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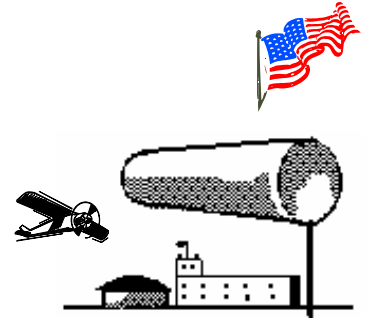
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## WINTER IS FOR BUILDING



It is a fact of life that the current popularity of R/C airplanes is due to the availability of "Ready to Fly" (RTF's) and "Almost Ready to Fly" (ARF's) airplanes. This has been a real boost to a declining model airplane industry and you'll see most of the planes flown at the local flying fields to be this type of plane. There is, however, still some that feel that designing and building an airplane is at least as challenging and as much fun as flying it. Starting with a blank sheet of paper, Don Johnson selected the Bellanca Air Bus (circa 1927-30) because of its unusual shape and features. The struts are streamlined aluminum tubing, rigging is spider wire, wheel pants are fiberglass cloth and epoxy over a wood form, cowl is a couple of Coke cans, the cowl ring is from a PET 7-up bottle and the 9 cylinder Wright Cyclone is hand made (see page 5 for a close up shot). It's electric of course and with all the stuff hanging from a long nose the battery is behind the cabin section, With a 48.5 inch wing span it is 1/16 th scale. Will it fly? We'll soon see as it is about ready to cover.

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello all flyers!

We had a small crowd at our Jan. meeting, but accomplished several items.

This could be another great year to promote our club to the community. I encourage you to bring your ideas of what we can do to help the club grow, to the next meeting. We did discuss making the collecting of stuffed animals for the children at the hospital an annual event.

There was some talk about having a Float Fly this year. We need to see if there is enough interest from the club members to have one.

We want to give a big thanks to Bud Austin for being the Field Marshal last year. We talked about reducing the area that we will mow, so that will make mowing a bit easier this year.

I hope to see you all at our next meeting, when we will have some information about the new Spektrum DX7 7 channel transmitter, which is just coming on the market in February.

Till then, good flying!

Gary

## MEETING MINUTES TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB January 9, 2007

President Gary Acton opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Branson RecPlex. All officers were present. There were 16 members and member's wife, Janet Woods in attendance. There were no new members or guests in attendance. The minutes from the December meeting were approved as published in the January newsletter. Treasurer Erv Rohde reported that the current treasury balance was \$2139.03 and 18 members have paid current to date. The 50/50 raffle was won by Jack McEvoy who received one half of \$13.

### **Committee Reports:**

There were no committee reports for this meeting.

### **Announcements and Old Business:**

Gary Acton brought a letter from Skaggs Hospital Chaplain Mary Helen Jeruzal thanking all of the members who donated the stuffed toys for Christmas and said how much they were needed and appreciated. Gary also reported on his visit to an R/C club in Ocala, Fla. over the holidays and how their 120 members have built their club treasury and actually vie with each other to help with the mowing chores, etc.

Everyone is reminded again, when locking the gate-  
**be sure to put our lock through another lock-  
NOT the chain. It will be cut off!**

### **New Business:**

The following members have accepted the board members request to fill these important positions for 2007: Safety officer-Gene Fuson, Fun Fly Director-Don Johnson and Field Marshal-Fritz Corbin..

Gary thanked out-going Vice President and Field Marshal Bud Austin and Safety Officer, John Woods for their help and excellent service the past year. Everyone also wanted Don Johnson to know that his hard and diligent work with the Newsletter and all the certificates that he makes for us was greatly appreciated and such an asset to the club.

Treasurer Erv Rohde asked that a "backup" for the treasurers duties be available. He will be unable to perform regular duties from June until August 1<sup>st</sup>. Howard Shire volunteered to fill in for him.

A discussion was held regarding Club shirts, having an inventory on hand for new members and for members who need replacements. It was decided that Erv Rohde is to obtain a supply so that these will be available in the future. We still have 1 large and 1 extra large red shirt available. It was agreed that all future shirts will be ordered in royal blue as we had done in the past. This will help to eliminate having "odd ball" sizes/colors on hand and to add to continuity of the club's appearance.

