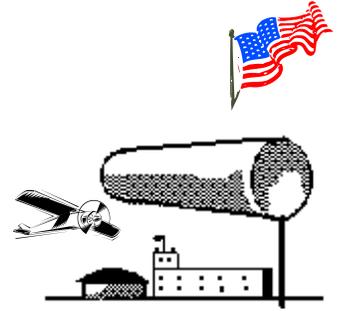


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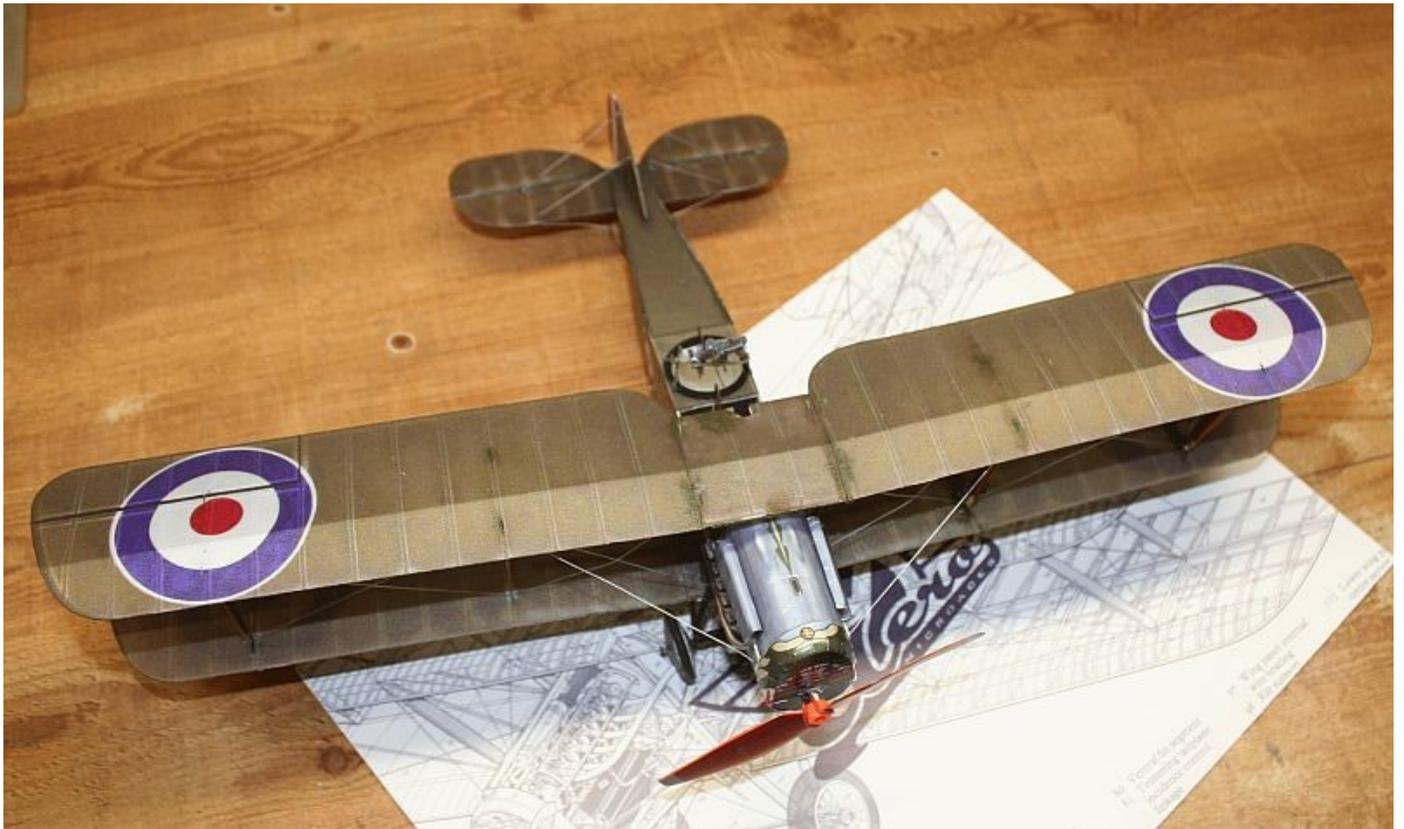
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SOMETHING DIFFERENT



