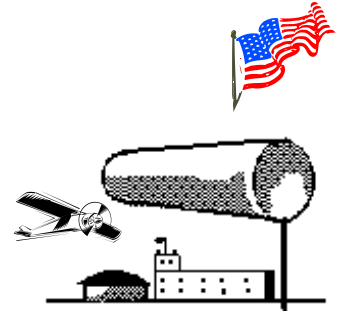


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WINTER FLYING ANYONE ?



Photos by Janet Woods

Above we see President John Woods on the 4th of January, as he gets ready for the “water maiden flight” of his Model Aero Aqua Cat. The model was a kit that Jim Halbert had and built by Don Johnson. John said the plane performed very well on the water as well as in the air. He also said it is not very large and has a tendency get small in a hurry so you need to keep your eyes on it. By the looks of the calm water, it seems he picked a good day to fly. He also took his own personal photographer with him to record the event.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This will be a short column this month – winter is here and I've only been out to the flying field one time. Most of my time has been taken up with house maintenance and getting our house ready to sell, checking the weather reports, trying to get Windows 10 to cooperate without killing it and several doctor visits. I'm sure you all don't care to hear anything more about any of this stuff.

I did fly off the Lake one time. Don was nice enough to bestow on me his very nice amphibious Aqua Cat Foamy. He said it was hard for him to see – I said I can see it just fine! So I took it home, charged the battery then Janet, Picasso and I went down to the Lake and flew the "Cat". It tracks like a Polaris on the water and flies very good too. There was a lose screw on one of the ailerons that gave me a little more excitement than expected but soon all was working great. I'm happy now.

On a more serious side, Janet has been seeing a few doctors in regards to a heart valve that isn't functioning properly. She is under the doctors' care now to determine the next steps. I'll keep you all informed.

The FAA soon to be implemented "Remote ID for Drones" will affect our hobby, big time. You can read more at <https://dronedj.com> regarding this and much more. This last week a pilot flew his drone during Super Bowl Week in a "No Drone Zone" area and now faces one year in federal prison from the FAA.

Hope to see you at the field some day soon.
Happy Landings John

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2019			
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BALANCE	1/1/2020	\$1,888.28	\$ 1,888.28
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ 480.00	\$ 480.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS			\$ -
INCOME-FOOD -----			\$ -
INCOME-50/50 -----			\$ -
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ 0.07	\$ 0.07
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 37.05	\$ 37.05
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER			\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS			\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----			\$ -
EXPENSE-AMA -----			\$ -
EXPENSE-Web -----			\$ -
EXPENSE-meeting room			\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----			\$ -
BALANCE	2/1/2020	\$2,331.30	\$ 2,331.30

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Here it is the second week in February and it is difficult to find a good day to fly. We did get our New Year's Day Fun Fly in with five members eager to give it a go and four did get their flight in successfully under windy conditions. John Woods and your Editor went out the next week and got in some flying with yours truly putting his plane in a tree. Strictly pilot error. John did go down to the lake and get some float flying in with his Aqua Cat on January 15th. The pictures that Janet took showed he had a good time. Other than that the weather has not been good for flying.

Club membership as of February 1st is six paid members and two student members, the same as this time last year. Money wise we had \$2,381 on February 1st compared \$1,584 last year. We still have a couple of members expected to pay thier 2020 Club dues and all active members have paid their AMA 2020 dues.

The field is in great shape due to Bud and Fritz. If you feel there is a good flying day, other than our regular Tuesday and Saturdays, notify other members by phone or email and maybe we can join you. It is more fun and safer to not fly alone.

Looks like we have a couple of work day projects ahead of us when the weather get a little warmer. The wind damaged shelter needs to be repaired and the destroyed car shed needs to be scrapped and taken to the recycling. More on that later.

If anyone has any new planes or projects that you think would be of interest to our members, email them to me. Your Editor can always use addition material for the newsletter.

Even though there is no Club meetings planned for February and March, the plan is to send out a Newsletter these months even if they are very short.

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



TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB MEETING MINUTES

There are no scheduled Club meetings for January, February or March.



Photo by Janet Woods

Another shot of John's Aqua Cat as it heads out into the winter sky for a successful flight.



This is Don Johnson's F-22 foamy after it went into a cedar tree just east of the runway. It looked like it just settled on the cedar branch but it actually flew in and embedded itself on a limb. It was just low enough for John Woods to snag it with his extension pole and drag it out of the tree without further damage. It has since had a couple of patches, some glue and paint and looks the same as before and should fly as well as before. Hopefully the pilot will do better on the next flight.

YOUR 2020 DUES ARE DUE!!

Below are the names of the 8 members that are current in their 2020 Club dues.

Bud Austin, Sid Beckham, Fritz Corbin, Don Johnson, Isaac Thomas, Charley Schenk, Hunter Smith and John Woods.

If you feel your 2020 Club dues are current but you are not on the above list contact Fritz Corbin for needed corrections

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 at the April meeting, bring your 2020 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 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.

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JOHN WOODS 338-8419****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 club 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. Blood on your new plane is not going to look good.

I bought two new ARF's, and was using some CA, without accelerator, and did get some minor fumes while hardening some servo screw holes.

Also be careful of fumes when soldering.

See you at the field when it warms up a little,

Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

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