Discussion regarding the upkeep of the field, the areas that need to be mowed, etc. ensued. Motion by Howard Shire, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jack McEvoy to authorize Fritz Corbin to purchase the necessary chemicals to keep insect problems from occurring-passed unanimously.

**Program:**

Dave Medley passed out the New Year's Day Flying certificates to the following (who were in attendance at the meeting) 17 pilots who participated: Bud Austin, Fritz Corbin, Roscoe Fudge, Gene Fuson, Jim Halbert, Don Johnson, Joe Major, Jack McEvoy, Annette McEvoy, Tom McKenzie, Dave Medley, Keith Oxby, Henry Racette, Erv Rohde, Howard Shire, Janet Woods and John Woods.

A flyer was passed out to each person in attendance to be used as a guideline for the talk that John Woods gave on safety issues, how it affects each and every one of us and how we are all responsible not only for ourselves but for every other person at the field. He pointed out that each of us has, at some time or another, made at a mistake that was or could have been a serious problem for ourselves or someone else at the field. John mentioned that the flyer listed 7 major items but that there are many more things that go into maintaining a safe flying environment for all of us. Dave Medley reminded everyone again about the proper use of the frequency board and making sure that you do not turn on your radio unless you are in possession of the pin for that frequency. Dave also passed out a check list for everyone to use when doing a pre-flight on their aircraft.

Gene Fuson brought his beautiful Aero Marine r/c boat which runs a hopped up Z260 (marine G26), has a tattle-tale tack so he can see how high he's revved the ported & big bore 6 hp engine. It can run close to 60 mpg and up to 15,000 rpm. Gene uses a recoil starter to get this water cooled, tuned

pipe engine to start & keeps the 16# beauty running with a 16 oz load of gas. The beautiful finish was applied by a professional using automotive paint. Gene nearly wiped out the \$1800 investment by a run-in with a turtle!

Don Johnson brought everyone up to date with the progress on his Bellanca project. He's made great inroads on the engine which uses a 7-Up bottle for the cowl ring. The cylinders are balsa that he made using sharp tubing. The rocker boxes were then molded using modeling clay for a mold and the actual parts are then molded from an epoxy and micro-balloons mix. Don uses silicon spray as a mold release. The exhaust ring is made from aluminum tubing and is very realistic. He made the pants by laying out fiberglass cloth, spraying it with 3M Super 77, letting it dry, placing it over a form to shape and then brushes on epoxy to complete. The finished product is so scale like.

Next meeting will be February 13th at the Branson RecPlex center.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2007			
		JAN	Y T D
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>1/1/2007</b>	<b>\$2,139.03</b>	<b>\$ 2,139.03</b>
<b>INCOME-DUES</b> -----		<b>\$ 240.00</b>	<b>\$ 240.00</b>
<b>INCOME-SHIRTS&amp;CAPS</b>		<b>\$ 10.00</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>
<b>INCOME-FOOD</b> -----		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>INCOME-50/50</b> -----		<b>\$ 6.50</b>	<b>\$ 6.50</b>
<b>INCOME-MISC</b> -----		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>EXPENSE-FIELD</b> -----		<b>\$ 40.00</b>	<b>\$ 40.00</b>
<b>EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>EXPENSE-SHIRTS&amp;CAPS</b>		<b>\$ 270.52</b>	<b>\$ 270.52</b>
<b>EXPENSE-FOOD</b> -----		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>EXPENSE-AMA</b> -----		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>EXPENSE-Web</b> -----		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>EXPENSE-meeting room</b>		<b>\$ 25.00</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>
<b>EXPENSE-MISC</b> -----		<b>\$ 2.61</b>	<b>\$ 2.61</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>2/1/2007</b>	<b>\$2,057.40</b>	<b>\$ 2,057.40</b>

## THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Yep! It's dues time again. When the March meeting rolls around, if your dues are not paid, the Club Secretary will have to make out paperwork to AMA saying you are no longer a Club member. Also you will no longer be able to fly at Rocky Top Field and will not be eligible for a discount at TPA Hobby Center. Of course you can be reinstated at any time during the year by paying the full amount of dues due, but the Secretary has to go through the paperwork thing again. Since our dues have doubled in the last two years, thought it might be good to look at some membership numbers. Don't have all the February numbers but I think the following will give us a clue to which way we may be headed.

