.78</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>1/1/2019</b>	<b>\$2,015.19</b>	<b>\$ 2,015.19</b>

## MEETING MINUTES

### TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB

Due to an early Christmas Party, the December Meeting Minutes were reported in the December Newsletter.

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Below is a good photo of Gene Fuson getting ready to fly his Fun Cub. For some reason the Cub did not seem to be flying the way it normally does. Gene tried to adjust the balance but it still was not well behaved. He did get two flights in even though one landed in the tall grass—with no damage.

In the foreground is Don Johnson's Polaris XL which he had successfully flown earlier.

In the lower photo is Gene's Fun Cub coming in for a nice landing.

So far all three New Year's Day Fun Fly planes have been electric powered.



## **YOUR 2019 DUES ARE DUE!!**

Below are the names of the 6 members that are current in their 2019 Club dues.

**Bud Austin, Fritz Corbin, Don Johnson, Erv Rohde, Charley Schenk and John Woods.**

If you feel your 2019 Club dues are current but you are not on the above list contact Fritz Corbin for needed corrections



Saturday, December 29th at about 11 AM. Don's Polaris XL sits on the runway after a 4 minute flight. Is that the last flight of the year?



A progress report on Don Johnson's new blue fan fold creation. It has a 50 inch wing and should weigh about 2 pounds. Hope it flies!

## **2019 DUES**

Club 2019 dues were due as of January 1, 2019. If you fly at Rocky Top Field on or after January 1, 2019 you will need a current (2019) AMA card.

If you are going to renew you Club membership at the April meeting, bring your 2019 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 2018 talk to the Treasurer before paying as you may get a discount on your 2019 dues.

If paying by mail, send your dues to Fritz Corbin, 106 Neals Trail, Reeds Spring, MO, 65737-9786.

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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 personal safety and the safety of your flying buddies.

See you at the field,  
Gene Fuson  
Safety Officer

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING  
WILL BE APRIL 9, 5:30PM, AT  
THE SOUTH PORT CONDO  
CLUBHOUSE.**