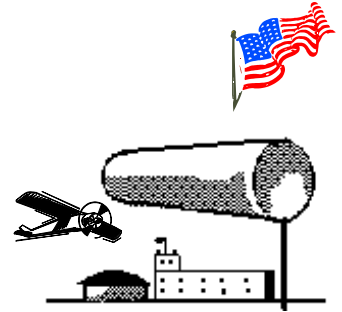


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FULL SCALE



The photo above and three more on page 4, were contributed by Dave Medley along with the following write-up.

These are great In-flight photos of the F/A-22 as the first aircraft delivery was being made to Langley AFB in Va. Langley is to be first operational AFB for the F/A-22. The picturesque location you see in these photos, are of Fort Monroe Army base in Hampton, Virginia, just a few miles east of Langley AFB.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Pilots:

I would like to say we had a great meeting in February, but mother nature had other ideas, or so I was told, while I was in South Padre Island trying to recuperate from my back surgery.

Now that we are getting into better WX?, our birds should all be charged and ready for flight.

At the next meeting I hope we can do some planning for our forthcoming fly-ins, including Guest Day, maybe some scouts etc.

Remember 11 March 2008, see you at the meeting.

Dave

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

The February meeting was cancelled due to bad weather, but please note that the March meeting will start at 6:30, weather permitting. See notice on page 4.

If you haven't paid your 2008 Club dues please bring them to the March meeting or get them to Erv Rohde before the meeting. After the March meeting the Club Secretary will fill out paper work, and send it to AMA, dropping members that have not paid 2008 dues. Dropped members will no longer be able to fly at Rocky Top Field and will not be eligible for discounts at TPA Hobby Center. The Club field lock combination will also be changed after the March meeting, Paid up members will be notified of the new combination before it is changed. Of course you can renew your Club membership any time during the year but that will require that the Secretary notify AMA of your renewed membership status. Paper work is great—if you are getting paid to do it! It is now planned to have a grace period of only 30 days (February 1st) for 2009 dues but I'm sure that will be discussed in more detail at the March 11th meeting.

Dave Medley and John Woods submitted some interesting material that is included in this issue of the Windsock on pages 1, 4 and 5. Always good to get something a little different to spice up the Newsletter. Thanks guys!

The first Fun Fly of the year is scheduled for April 12th. One of our ex members, Don Livermore, is planning on bringing his new turbine jet and putting on a demo flight during the lunch hour before the Fun Fly. Don doesn't have the jet all together yet but said he would send some tech info and a picture or two when the new plane is finished. Should have this material in the April Newsletter along with details on the Fun Fly events. Should be an interesting and entertaining Fun

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2008				
		JAN	FEB	YTD
BALANCE	2/1/2008	\$ 2,351.20	\$ 2,871.20	\$ 2,351.20
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ 560.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 730.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ 5.00	\$ -	\$ 5.00
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 40.00
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
BALANCE	3/1/2008	\$ 2,871.20	\$ 3,021.20	\$ 3,021.20

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MEETING MINUTES

The February meeting was cancelled due to severe weather conditions.

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Fly so try not to miss it.

Flying has been tough the last couple of months so your editor has been busy in the shop. Have a 1/20 scale Bellanca Aircruiser that is ready for its first flight. At 39 inches and 19 ounces it should fly well. Also drawing up a 1/12 scale Air-cruiser. Is it really a biplane? With a 65 inch wing span is it IMAA legal? Also took a couple of planes that had brushed motors and Nicads and replaced them with brushless motors and 3 cell Li-Pos. The Mercury racer, below, now weighs 7 ounces less and has twice the power and 2 1/2 times the battery capacity. Neither John Woods nor I could get it off the ground before primarily because of wheel wobble. It now has new wheels also. It should now fly. The Four Star-40 (aka PT-19) seen lower right still has about the same power but weighs 1.6 pounds less (31%) with 3 times the battery capacity. I did get the chance to fly it last Saturday and it does fly very well and fast. The biggest problem was getting it to come down since it was so light.

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



2008 DUES ARE PAST DUE

If you haven't paid your 2008 dues yet you can pay them at the March 11th meeting or send a check or money order payable to TRI-LAKES R/ C FLYING CLUB, to:

ERV ROHDE
928 Jackson Hollow Rd.
Galena, MO 65656

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 2008 flying privileges your 2008 Club dues must be paid and your current (2008) AMA membership card must be shown to Erv Rohde.

CURRENT 2008 CLUB MEMBERS

The following 24 Club members are current in their 2008 dues.

Gary Acton, Bud Austin, Sid Beckham, Fritz Corbin, Del D'Alessandro, Paul Denney, Gene Fuson, Don Johnson, Reeder Jones, Annette McEvoy, Jack McEvoy, Craig Mckenzie, Tom Mckenzie, Dave Medley, Dick Peterson, Robert Pilecki, Henry Racette, Erv Rohde, Dick Ross, Howard Shire, Roy Steinestel, Bill Walker, 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.

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.



The Aircraft flying along with the F/A-22 is the F-15. It will be replaced by the F/A-22 which is several times better than the F-15.



Maj. Gen. Rick Lewis said, "The Raptor Operated Against All Adversaries with Virtual Impunity; Ground Based Systems Couldn't Engage and NO Adversary Aircraft Survived."

F/A-22 is America's most advanced fighter aircraft for the 21st century.



Enjoy the photos.



Above are some photos taken during John Woods' vacation to Nevada and California. The following are some of John's comments: "I attached a buddy box to my Decathlon and let my Brother Max, his son Sam and our friend Roland fly it. Thankfully no mishaps. Actually the Decathlon is very mellow, real easy to see and flies like an oversize trainer. All you who were at our Club's Christmas party met Max, his wife Van and Roland, all live in Australia. While in California I took a car load of relatives to AMA 2008 Convention in Ontario, CA. The show had about 200 vendors, an indoor flying and demo area, building and new product classes, a "Swap & Shop" area and lots of attendees. My brother bought a Real Flight Simulator and a beginner Helicopter - he's hooked." Thanks for a peek at what happens in the outside world John. Photos courtesy of J or J Woods.

Below is the creation of Bud Austin's. Looks kind of like a u-can-do but has a shortened Stinger wing, eye ball engineered Lite Ply fuselage with a chain saw engine on the front. Seemed to fly well on the first test flight but lost power. Bud was able to land it OK. Maybe in

the future there will be a pilot figure and an engine cowl to compliment the fancy color scheme. Good job Bud!



MARCH MEETING

MARCH 11, 6:30 PM

Meet at the Branson RecPlex

Program

Bring your current projects
for show and tell

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HASTE MAKES (AIRPLANE)
WASTE!

One way to avoid accidents is to never be in a hurry while you are preparing to get your plane into the air. Rushing to get in the air is a quick way to disaster.

Take the time to double check your equipment. The airplane you save might be yours. (Or, it might be mine).

See you at the field, (When it warms up a bit)

Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

