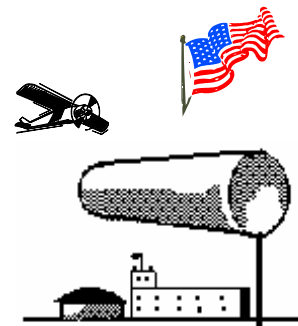


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WHAT'S THE CLUB'S MOST POPULAR PLANE?



Hard to believe, but the Pro Twister seems to be the most popular plane at our Club. Since Don Livermore started flying one around 1999 it has been the plane to beat in the Club Fun Flies. Not a particularly attractive plane it is sometimes called the Ugly Slab, however this does not detract from its Fun Fly performance in the hands of a skilled pilot. Photo 1 shows Don Livermore's Twister during our Club's June 200 Fun Fly. Don won three Top Gun Awards before he burned out and left for the big city. Photo 2 is a Twister built by Ray Wommack (Don't remember seeing this one flown). Picture 3 is of Erv Rohde's first Twister. Erv seems to be the inventor of the open cockpit which allows you to use it as a handle. He actually won a Time And Glide event with this plane which is not the Twister's strong suit. No 4 is Roscoe Fudge's Twister after having a hard landing. Roscoe also made a second airframe and sold it to John Woods. Twister no. 5 belongs to Mike Anderson (actually built by your editor). Mike used this

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plane to win **four** Top Gun Awards before he too kind of got burned out with the competition. In photo no. 6 John Woods took the airframe purchased from Roscoe and added the motor and electronics, then decorated it up in a Russian motif. No. 7 is Don Johnson's electric version. Scratch built to 65% size of the regular kit it will do everything the big twisters do and it seems quite fast for its size. Twister no. 8 is Erv Rohde's second Twister that he is now flying in the Fun Flys. No. 9 is Fritz Corbin's Twister which he built as his second R/C plane. For a relatively new R/C pilot he does a good job flying it. Last but not least, picture 10 shows the partially completed air frame of Gene Fuson's Twister. Think this one is going to be different by having a 70 4-stroke motor.

Not sure there may not have been more 4- Star-40, 60, or 120's in the Club's history but it does seem unusual to have so many high performance Pro-Twisters and they all seemed to fly very well.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello again to all flyers!

Our attendance was rather low at the February meeting, but the weather had a lot to do with that. We had some snow, sleet, and rain, not to mention how cold it was.

We all accepted the new AMA program. It is called TAG, which means Take Off And Grow! We will be provided with a guide that is full of ideas for promoting, and advertising the events that the club puts on. Through this program, AMA will also provide flight simulators and complete RTF models to be used during the program. It sounds like a really great program to participate in.

So far this year we have 23 members in the club. If you see any former members, be sure to encourage them to rejoin us.

Erv has ordered 24 shirts, so be sure to hook up with him if you would like one (or more!).

As the weather warms up, I hope you can make time to come out to fly and visit with friends at the field. I look forward to seeing you.

March 13th!

Gary

| TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2007 | | | |
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| | | FEB | Y T D |
| BALANCE | 2/1/2007 | \$ 2,057.40 | \$ 2,139.03 |
| INCOME-DUES | ----- | \$ 240.00 | \$ 480.00 |
| INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS | | \$ 55.00 | \$ 65.00 |
| INCOME-FOOD | ----- | \$ - | \$ - |
| INCOME-50/50 | ----- | \$ 5.50 | \$ 12.00 |
| INCOME-MISC | ----- | \$ - | \$ - |
| EXPENSE-FIELD | ----- | \$ 420.00 | \$ 460.00 |
| EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER | | \$ - | \$ - |
| EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS | | \$ - | \$ 270.52 |
| EXPENSE-FOOD | ----- | \$ - | \$ - |
| EXPENSE-AMA | ----- | \$ 105.00 | \$ 105.00 |
| EXPENSE-Web | ----- | \$ - | \$ - |
| EXPENSE-meeting room | | \$ 25.00 | \$ 50.00 |
| EXPENSE-MISC | ----- | \$ - | \$ 2.61 |
| BALANCE | 3/1/2007 | \$ 1,807.90 | \$ 1,807.90 |

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Check out the March issue of Model Aviation, page 159. There is a spread on our flight demonstration at the Branson RecPlex. Cool!

Gained a new member during February. He is Darren Fairchild and he showed up at the field with a couple of helicopters. Darren runs a cabinet shop on HWY 13 between Kimberling City and Lampe. The thing that got everyone's attention is that one of them was a turbine jet. Didn't see him fly either one but am anxious to see what the turbine job does--and sounds like. The turbine is computer controlled and can spool up on either a propane/butane mixture or kerosene. As fuel it can use kerosene or regular jet fuel. When asked what it would take to get a turbine helicopter like his, he said it would probably take somewhat over \$6,000. O.K... Maybe next year!

