

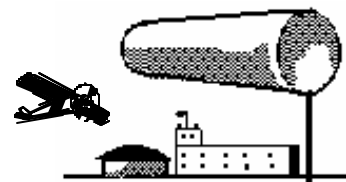
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MARCH MEETING

MARCH 13, 7:00 PM
BRANSON COMMUNITY CENTER

Program

**Bring your new planes and projects
in progress for show and tell.**

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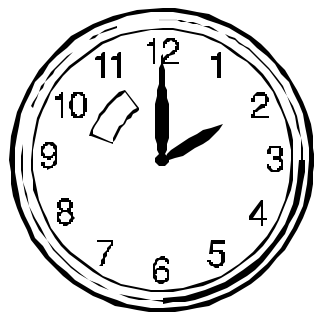
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MARCH 17TH



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

April 1st

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Things have been somewhat slow as far as flying goes. I only hope you all have been busy repairing and building those models you got for Christmas and not procrastinating like me. I can't seem to get going with my projects. I've been cutting, splitting and burning a lot of wood to keep my heating bills under control and support all the Californians who are in dyer need of heat. Seventy-five degrees is really cold and we need to conserve so they stay warm.

For all those who ordered "T" shirts – they are in and look great. I'll have them at the next meeting and at the field, if I make it out there. \$15/\$16xxL.

Mike set up Springfield's weather on our web site so we could see all the various "Bells & Whistles" that his software can do. We'll discuss and hopefully resolve our flying field Weather Station situation at the next meeting.

I was surprised to hear from Don Johnson that we have 27 members reading/downloading our Club's Newsletter. That's a \$187 a year savings from our old Print, Stamp & Mail method of sending the Newsletter. Plus we get color free!

Thanks to everyone who brought their current building projects to the last meeting. There were quite a few planes to look at in all degrees of completion. I know everyone enjoys seeing what others are building and know it helps in improving ones building techniques when they can see first hand how others build. I don't build much anymore because my true joy is repair. I love repair. Just like a "kit".

Happy Landings,

JOHN

TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 13, 2001

President John Woods opened the meeting at 7:08 P.M., at the Branson Community Center. All the officers were present and there were 20 members present including the officers. The minutes of the January meeting were approved as written in the February newsletter.

Treasurer Erv Rohde reported a balance of \$1,766.27. Bob Miller won the 50/50 raffle, he received half of the \$25.00 that was collected.

There were no guests present at the February meeting.

Committee Reports: None

Announcements and Old Business:

Pictures that were taken at the field (by Janet Woods) were on display and the members were urged to take the ones they wanted. President John Woods advised the Club that we were awarded \$100.00 from the Radio Control Hobby Trade Association (RCHTA) for the picture, which was in the local paper, taken at the event put on for the Branson special education students.

The new shirts were on hand and the price was \$13.17 for sizes small to extra large and \$15.23 for the extra extra large shirts. A motion was made by Ray Dixon to round up the price to \$15.00 for the small to extra large and \$16.00 for the extra extra large shirts. The motion was seconded and passed.

John Woods reported that he had checked with the AMA and they could not provide insurance coverage for the weather station.

Mike Anderson reported on his findings for the cost involved with the weather station. His home is 9.2 miles from the field and 20 feet lower. If the weather station were to be located at the field, a phone line would have to be installed with a monthly fee of about \$8.00. If the data was updated every 15 minutes (which is normal) and each call were long distance at a cost of \$.12 (60*24/15)(.12) the daily cost would be \$11.52. A weather station to show temperature wind direction and speed would cost about \$140.00. The weather link, to get the information from the station to the computer, would cost about \$150 and the software to run the program would run another \$80. The initial cost would be about \$370 plus the phone line. If more information is added the cost will go to \$525 to \$1000 depending on how much information is added. If the station were mounted at Mike Anderson's home the cost of the phone line and the long distance charges would be dropped. In the discussion that followed it was mentioned that KRZK had the information on their web site and they were just about the same

distance from the field. The question was raised if we could link to their web site and get the same information. Mike Anderson will check to see what information is available and the possibility of linking to the web site.

