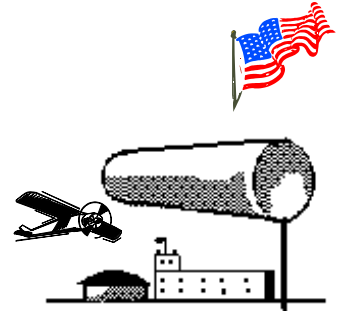


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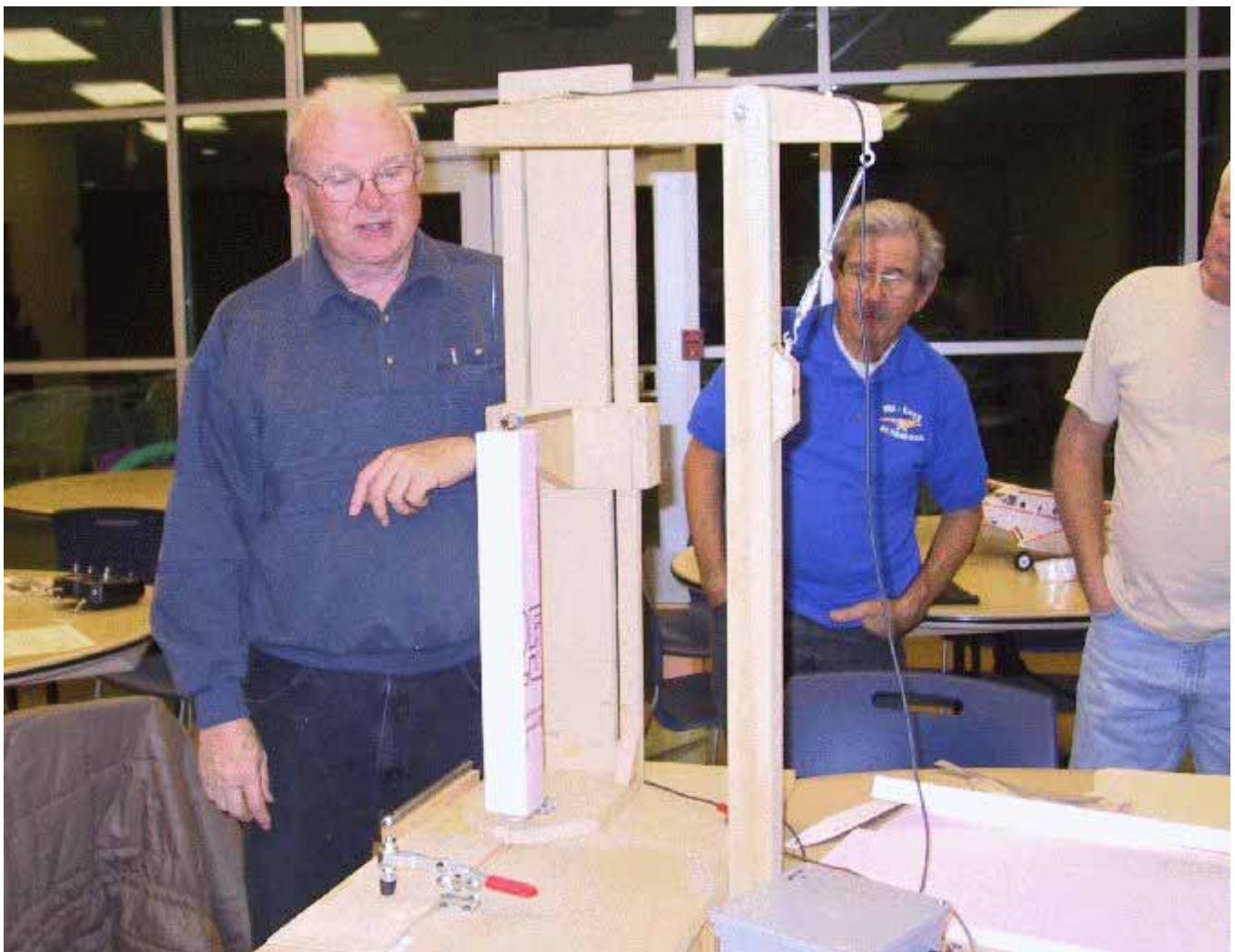
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JANUARY MEETING DEMONSTRATION



At the January Meeting, Jim Halbert demonstrates the foam cutting machine that he developed. It cuts both cylinders and cones, and they can be solid or hollow. He also has a large foam cutter at home that he uses to cut foam wing cores. He brought samples of the wing cores and some templates used to cut different airfoils. Shown are Jim Halbert on the left, Jack McEvoy center and Gene Fuson on the right.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Our January meeting at the RecPlex started out a little slow due to some scheduling problems; however it is now worked out and the 12 February meeting should be as scheduled. We had a good meeting and 'show and tell' was very interesting' with the Styrofoam cutter demonstrated.

