

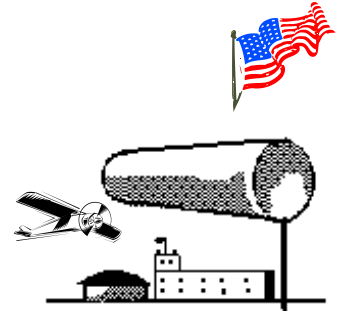
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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020!



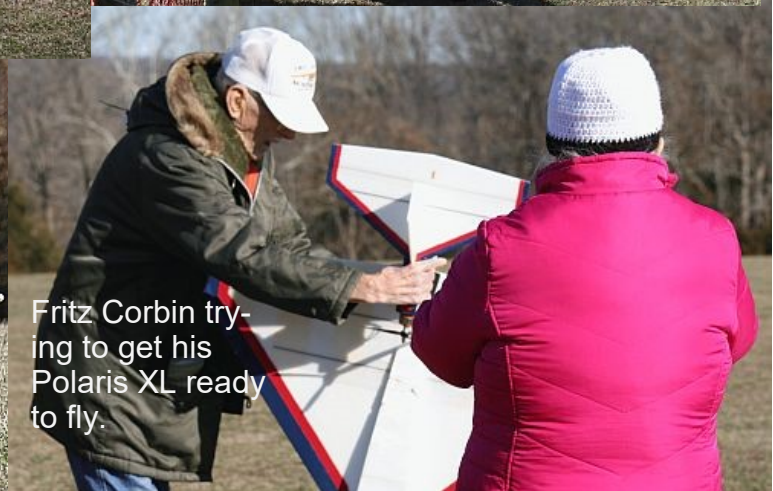
John Woods preparing for take off with his Ultra Stick.



Bud Austin parking his big electric after a windy bumpy flight.



Gene Fuson's Cub preparing for a windy and wild ride.



Fritz Corbin trying to get his Polaris XL ready to fly.

It was a chilly, windy day as the Club held it's annual New Year's Day Fun Fly. Five Club pilots showed up to brave the weather and four of them accomplished their flights without any damage. Fritz was ready to go but his pre-flight check showed his rudder servo was inoperative so he had to cancel for the day. Janet Woods, seen in red coat, took more pictures as shown on page 3.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

2020 - Another year flew by. Happy New Years to all.

Our friend Dave Medley had a very nice memorial service Dec. 27th. Dave has a very large family and it looked like they were all able to come. Many from Dave's Church, neighbors, friends and family from around the country were there. Several from our Club were able to attend too. Music, stories and prayers were shared to honor Dave. He was a 26 year Air Force Jet fighter pilot who served in Korea and Vietnam. He was awarded many metals including the Bronze Star and Distinguished Flying Cross. Val, his wife, wanted to thank all of his R/C friends for coming and appreciated the cards very much. We'll all miss Dave.

Erv and Doris have decided to sell their home and move closer to the kids. As probably everyone knows, Erv has been generous enough to donate a bunch of his nice planes to those who will enjoy them. The planes and other things are in the storage shed at the field. Thank you Erv for being part of the Club for so many years. Also, thank you for your support, participation, your teaching and your generosity.

We had several nice flying days in December so we were able to get out a lot. It does appear that true winter is heading our way so we can spend more time indoors building and fixing a few planes. When the weather isn't too bad we will head out to the field and get some flying in. Also, don't forget to come out and fly January 1, 2020.

Janet and I wish all our Club members and R/C friends a very Happy New Year.

Happy Landings in 2020 John

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Here we are with 2019 behind us and beginning a new year. We ended the year with 16 members, including a couple of students. We will lose some of these in 2020 so finding a few active new members will be a priority this coming year. We began 2019 with \$2,015 in the bank and ended with \$1,888. Not bad considering that doesn't include any 2020 dues that Fritz has and will deposit after January 1st. The field is in excellent shape for the new year thanks to the efforts of Bud and Fritz. Also Gary Merseal is working on clearing the brush bordering the runway. This is great since this area hasn't been brush hogged for at least four or five years and has become a no-mans-land for airplane recovery.

With Erv and Doris deciding to move back home, Erv donated several planes and radios to the Club. They are in the storage shed and available on a first come first serve basis. See page 4 for pictures of the planes and equipment.

Sadly we had some losses in 2019. Jim Halbert and Dave Medley, both unique people, each leaving a legacy of friendship and contribution during their many years with the Club. Also Jean Corbin, Fritz's wife, passed away last month. She was a frequent visitor at Club events. We will all miss these people very much.

Happy New Year.....ed.

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2019			
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BALANCE	12/1/2019	\$1,920.03	\$ 2,015.19
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ -	\$ 575.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ -	\$ 23.50
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ 0.07	\$ 525.80
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 31.82	\$ 993.04
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ 120.00
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ 138.17
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ -
BALANCE	12/31/2019	\$1,888.28	\$ 1,888.28



Gene Fuson
with his Alaska
tundra Cub.