The Program for the March meeting will be by your editor talking about CARE AND FEEDING OF YOUR BATTERIES. So if you have any questions about batteries, bring them to the meeting. If we can't answer them then maybe we can find an answer and put it in the April Newsletter.

The Club now has 25 members and may pick up a couple more at the March meeting (hopefully more). This is several less than most past years at this time. The treasury is O.K. at this time but it seems as the dues go up the membership goes down. Need to be very watchful that this does not become a real problem.

Want to thank Gene Fuson for adding photos to the SAFETY FIRST column. It adds a little something. A picture is worth a thousand words-or maybe more!

Actually there are a lot of photos in this Newsletter so hope it doesn't cause too many problems to download it. Time to land for this month.....
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NEW MEMBER

Darren Fairchild joined our Club at the field during February. He and his wife Raquel live in Lampe.

Welcome to the Club Darren, we are glad to have you join use.

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

February 13, 2007

President Gary Acton opened the meeting at 7:08 p.m. at the Branson RecPlex. All officers except Dave Medley were present. There were 11 members and member's wife, Janet Woods in attendance. There were no new members or guests in attendance. The minutes from the January meeting were approved as published in the February Newsletter. Treasurer Erv Rohde reported that the current treasury balance was \$2057.40 and 23 members have paid 2007 dues to date. The 50/50 raffle was won by Keith Oxby who received one half of \$11.00.

Committee Reports:

Field Marshal Fritz Corbin said that the field looks OK at the present time. No sign of having any problems from the horses.

Announcements and Old Business:

Erv Rohde now has a supply of shirts and caps and asked that the members who had placed an order pick them up after the meeting. The prices are \$15.00 for the Med, Lg. and XLG. XX Large are \$17.00 and T-Shirts are \$10.00. The caps are still \$5.00. He asked that everyone pay up their current dues or they will be dropped.

John Woods announced that Bud Austin is recovering from an embolism and is doing OK now. Also that Sid Beckham's wife Vicky is battling cancer. He also asked for the GPS location of the field. Since there seems to be a couple of different numbers Gary Acton said he will go to the field and get the proper one for AMA.

Gary Acton announced that AMA has several new programs this year and their new "TAG" Take Off and Grow program almost duplicates what we did for our Ladies Day Fly Day. After discussion it was decided that we should apply to become a TAG club as it

could be beneficial and have AMA's direct help in growing the Club and sport. Annette McEvoy will send in the application.

Annette asked if anyone has a trainer for sale. She has been contacted by someone looking to get in to the sport and will pass on the info to him if you have a .65 size in good condition that you would like to sell.

New Business: There was no new business.

Program:

Jack McEvoy gave a detailed presentation on the revolutionary new Spektrum DX7 2.4 radio system. He also had information on Futaba's new entry into this field. This appears to be the wave of the future as there is absolutely no way that you will have interference from any source due to the technology involved. He gave handouts on both radios. Be sure to ask him or Don Johnson (who has a 6 channel) for further information if you missed this meeting.

Next months program will feature a presentation by Don Johnson on the "proper care & feeding" of your batteries.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

CURRENT 2007 CLUB MEMBERS

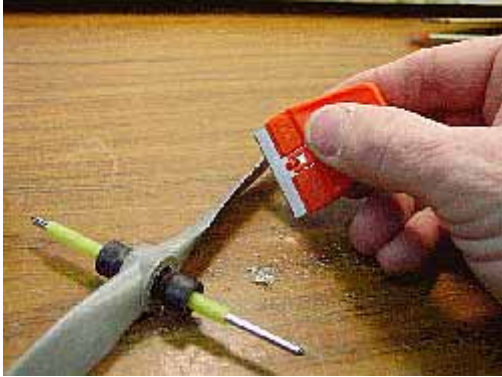
The following Club members are current in their 2007 dues.

Gary Acton, Bud Austin, Sid Beckham, Fritz Corbin, Del D'Alessandro, Paul Denny, Darren Fairchild, Gene Fuson, Cody Garber, Jim Halbert, Don Johnson, Reeder Jones, Joe Major, 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.

SAFETY FIRST

When you finish balancing your new propeller, take the time to scrape the sharp trailing edges with a razor blade.



See you at the field,

Gene Fuson
Safety Officer



Above is Keith Oxby getting a flying lesson from Erv Rhode. Keith seems to be coming along fine. To the right is a shot of new member, Darren Fairchild, with his turbine jet helicopter.

2007 DUES ARE PAST DUE

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

ERV ROHDE

928 Jackson Hollow Rd.
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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 Rhode.



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Who says you can't fly during the middle of winter? To the right, Fritz Corbin enjoys a bright, brisk and breezy mid February day by giving his Sig Cadet a little flight time. Note that the little air sock is kind of standing straight out but no one seemed to be having too much trouble with the wind.



MARCH MEETING

MARCH 13 , 7:00 PM

Meet at the Branson RecPlex.

Program

The program will be **CARE AND FEEDING OF YOUR BATTERIES** presented by Don Johnson

Bring your current projects for "Show and Tell"

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