Received a Microaces Bristol F.2b kit for my birthday last September. The kit is from England and costs #67.00 or \$95.38 U.S. The model is totally printed on either 1 mm Depron, tough plastic card stock or plastic decal film and everything is di-cut. The printing and di-cutting is excellent and most everything fits quite well. The required Spektrum brick and geared motor are not included but other than that the kit is quite complete. A detailed manual can be downloaded from the internet. The wingspan is 19.7 inches and the plane, ready to fly, weighs 1.85 ounces, including battery. Adhesive used was either contact cement, foam safe medium C.A. or carpenter glue. Haven't flown it yet, waiting for a very calm day, but have seen U-tube videos of it flying quite well. Working with 1 MM Depron is a challenge and feel the wings didn't turn out as true as should be (will find out on the maiden flight) but feel another simpler Microaces model would go together faster and turn out better. If you are interested in a small detailed WW I model check our Microaces online, they have several different models to chose from. See another photo on page 5.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I met a man at the Campgrounds last year, Luke who was interested in RC flying so I took him out to the Flying field where he was able to fly one of the member's planes – to try it out. He got kind of hooked so during the year he bought a Real Flight simulator and a Carbon Cub S+ that I had recommended. We kept in touch during the year. He wasn't able to join a club near his home to get help with his new Cub so brought the plane here so I could help him. He had set the plane up, which was very complicated due to all the plane's capabilities, and did the GPS calibrations at the field. After checking it out I flew it to make sure it was doing OK. We put a fresh battery in and once air born again, I handed him the Tx. He did great mainly due to his practicing on the simulator and the plane's features. He flew about 5 minutes without any real issues, then I landed it. On the third flight Luke successfully took off and flew around several laps then we began practicing landings. The wind was a little strong for the plane and we were somewhat unfamiliar with the Virtual Fence feature so rather than continuing, I decided to land it. It lands really easy. I love the Tundra tires and the plane doesn't have any tendency to rolling over on its nose when you touch down. Not knowing the battery's condition exactly and wanting to learn more about the features and how to turn them on and off we didn't fly it again. Next time after just a few more flight I expect Luke to be able to solo the plane..... it's easy.

In case you want to check out the plane: Horizon Hobby sells it. Look for the Hobby Zone Carbon Cub S+. It is completely Ready to Fly and includes the DXe DSMX Tx and the flight battery too. It has a 51" wing, Safe plus GPS, Auto Land, Pause Flight, Virtual Fence and various other flight modes. I think when a more experienced pilot learns all the features that he/she could hand the Tx over to a kid or beginner flyer and teach them to fly it.....yes, I like the plane. The cost\$259.

We've been enjoying sightseeing around the area. Went to the Navy Seals Museum last week with some friends and really enjoyed seeing all the history and artifacts at the complex. Janet and I drove up to S. Carolina last week to see our relatives with their 4 boys, all less than 8 years old, and quite an adventure. Also, we've been enjoying the SpaceX rocket launches and looking forward to the things to come from space exploration – an exciting time. Continued right 

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Winter is a good time to check over your models. I noticed my Polaris sitting on the work bench with the elevator hanging down. Flipped it with my finger and no servo resistance. Turned it over and found the pushrod plastic keeper had somehow fallen off. Points out the importance of giving your plane a good preflight check before taking off. Nuf said!

Our New Year's Day annual Fun Fly didn't have a lot of participation this year-very cold. To my knowledge Fritz and I were the only ones to fly at the Club field and John Woods flew somewhere in Florida. If some other members flew on January 1st, let me know and I'll make you a certificate.

