

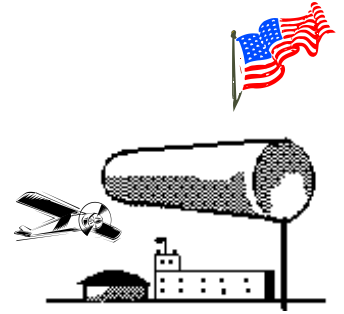
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LONELY, OH SO LONELY



It was Wednesday, February 25th, the sun was shining and the wind was light. The snow was only about three inches deep. Where was everybody on the nicest flying day in two or three weeks? Check out pages 3 and 4 to see Fritz and Don having some fun in the snow.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It sure has been a terrible winter and like everyone else I'll be happy when spring is here. We will probably be home when you read this newsletter. We did have a good time in Florida mainly because it wasn't freezing. This year lots of rain and wind. Janet and I bought another (used) motor home while on vacation and were very busy setting it up and also busy selling the old one which we did using Craig's list.

I packed away the MX2 in the storage compartments and only flew the little CAP 232 and the Polaris here at the Campground. There is a big grassy area which opens up to the Indian River, here in Titusville, which works great for flying the electrics. I did a couple night flights with the LEDs shining on the Polaris and had quite an audience. The Indian River is a mixture of sea water and fresh water so did not fly the Polaris off water but only the land.

When I return home I am scheduled to have cataract surgery on both eyes so will be recovering from that.

I hope you all made it through winter safely and look forward to getting out to the flying field again.

See you soon John

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2015

		FEB	Y T D
BALANCE	2/1/2015	\$1,879.85	\$ 1,668.23
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ -	\$ 240.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 428.38	\$ 456.76
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ 90.00	\$ 90.00
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ 20.70	\$ 20.70
BALANCE	3/1/2015	\$1,340.77	\$ 1,340.77

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Finally did it. Made a mistake. Got caught, too. When Fritz sent me the financials for the month of January, he listed \$240 for dues income. Somehow I entered it as \$24 and didn't check my total against his total. As soon as the Newsletter went out, Fritz contacted me saying "you made mistake". I said "oops". Correcting the figures means that the treasury at the end of January was about twelve dollars more than the same time last year, instead of two hundred dollars less, and I now know at least one person reads the Newsletter. The figures for February will be double checked and should be correct.

Don't forget there will be a Club meeting March 10th at the Southport Clubhouse. Hope some of our snowbirds will be back in town by then.

We now have 13 Club members current in their Club and AMA dues. After the March meeting the Club will need to notify AMA of our current members and those members that have not renewed their dues will be dropped from the Club roster. We still have ten 2014 Club members that have not renewed their dues yet. Hopefully we will renew most of them at the March meeting.

Received a flyer from AMA on custom products like printed shirts, jackets, name badges, engraved awards, etc. The prices look reasonable and we may want to order some items. Will bring the flyer to the March meeting.

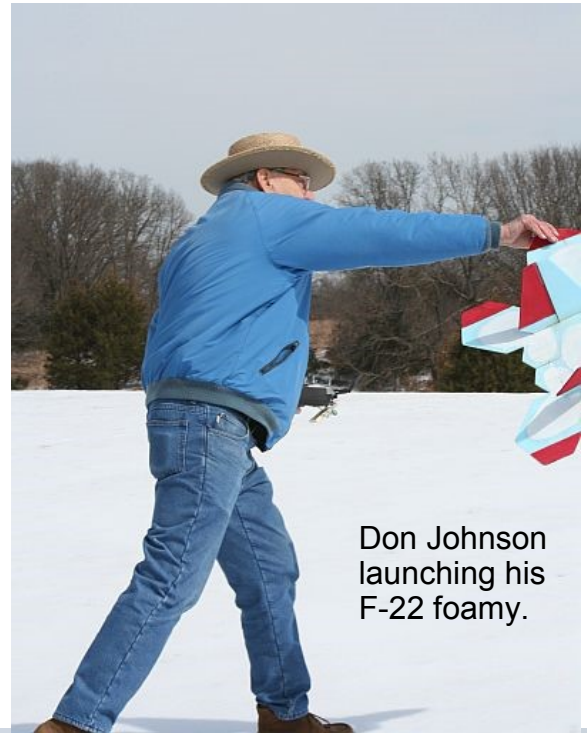
Got an email from President John, along with his column and a few photos. Said they would probably be back by the March meeting. He also complained about how cold it was in Florida, auwwwww.