Mike Anderson suggested that the Club consider being it's own web server. Our cost now is \$84 per year and if we were our own server the cost would be about \$180 per year. Mike stated that his contract will be up in June and he will be evaluating what he is going to do, and that the Club should be considering its options since it uses some of his web allowable capacity.

It was noted again, that we have had no one offer to be Field Martial or Event Chairman. A sign up sheet was presented and members were asked to sign up for mowing dates.

New Business:

Our lease on the field is from March through February and is up for renewal. The fee for this is \$400.00 per year. The AMA Charter for the Club is up for renewal at a cost of \$60.00. Checks were written to cover these expenses. New plugs are in the clubhouse for the paint ball gun that is used to retrieve planes out of the trees. There is also a heavy line that can be tied to the end of the paint ball line and pulled over a branch to aid in retrieving your plane.

Bob Miller announced that TPA is now a distributor for VCR's that give tips on building. If you have an interest along these lines they can be very helpful.

We have had radio interference on channels 15 thru 20. If you are using these channels you may want to change frequencies while flying at Rocky Top. It was suggested that the frequencies of the members be posted on the web site so those who are thinking of purchasing a radio can choose one that isn't to popular. This will be done!

A motion was made that we link our web site to AMA. The motion was passed.

Program:

Don Johnson displayed his model of a 1921 Waterman Gosling Mercury racer. Mike Anderson showed his Something Extra that he is having problems with. It seems that the plane wants to do loops when he applies power. Good luck Mike! Chris Rust displayed the Skeeter hand launch glider that he has completed. Curt Krause showed his Devil Duster now that he has it covered. He still needs to install the engine.

The meeting adjourned at 8:34



THE EDITORS NOTE PAD

Been kind of a slow month for flying although have been able to make a few flights. About half the month was spent out in Reno visiting family and friends. Yes we did gamble - after dinner one night gave my wife a quarter, she put it in a slot machine and lost it. That was the end of our gambling. Visited a friend in California that has a digital camera just like mine and he showed me some great things he has been able to do with it. Now if I absorbed even a fourth of what he showed me the pictures in the Newsletter should start looking better.

The digital camera opens up a lot of opportunities to increase interest in the Newsletter—not only pictures of planes but pictures of how to do things. Plan to make fiberglass nose and tail cones, over foam cores, for my new plane and take some pictures for a little how-to article. We'll see how it turns out. Also if someone else has a Newsletter idea that could use some pictures, let me know and we'll work something out. As they say a picture is worth a thousand words, only problem is it takes a lot more computer memory for the picture than the thousand words.

Another thing to do, if you haven't already done so, is pay your 2001 Club Dues. The Club has to have its renewal papers into AMA on April 1st which includes a list of members who have not paid their 2001 dues. So if you want to be a Club member, fly at Rocky Top Field, get a discount at T.P.A. and continue to receive the Club Newsletter you need to give Erv your money. If you don't remember if you paid your 2001 dues or if you're getting a free student membership, check the list in the column to the right. If your name is in the list you are a current member. If it isn't there you forgot to pay your dues! **Students can receive free Club membership if they are a current AMA member.** So if your name is not listed in the column to the right you need to show your 2001 AMA card to Erv Rohde or Howard Shire in order to continue your Club membership.

The Club roster is in good shape this year with 38 members current in their 2001 dues. At this same time last year we had 39 members that were current. We ended 2000 with 61 members, five up from 1999.