We are starting off 2018 about where we started 2017. We started last year with 10 members last year and the same this year, or it will be when our student member gets his AMA number. We also started last year with \$2,001 in the treasury and this year we have \$1,577. OK it looks a lot less but we paid our \$400 rent early this year so there is really only \$23 less this year than last year. Of course Fritz and Bud have the field in great shape and winter is good for planes with small wheels,

Just a reminder that there will be no Club meeting in February!

There are a couple of model swap meets in the area. These may be of interest to those that want to buy something that someone else made or rent a table and sell your own stuff. One is in Bolivar on February 24th and the other in Springfield on March 3rd. There are more details on page 5 or if you are interested in going, I can forward their event flyer to you.

The next Club Fun Fly is scheduled for April 14th. If you have any thoughts or ideas on different events you'd like, please let me know.

Remember a nice day in winter is a good time to fly-no waiting for a flight station!

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

Janet says hi to all and looks forward to getting together when we return. She has been painting some and making her Bracelets for new friends. Hope everyone is well.

Happy Landings in 2018 John

See Photos page 5

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB

DECEMBER 5, 2017

President John Woods opened the meeting at 5:33 PM, at the South Port Condo Clubhouse. There were 8 members present including all officers. There were 16 guests in attendance for the Club Christmas Party. Treasurer Fritz Corbin reported that there was \$1,139.31 in the Treasury as of December 1, 2017. The Treasurer's Report was approved. The Minutes of the October meeting were approved as written in the November Newsletter. There was no Club raffle during this meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

President John Woods announced that the Nominating Committee had nominated John Woods for President, Gene Fuson for Vice-President, Fritz Corbin for Treasurer and Don Johnson for Secretary for 2018 Club Officers and asked if there were any other nominations. There being none, nominations were closed and the Officer slate was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Club dues for the following year are decided at the December meeting. It was decided that the dues for 2018 should remain at \$80 for regular members.

Gene Fuson said that the donation of teddy bears to the Hospital did not seem that well appreciated last year. After some discussion Gene volunteered to check with the hospital and if they did not express a desire for the bears he would donate them to the Toys for Tots, or another worthy charity.

It was announced that again for 2018 there will be no formal Club meetings for January, February and March.

President John Woods announced that the Club will have its' annual New Year's Day

Fun Fly at the Club field around 10 to 11 New Year's Day. Any Club member that flies an RC model airplane anywhere can receive a Certificate if you notify the Club Secretary/Editor.

PROGRAM: Gene Fuson passed out the certificates for the Club 2017 TOP GUN winners. The Top Gun for 2017 was John Woods, 1st runner up was Bud Austin and 2nd runner up was Fritz Corbin.

Jack McEvoy (Honorary Past Member) reported that Evan McCartney, a student Club member in 2011 and 2012, has graduate from the Air Force Academy and is now being assigned to a prestigious fighter group in the D.C. area as an F-16 pilot. Atta boy, Evan! Let it be known that his first flight instructor was our Club president, John Woods.

Gene Fuson gave credit to Fritz Corbin and Bud Austin for all the work they do to keep our field in great flyable shape, including mowing the grass, weeding, seeding, fertilizing, mower repair, critter control and anything else that needs to be done. They received a well deserved applause.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47. Let the Christmas party begin.

An armadillo was spotted just outside the electric fence last week. Fritz did a search and thought he found the den and has set a trap there. Fritz' eradication efforts provides us with a nice smooth runway!



MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB

There was no Club meeting in January.

YOUR 2018 DUES ARE DUE!!

Below are the names of the 9 members that are current in their 2018 Club dues.

Bud Austin, Sid Beckham, Fritz Corbin, Don Johnson, Dave Medley, Phil Rogers, Erv Rohde, Charley Schenk and John Woods.