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

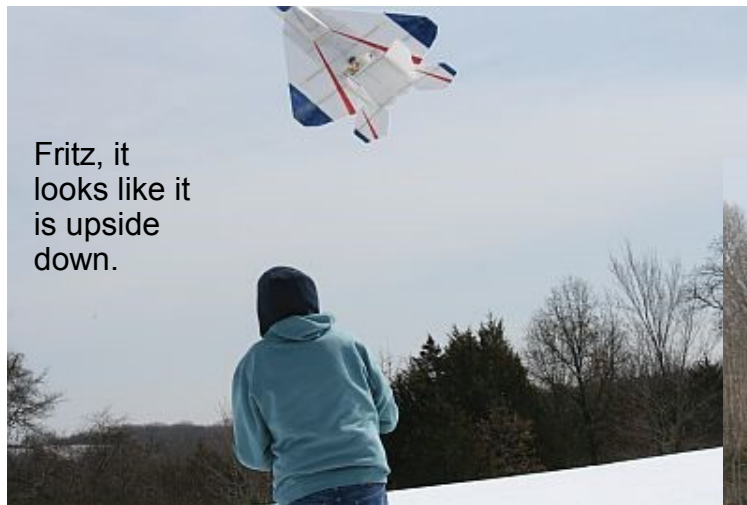




Fritz Corbin
launching his
F-22 foamy.



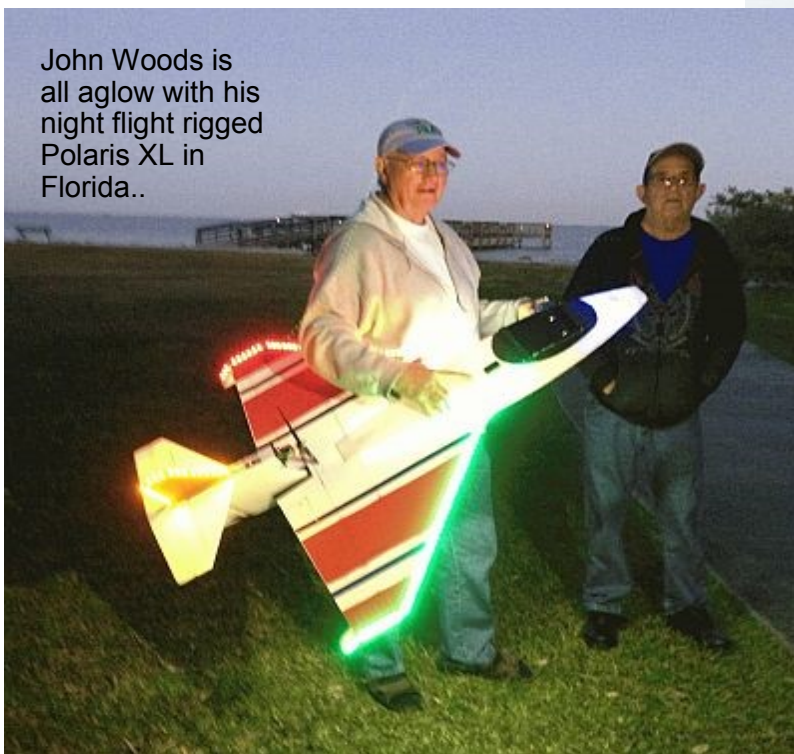
Don Johnson
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F-22 foamy.



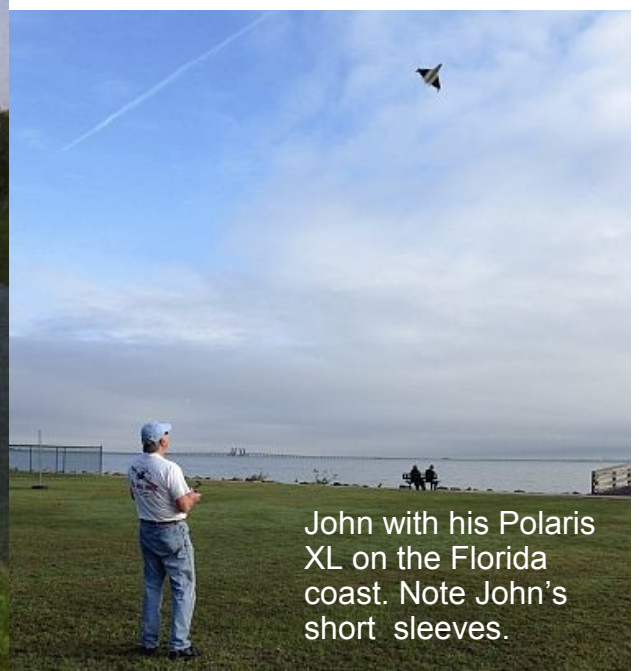
Fritz, it
looks like it
is upside
down.