I am sure that by now most of you are feeling the touch of winter and beginning to get Cabin Fever. When it is this cold it is very hard to think about flying, but it does give us several weeks to get our aircraft checked out and ready to go when the temperatures get warmer.

As it stands right now I won't know if we will be able to spend some time in Padre Island In February. I have an appointment with the cardiologist on the 28th of January. It will depend on what he says. My back is doing really great; however, while in the hospital they found that my heart was fibrillating and now have me on new medicine, which seems to be doing the trick.

We did get another article in the Stone County Gazette with pictures of the guys and stuffed animals for the hospital kids. Hope to see all of you at Rocky Top very soon. Looking forward to the flying season.

Dave

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

If this is the only column you read in the Newsletter, please note on the next page that our meeting time at the RecPlex has changed. We will meet at 6:30 and adjourn at 8:00. Also, that the cheerleaders have the room until 6:30 so we cannot enter the room until then.

Yep, it's time to pay dues again. Currently we have 20 members on the 2008 Club roster. At this time last year we had 22. With luck several more will renew their dues at the February meeting. Remember if your Club dues aren't current by the March meeting, bad things happen.

John Woods submitted some info and pictures on his holiday trip to the west coast, some of which is on page 5. Will try to put some more of his (or Janet's) pictures in the March Newsletter. Always happy to receive submissions that would be of interest to Club members. Thanks John!

Had a discussion about low participation in the Club Fun Flys during the January meeting. After the discussion your editor's take on this is that we actually do have a good participation at the Fun Flys. On a fairly decent day about half the members will attend the Fun Flys—some will compete, some will help with the events, some will enjoy the lunch and some will spectate and enjoy the comradery. Everyone seems to have a good time and this I feel is good for the Club. True, it would be nice to have more flyers enter the events and we will continue to encourage this through having many of the events somewhat novice friendly. As some of our members become more confident in their flying, they may begin to enter the events. Remember you don't have to do all the events. We also must remember that all Club members do not Join for the same reasons and that some competent pilots do not enjoy competing. Since they paid their dues their wishes must be respected. If fear of damaging your aircraft is holding you back you should talk to the Club President as he mentioned something about having a sacrificial trainer that he might lend. To wrap it up, as long as many of our members enjoy the Fun Flys—albeit not directly competing— then it's probably worth the effort to continue having them. Any suggestions on how to improve the Fun Flys are always welcome.

Time to land for the month.....ed.

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2008			
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BALANCE	1/1/2008	\$ 2,353.20	\$ 2,353.20
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ 560.00	\$ 560.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ -
BALANCE	2/1/2008	\$ 2,873.20	\$ 2,873.20

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

January 8, 2008

President Dave Medley opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. at the Branson Rec Plex. All officers were present. There were 13 members attending. The minutes from the December meeting were approved as published in the January Newsletter. Treasurer Erv Rohde reported that the current treasury balance was \$2351.20 as of January 1st with 15 paid members. The 50/50 raffle was won by Jack McEvoy who received one half of \$10.00.

Committee Reports:

Safety Officer Gene Fuson said that the first aid kit at the field is pretty well up to date.

Fritz Corbin reported that the armadillos have avoided the trap and he has been looking into additional means of trying to control the grubs so that we can reduce the problem. New Field Marshal Dick Peterson will be working on the situation.

The food that was going to be used at the New Years Fun Fly will be used on the April 12th Fun Fly.

Annette McEvoy reported that AMA still hasn't gotten their TAG program in order for this year and that they suggested that we apply for their YES Grant. This grant must be applied for by January 1st so once again our club will not receive any help from them for our program to interest new people in the sport.

Announcements and Old Business:

Annette also announced that Gary Acton, Jack McEvoy and she presented the 43 toys collected by the Club to Skaggs hospital and they were extremely appreciative.

Everyone was reminded of the swap meet coming up on January 19th in Kansas City and Bud Austin said that he has several planes for sale that he's taking up there. If you're interested,

contact him prior to the 19th.

New Business:

Dave Medley brought up the subject of the low participation at our Fun Flys and asked for input from everyone as to what may help get more members to participate in the actual events.

Program:

Bob Pilecki presented the New Years Fun Fly certificates to the two members who actually were brave enough to put their planes up on New Years Day – Fritz Corbin and Don Johnson. There were a total of seven members who braved the cold windy weather.

Gene Fuson brought his new Helimax CP helicopter that Ellen got him for Christmas. It's a nice looking unit and comes complete with transmitter, charger and batteries for \$169. He also brought a prop that he painted that has a very realistic wood finish. Contact him for the method that he used.

Don Johnson brought his 1/20th civilian version of the Bellanca with removable wheel pants. Weighs in at 18 oz with a 3 cell li-po battery and covered with 21st Century Microlite film. The "radial" is actually a photo he downloaded from the internet. Looks terrific!