If you feel your 2018 Club dues are current but you are not on the above list contact Fritz Corbin for needed corrections.

2018 DUES

Club 2018 dues were due as of January 1, 2018. If you fly at Rocky Top Field on or after January 1, 2018 you will need a current (2018) AMA card.

If you are going to renew your Club membership at the April meeting, bring your 2018 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 2017 talk to the Treasurer before paying as you may get a discount on your 2018 dues.

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

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2018			
		JAN	YTD
BALANCE	1/1/2018	\$1,928.48	\$ 1,928.48
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS			\$ -
INCOME-FOOD -----			\$ -
INCOME-50/50 -----			\$ -
INCOME-MISC -----			\$ -
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 431.00	\$ 431.00
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER			\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS			\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----			\$ -
EXPENSE-AMA -----			\$ -
EXPENSE-Web -----			\$ -
EXPENSE-meeting room			\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ -
BALANCE	2/1/2018	\$1,577.48	\$ 1,577.48

**Springfield RC Club 4th. Annual
Swap Meet
Saturday March 3rd. 2018 Spring-
field Mo.**

Location: 5458 West Sunshine, Brook-
line Mo. (West Springfield area)
S.E. corner of the intersection of Highway
413 and Highway 60
(James River Parkway)
GPS coordinates. 37.162264, -93.396510
The Barn House Event Center.

Time: Doors open at 6:00 AM for set
up,
Open to the public at 8:00 AM
Closes at 1:00 PM

**Bolivar Complex Swap Meet
RC Planes, Cars, Boats and
Trains**

**Saturday February 24th 2018
Doors Open 7:00am for Venders,
8:00am for Buyers**

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RC Planes, Cars, Boats and
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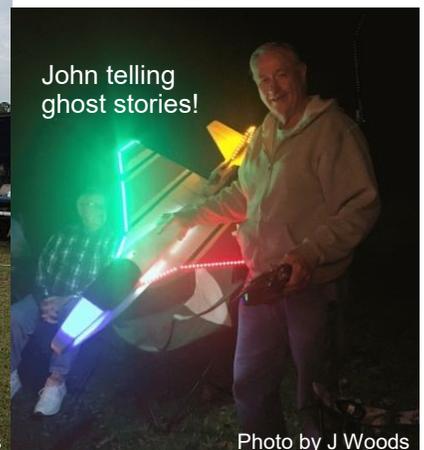
13,600 square feet of space
**1430 E. 455 rd (also called Mt.
Gilead rd) Bolivar, Mo. 65613**



The underside of Don's Bristol F.2b. All colors are either printed on the 1 mm Depron, plastic card stock or sticky back plastic decal material

It is a cold day for Isaac, Fritz, Isaac's dad and Bud but it still was a good day for taking a flying lesson.

Below is President John, with his relatives in S. Carolina and his friend Luke with his Carbon Cub.



TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB**PRESIDENT****JOHN WOODS 338-8419****VICE-PRESIDENT****GENE FUSON 538-9346****SECRETARY****DON JOHNSON 779-5340****TREASURER****FRITZ CORBIN 272-1106****SAFETY OFFICER****GENE FUSON 538-9346****CO-FIELD MARSHAL****BUD AUSTIN 561-4466
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HOWARD SHIRE 779-5069
JOHN WOODS 338-8419****SAFETY FIRST**

It certainly has been too cold for some of us to fly our airplanes at the field.

The older you get, the colder you get. Mostly we are busy building new planes, or in some cases re-building older ones that have suffered some sort of indignity at the hands of its' pilot.

Make sure that you are building a safe reliable airplane. Protect your hands and face from glue, flying bits and pieces, and fumes from assorted chemicals that we use.

See you at the field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

**THE NEXT CLUB
MEETING WILL BE
APRIL 10, 5:30PM, AT
THE SOUTH PORT
CONDO CLUBHOUSE.**