At the last meeting Ken Adams said he is building a huge Top Flite Stinson Reliant with a wingspan of over 100 inches. (Is this bigger than Ray Dixson's Ta 152?) Always liked the looks of the Reliant but have never built one. Maybe someone will bring out an electric version with about a 60 inch wingspan. Both the Stinson Reliant and the Ta 152 are a must to be present for at the field for their maiden flights. Hope Ken and Ray don't sneak out to the field for their first flights

2001 DUES ARE PAST DUE

If you are a member of the **TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB** and have not paid your 2001 dues you need to pay them on or before the March meeting. **After that date all non paid members will be dropped from the Club Roster.** This means notification to AMA that you are no longer a Club member, loss of flying privileges at the Club Field, loss of discount privileges at T.P.A. Hobby Center and stoppage of the Club Newsletter.

If you want to continue your membership and can not be at the March meeting send your check to

Erv Rohde
928 Jackson Hollow Rd.
Galena, MO 65656

Dues for Full Members are \$40 per year, Associate Members \$10 per year, Family Members \$5 per year and Student Members free if a current AMA Member.

Note to **Student Members**, to continue your free club membership you must be a current AMA Member and show your 2001 AMA card to Erv Rohde or Howard Shire.

Current **2001** Club Members are **G Acton, K Adams, E Anderson(S), M Anderson, D Baerwald, S Beckham, R Berthold, D D'Alessandro(L), P Denney, K Dixson(F), R Dixson, P Equi(A), R Fudge, H Hanebrink, N Ingenthron(S), S Ingenthron, D Johnson, C Krause, E Kreiner, D Livermore, A MacAvoy(F), T McAvoy, T Mckenzie, G Metzger, B Miller, S Miller, V Moon, S Noe, I Pietz(S), R Reynolds, J Roeger, E Rohde, C Rust, H Shire, R Smith, J Stuart, R Wommack, and J Woods.**

If you are not on the above list but feel you should be contact **Erv Rohde**. His phone number is 417 538-2439.

without really passing the word around.

See where the Springfield BlackSheep are having an April Showers Mall show on April 19th (Thursday). Might want to put that on your calendar and plan on doing your Springfield shopping that day. Let your spouse do the shopping while you look over the aircraft—kind of a win win situation.

Time to land for the month.



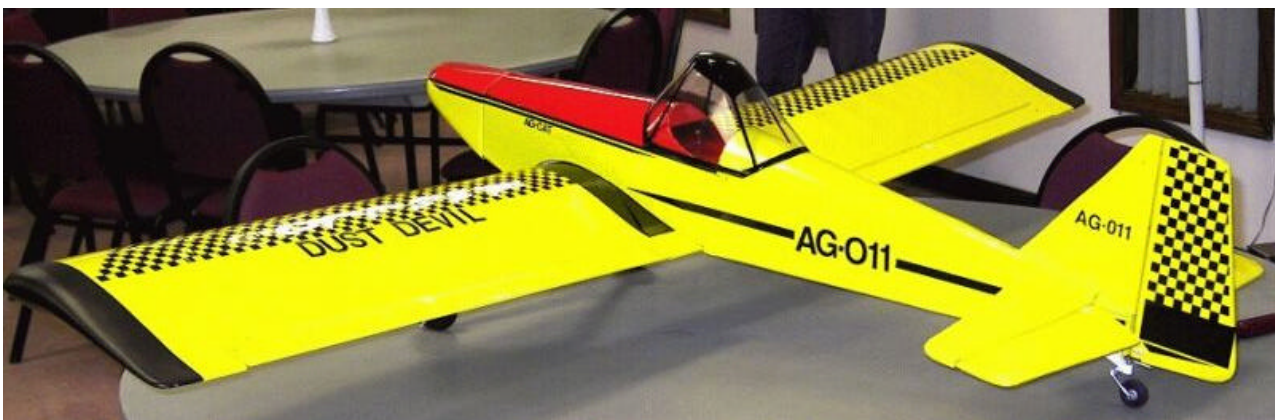
What's going on here? Looks like President John Woods is giving Treasurer Erv Rohde the third degree on where all the Club money went. Secretary Howard Shire is holding his head thinking am I next? did I send all those forms to AMA like I was supposed to? Vice President Ray Dixson looks laid back thinking man I'm glad I have the VP job – uh-oh did I get a meeting Program ready for tonight? Looks tense!

