

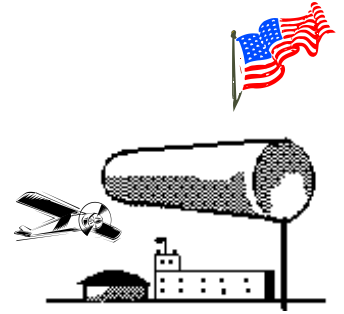
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WINTER FLYING



Here we observe Bud Austin in the process of putting his Obsession 3D up for a nice winter flight. Yes you can find a nice sunny day even in February to enjoy RC airplanes. Another thing about winter flying is no crowding on the flight line or in the air. See Buds Obsession in the air on page 4.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

All UAV (or sUAS) must be registered again with the FAA so I hope you didn't remove your numbers from all your models. The Special Rule for Model Aircraft or Section 336 as it is referred to, is being scrutinized again by various governmental agencies and committees. So far the list of those agencies is Congress, the FAA, Homeland Security, Department of Defense, House Sub-Committee on Aviation and the Airlines Pilot Association. I can't imagine where all this is headed but it's not going to be good for the Modeling community. If you like you can read more about this in the last several issues of Model Aviation Magazine.

I have joined two flying clubs near the campground we stay at but I actually haven't been flying much due mostly to the wind. Last year not much wind, this year lots of windy days. My friend Luke, who I've been helping with his Carbon Cub, and I were at the flying field last week and one of the club members had a ¼ scale Jet that he flew a couple times. Jets are always fun to watch and this one really ate up the sky. The pilot was a good flyer but went a little long on his landing and collapsed the front gear – not a big problem. He'll have it repaired soon and fly again.

I bought a new model. It's the 17" wing span Horizon P3 Revolution but have not flown it yet. There may be a picture of the plane in this Newsletter. I'll get it in the air soon, just waiting for a nice calm day for its first flight.



THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

The last couple of months the weather hasn't been that great, cold, rainy and windy, but there have been a few decent flying days and some of us have been out taking advantage of them. Maybe with warmer weather there will be more of us at the field.

We are into the third month of 2018 and membership still stands at 9 as opposed to 12 at this time last year. Our treasury is also about \$300 less than last year. Any ideas!

As page 4 shows, your editor had a little problem with his Pro-Twister foamy. Fritz was kind enough to inform me that he has the crash trophy. Maybe someone will have a more spectacular crash before the April meeting so they will get to put it on their mantle for awhile.

Our first Fun Fly of the year will be April 14th and the events will be in next month's Newsletter. Anyone have any ideas for new fun events?

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

Janet and I have been enjoying sight-seeing around the area. There also have been two more rocket launches from Kennedy Space Center. The launches are exciting to watch and we're looking forward to the things to come from space exploration. Check out the "Stratolaunch", the world's biggest airplane with a wingspan of 385 Feet. It will be used to carry rockets and launch them from the stratosphere into outer space. First flight is scheduled for 2019.

Janet says hi to all and looks forward to getting together when we return at the Reeds Spring Pizza Company.

Happy Landings in 2018
..... John

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB

There was no Club meeting held in February.

YOUR 2018 DUES ARE DUE!!

Below are the names of the 9 members that are current in their 2018 Club dues.

Bud Austin, Sid Beckham, Fritz Corbin, Don Johnson, Dave Medley, Phil Rogers, Erv Rohde, Charley Schenk and John Woods.

If you feel your 2018 Club dues are current but you are not on the above list contact Fritz Corbin for needed corrections.

2018 DUES

Club 2018 dues were due as of January 1, 2018. If you fly at Rocky Top Field on or after January 1, 2018 you will need a current (2018) AMA card.

If you are going to renew your Club membership at the April meeting, bring your 2018 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 2017 talk to the Treasurer before paying as you may get a discount on your 2018 dues.

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

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2018			
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BALANCE	2/1/2018	\$1,577.49	\$ 1,928.49
INCOME-DUES -----			\$ 80.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS			\$ -
INCOME-FOOD -----			\$ -
INCOME-50/50 -----			\$ -
INCOME-MISC -----			\$ -
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 31.00	\$ 462.00
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER			\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS			\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----			\$ -
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00
EXPENSE-Web -----			\$ -
EXPENSE-meeting room			\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ -
BALANCE	3/1/2018	\$1,426.49	\$ 1,426.49



John Woods with his new Horizon P3 Revolution waiting for a calm day for its' maiden flight.



Bud's Obsession 3D on a smooth February flight.



What is this new thing at the flying field? Well it is Fritz Corbin's new armadillo run. The theory is that the armadillos will walk north or south outside the electric fence and be funneled into the humane trap hidden in the center. Lots of luck, Fritz!



Don Johnson lost concentration flying his Pro-Twister long wing foamy. But all's well that ends well.



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JOHN WOODS 338-8419****SAFETY FIRST**

We will soon be getting a new set of AMA safety rules to go by. When I get them I will review them and advise you of any changes that AMA has made.

I will also post them in our shelter, replacing the ones currently on display at our flying field.

See you at the field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

**THE NEXT CLUB
MEETING WILL BE
APRIL 10, 5:30PM, AT
THE SOUTH PORT
CONDO CLUBHOUSE.**