Fritz Corbin giving his
Polaris XL a pre-
flight check and
found his rudder ser-
vo to be inoperable
so he was done for
the day.



Gene Fuson holding John's plane prior to takeoff.

Photos on this page are by Janet
Woods. Many thanks for your input Janet!



Don Johnson's Lazy Bee during a
wild and windy ride. Landings are
mandatory and it managed to get
down without damage.



Bud Austin running
up his electric prior
to take off.

TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB MEETING MINUTES

To all Tri-Lakes R/C Members,

Due to the predicted weather forecast and having only a couple of business items to take care of, we have decide to **cancel** Tuesday's meeting and use this email as a record of December's Club meeting.

1. The officers elected to serve for this coming year will be:

PresidentJohn Woods
Vice President Gene Fuson
Secretary Don Johnson
Treasurer Fritz Corbin

2. The Club dues will remain unchanged at \$80. Don't forget to renew your AMA Membership.

Make dues Payment to: **Tri-Lakes R/C Flying Club** and give to one of the Club officers or mail to:

Fritz Corbin
106 Neals Trail
Reeds Spring, MO 65737

3. The Club will not have business meetings January, February or March. We will continue to fly as often as we can. Remember we will fly New Years Day. I'll send out another email with the time.

****I just read a Facebook notice that Charlie Schenk made his last FedEx flight around the world on Friday and is retiring this month. Congratulations !!!**

Thanks to all our Club members for their participation by being a member and supporting the Club financially, serving in leadership, working in all the field maintenance and in so many other ways. The Club has been changing a lot in its membership but still has enough members to support it. We still enjoy our airplanes both building and flying. I always look forward to seeing who will be at the field.

Thank you,
Merry Christmas
John



Above is some of the area west of the runway that Gary Merseal has brush hogged. Gary plans on getting all the area adjacent to the runway cut down and do it once a year. This will greatly help members retrieving errant air-planes. We really appreciate it Gary!

Below is a ModelAero Aqua Cat, one of several planes that Jim Halbert never got around to building. Don Johnson acquired the plane and built it. He then got John Woods to test fly it. After John got in a couple of flights and had it dialed in he turned over the transmitter to Don to fly and land. As seen by the picture below this did not go well. The plane was a little small and hot for Don to handle. After repairing the Aqua Cat to almost as good as new, Don figured that if John could fly it, he should have it. The Aqua Cat and especially the Polaris XL, kitted by ModelAero are no longer listed on the internet as ModelAero seems to have gone out of business. Too bad, the Polaris XL is an easy plane to fly and it flies very well.



2020 DUES

Club 2020 dues were due as of January 1, 2020. If you fly at Rocky Top Field on or after January 1, 2020 you will need a current (2020) AMA card.

If you are going to renew your Club membership 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 2019 talk to the Treasurer before paying as you may get a discount on your 2020 dues.

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



Above and below are the airplanes and radio gear that Erv Rohde donated to the Club. One is really, really big and a couple of the planes look like they will be really, really fast.



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**THE NEXT CLUB
MEETING WILL BE
APRIL 14, 5:30PM,
AT THE SOUTH
PORT CONDO
CLUBHOUSE.**

SAFETY FIRST

Forecasts are coming for snowy or icy conditions soon, if not already.

Some of us are from North of here and have lots of practice driving on slick road conditions. The problem is.....some of us are out of practice.

Make sure you give yourself plenty of room from the vehicle in front of you. You should leave, roughly, 2 car lengths for every 10 miles per hour in slick road conditions.

Try to avoid hitting your brakes in an emergency situation. Even with anti-lock brakes it is a different scenario on snow or ice. If you do get into a skid, release the brakes and try to steer your way out of trouble. Don't panic! Never use cruise control in rain, snow or ice, NEVER! Get a run at hills so you don't try to accelerate, you will probably lose a little speed, but that is O.K. Look far ahead at the traffic, if you come upon a sea of red taillights, start preparing to avoid whatever is happening up ahead. If it is really slick and you are approaching an uphill stop sign, slow down, but don't come to a complete stop, you probably won't get started again if you stop. Four wheel drive is handy for starting up, but is of negligible value stopping.

Learn to down shift your automatic, but try to match the RPM when you do. Don't just yank the lever to a new gear, especially on a front wheel drive vehicle. Front wheel drive vehicles are different on snow and ice, they have a tendency to swap ends if you brake hard, or even down shift suddenly.

Always drive with your lights on in snow or foggy conditions.

Keep an ice scraper, a blanket, jumper cables and a bag of sand in your car.

Happy New Year!!!!!!!

Gene Fuson
Safety Officer