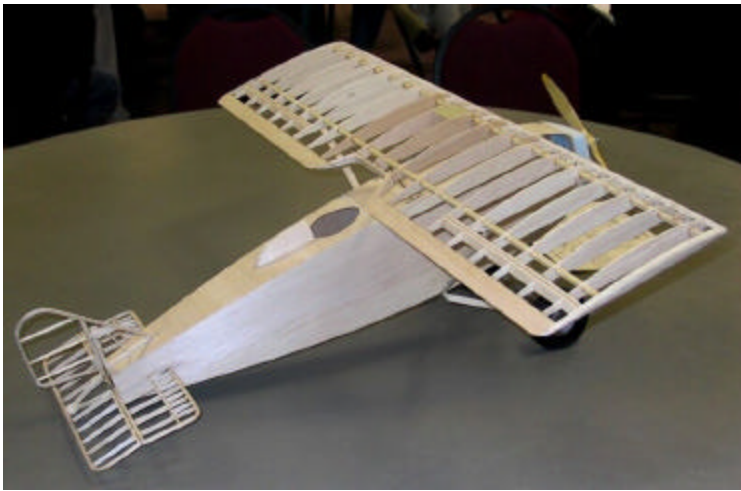
Actually it is just the Club Officers doing their monthly thing of running the Club. Good job guys!



Above is Chris Rust's Skeeter hand launch glider on which he did a construction article in last month's Newsletter. It looks like it will be a real floater.

Below is Curt Krause's Dust Devil. He is thinking of constructing some sort of spray piping under the wing and running the exhaust through it. Should look neat!





Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Above is Don Johnson's scratch built 1921 Waterman Gosling Mercury racer. It has a stubby wing of 38 inches and will be powered with a geared 035 Astro electric motor. A cowl and tail cone will be made by covering the blue foam with fiberglass and then dissolving the foam with lacquer thinner. Anyone know where to get 3 3/4 inch wire wheels at a reasonable price?



Whoomph!!! A nasty sound but it happens periodically at Rocky Top Field, after which people gather around mumbling and picking up pieces. It happened to Ray Wommack and his good looking Super Stick. When asked the inevitable question of "what happened?" Ray just said it was a classic case of **dumb thumbs**.

To the left is President John Woods' Falcon at the Springfield Float Fly. Notice how he has the floats set to dig into the water so it doesn't accelerate too fast. Believe John won a raffle ticket for the first crash of the day with this plane about three years ago. Better think about getting the ole plane ready again John. The Springfield BlackSheep have their 14th Annual Float Fly scheduled for August 18th and 19th with the practice scheduled for August 4th.



TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT			
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BALANCE	#####	\$ 1,766.27	\$ 1,374.96
INCOME-DUES		\$ 247.00	\$ 697.00
INCOME-MISC		\$ 122.50	\$ 143.50
INCOME SHIRTS		\$ 317.00	\$ 317.00
EXPENSE-FIELD		\$ 544.00	\$ 544.00
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ 13.63	\$ 93.32
EXPENSE-SHIRTS		\$ 538.88	\$ 538.88
BALANCE	#####	\$ 1,356.26	\$ 1,356.26

SAFETY MESSAGE FROM ERV

DO NOT use WD-40 to clean your antenna. DO USE rubbing alcohol, acetone or electrical cleaner.

Erv.



CLUB FREQUENCY & RADIO DISTRIBUTION 12-5-99															
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Note the above data is over a year old but is the most recent available and is somewhat useful in choosing a frequency for new equipment. When choosing a new frequency, it would be best to try to avoid a frequency used by more than one member. An updated Distribution chart will be developed in the next couple of months. Ed.

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