	FEB	MAR
2007	22	
2006	31	37
2005	29	35
2004	-	26
2003	-	36
2002	29	46
2001	30	38
2000	-	39
1999	22	27

Hopefully we will get a good boost at the February meeting. If not we may need to do some creative planning since raising dues further could prove counter productive.

Received an email from Erv Rohde that he expects the Club shirts to be in by the February meeting and for every one that ordered one to bring their money to the meeting. They are all royal blue and he suggests the price should be \$15 for M,L, and XL, and \$17 for XXL. At this time he is not sure what they will charge for T-shirts.

Gene Fuson sent an email to a few members showing pictures of the restored Enola Gay at the Smithsonian Museum at the Dulles Airport. This is the B-29 that dropped the first atomic bomb on Japan, The pictures are awesome. If you want to look, go to <http://aafradio.org> and click on Enola in the left margin. Put the new Dulles museum on your must do list the next time you're in the DC area. It looks like a great aircraft museum.

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

## SAFETY FIRST

Now that our weather has taken a turn for the worse, I imagine that most of us will be staying inside and working on our airplanes and possibly some new kits or ARF's. I want to remind you to be safety conscious when using tools and adhesives. CA and accelerator can make a finger part of your new airplane. Trust me, I speak from experience. I also know of one member that glued his shirt to his airplane. No names mentioned of course. Also, if you have a "Slot Machine", be very careful using this mini slicer dicer. Blood on your new plane is not going to look good either.

See you at the field,

Gene Fuson  
Safety Officer

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## CURRENT 2007 CLUB MEMBERS

The following Club members are current in their 2007 dues.

Gary Acton, Bud Austin, Sid Beckham, Fritz Corbin, Del D'Alessandro, Paul Denny, Gene Fuson, Cody Garber, Don Johnson, Reeder Jones, Annette McEvoy, Jack McEvoy, Tom Mckenzie, Dave Medley, Mark Neibrzydoski, Keith Oxby, Dick Peterson, Henry Racette, Erv Rohde, Howard Shire, Roy Steinestel and John Woods

If you are not on the above list but feel you are current in your 2007 Club dues contact Erv Rohde.





Above is John Woods coming in for a nice landing with the Decathlon that former member Del Silva built.

Directly below is a 9 cylinder Wright Cyclone that Don Johnson scratch built for his Belanca Air Bus. At 1/16 th scale it is about 3 1/2 inches in diameter.

Below right is Gene Fuson explaining some details of his Aero Marine r/c boat. At 16 pounds, it runs about 60 miles per hour and can be pretty rough on turtles if they get in its way. A fast and fancy boat, but probably not in every ones budget. But if you have about \$1,800 not in use, go for it. Of course that includes the \$300 paint job.



## 2007 DUES ARE DUE

If you haven't paid your 2007 dues yet you can pay them at the February 13th meeting or send a check or money order payable to TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB, to:

**ERV ROHDE**  
928 Jackson Hollow Rd.  
Galena, MO 65656

The dues schedule is as follows:

1. **FULL MEMBERSHIP** - \$80 per year.
2. **ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS** - \$5 each per yr.
3. **ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP** (non-voting) - \$15/ yr.\*
4. **STUDENTS** - Free Club membership but must be a current AMA member.

\*A person can join as an Associate Member if he/she lives outside Taney County or counties adjacent or touching Taney County. A non local person can also join as a Full Voting Member if desired.

To maintain 2007 flying privileges your 2007 Club dues must be paid and your current (2007) AMA membership card must be shown to Erv Rohde.



# **FEBRUARY MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 13, 7:00 PM**

**Meet at the Branson RecPlex.**

## **Program**

**Annette and Jack McEvoy  
will make a presentation  
on the new Spectrum 7 ra-  
dio system**

**Bring your current projects for “Show  
and Tell”**

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

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