Don's Polaris XL com-
ing in for a landing on
the snow.



John Woods is
all aglow with his
night flight rigged
Polaris XL in
Florida..



John with his Polaris
XL on the Florida
coast. Note John's
short sleeves.

MEETING MINUTES

There was no meeting held for the month of **FEBRUARY 2015**. The next Club meeting will be **March 10th**.

YOUR 2015 DUES ARE DUE!!

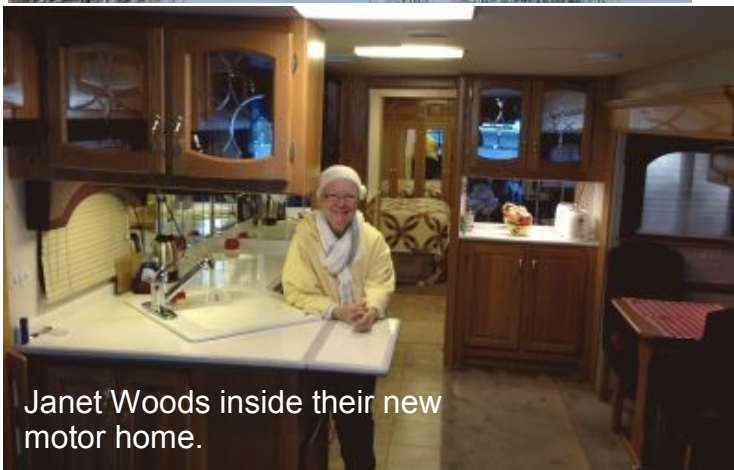
Below are the names of the 13 members that are current in their 2015 Club dues.

Bud Austin, Sid Beckham, Fritz Corbin, Wayne Edson, Don Johnson, Dave Medley, Gary Merseal, Randy Needham, Dick Peterson, Erv Rohde, Howard Shire, James Woodruff, and John Woods.

If you feel your 2015 Club dues are current but you are not on the above list contact Fritz Corbin for needed corrections.



Fritz bringing his F-22 in over the trees for a landing on the snow.



Janet Woods inside their new motor home.

2015 DUES

Club 2015 dues were due as of January 1, 2015. If you fly at Rocky Top Field on or after January 1, 2015 you will need a current (2015) AMA card.

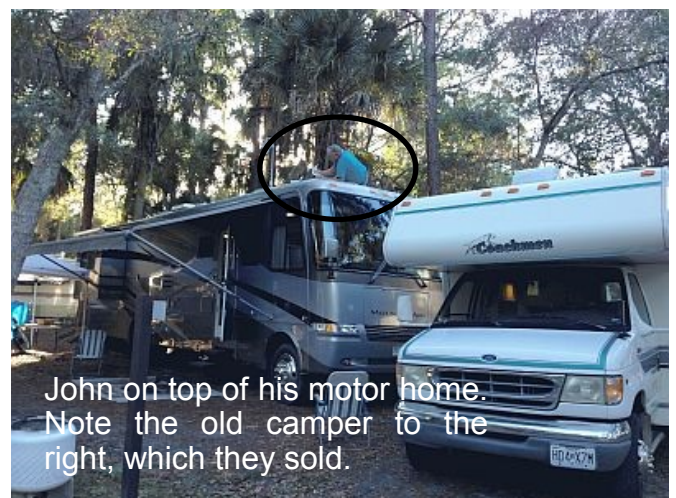
If you are going to renew your Club membership at the March meeting, bring your 2015 AMA card. If you are paying by check, make the check out to "Tri-Lakes R/C Flying Club. You may also pay your dues in cash.

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 2014 talk to the Treasurer before paying as you may get a discount on your 2015 dues.

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



John on top of his motor home. Note the old camper to the right, which they sold.

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SAFETY FIRST

Hopefully we will start to see some warmer weather soon, weather that will be conducive to flying once again. I know some of you have been out to the field in marginal weather, but the older I get, the colder I get.

Before venturing out to fly once again, please take the time to check out your airplanes for safety reasons. Check those motor mounts, loose screws and bolts, electrical connections, propellers, etc. Repair any damage that has been done to the airframe, and do a range check if it has been awhile.

Do this not only for safety reasons, but for your own confidence. Getting to the field with an airplane that doesn't work properly, a motor that won't run, or having to do repairs before you get in the air is not fun, it is down right frustrating. Things will go a lot smoother if you prepare at home, then go to the field and just have fun flying.

See you at the field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

THE NEXT CLUB MEETING
WILL BE MARCH 10TH,
6:00PM, AT THE SOUTH
PORT CLUBHOUSE.