Jim Halbert had a servo tester he bought for \$20.00 that is programmable. Will do servo centering, travel and check for binding.

Jim was the featured presenter for the evening with his home made foam cutting machine. He demonstrated several different ways of cutting foam pieces from a simple roll to double cutting rolls and ending up with a thin hollow tube. He is able to set up at many different angles so is able to use it in many different ways. Jim uses 3M77 to glue small pieces of foam together. He has a large machine that he built in his shop that will make foam wings. He also brought a sample of silastic putty that he uses to make molds for fiberglass parts.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

MEETING TIME CHANGE

Regular meetings at the RecPlex will begin at 6:30 instead of 7:00 and will end at 8 PM.

The reasons for the above are (1) The Rex-Plex is warm and convenient. (2) The RecPlex building is supposed to close at 8 PM. (3) The cheerleaders have the meeting room until 6:30. (4) It costs \$25 for each hour we use the meeting room.

With this in mind the Officer's decided that an hour and a half should be enough time to handle what business we need to do including any programs. Try to make it to the meeting on time but keep in mind that the cheerleaders do have the room until 6:30 so don't enter the meeting room until their time is up.

2008 DUES

Club 2008 dues were due as of January 1, 2008. If you fly at Rocky Top Field on or after January 1, 2008 you will need a current (2008) AMA card.

If you are going to renew you Club membership at the February meeting, bring your 2008 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 2007 talk to the Treasurer before paying as you may get a discount on you 2008 dues.

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

CURRENT 2008 CLUB MEMBERS

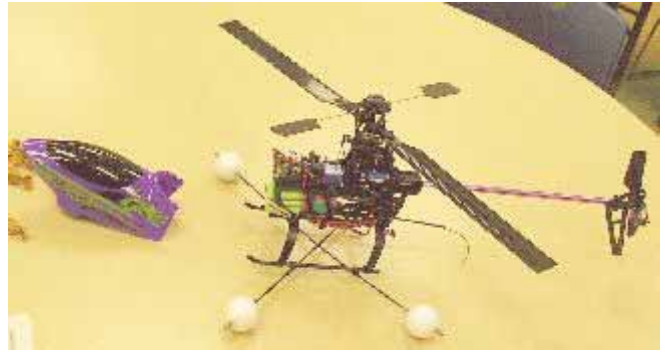
The following Club members are current in their 2008 dues.

Gary Acton, Bud Austin, Sid Beckham, Fritz Corbin, Del D'Alessandro, Gene Fuson, Don Johnson, Reeder Jones, Annette McEvoy, Jack McEvoy, Dave Medley, Dick Peterson, Robert Pilecki, Henry Racette, Erv Rohde, Dick Ross, Howard Shire, Roy Steinestel, John Woods and Homer Zobel.

If you are not on the above list but feel you are current in your 2008 Club dues contact Erv Rohde.

Below is a small \$20 servo checker that Jim Halbert brought to the January meeting. Check them out before you install them! For more info talk to Jim.





Left is pictured champion trapper Fritz Corbin with armadillo no. 8. Is it possible that Fritz is related to some of the French trappers that came through this area several hundred years ago? In any case, Fritz is doing everything he can to keep the armadillo damage to the field to a minimum, and we're grateful for his efforts. Above is Gene Fuson's new Helimax CP helicopter that he brought to the January meeting. Came with everything to get it in the air if your talent allows. Wife, Ellen, gave it to him for Christmas. What a nice, thoughtful and practical present!



If you've noticed that John Woods has been absent for a few weeks, it is because he went out to Henderson, NV (Las Vegas) and Newport Beach, CA, while the rest of us suffered through the cold. Per John "While in Las Vegas I flew my Decathlon and Stryker at Bennett Field. Bennett Field held the TOC one year and is first class in all aspects. The asphalt field is huge - about 500' long and 150' wide with lots of grass around for landings also. No trees and blue sky as far as the eye could see. Kind of had a feeling of being set free!! The City has taken over the ownership and maintenance as well. The field is open to the public but one must be an AMA member to fly there. We saw all kinds of aircraft - Jets, Extras, Cubs, Electrics and Helicopters too." Seems like Sin City does have some advantages! Left is John's Decathlon taxiing on Bennett Field and at right is John flying his Striker at the site of an abandoned casino at the NV/CA state line on New Year's Day, thereby also earning his Certificate.

Photos by Janet Woods

FEBRUARY MEETING

FEBRUARY 12, **6:30** PM

Meet at the **Branson RecPlex**

Program

**Bring your current projects
for show and tell**

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SAFETY FIRST

Well, it certainly has been to cold for some of us to fly our airplanes at the field. Most of us are busy building new planes, or in some cases re-building older ones that have suffered less than perfect landings. Take the time to make sure that you are building safe reliable airplanes, and at the same time protect your hands and face from glue, flying bits and pieces, and fumes from assorted chemicals that we use.

See you at the field,
(When it warms up a bit)
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

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