

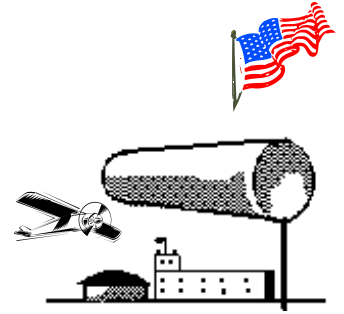
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GREAT WINTER FLY DAY — OOPS



Your editor was having a good flight on this nice sunny and relatively calm winter day. He was flying his Polaris XL which had over 90 flights with only minor damage. But he let it get just a little too far north of the field, decided on just one more loop and it got a little too far out to see it very well. Before he could get it back under control it went down and through the trees. The moral of the story is that when your eyes get weaker fly in closer!

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

March is here. Sure hope it doesn't come in like a lion.

Our stay in Texas has been warm to hot most of the time with a never ending wind from 10 to 55MPH. Not too much flying but a lot of sightseeing. We'll be heading back home around the end of the month and hopefully the winter weather will have lightened up there a bit.

I see the Drone/Airplane bill, "Special Rule for Model Aircraft or Section 336" has been signed and in effect as of 2/19/19. All UAV (or sUAS) must be registered with the FAA and comply with the various rules outlined in the different categories. There are several new rules so if you haven't read them you can check them out at FAA's website faadronezone.faa.gov.

Janet's latest cancer testes have been very favorable. The red and white blood cell count is staying in the safe zone and the CA125 marker test is down one point to 10 – good news. She will continue on her current medications and be tested again next month. Janet says hi to all and we look forward to getting together when we return at the Reeds Spring Pizza Company.

Happy Landings in 2019.....
John

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2019			
		JAN	FEB
BALANCE	2/1/2019	\$2,015.19	\$1,584.19
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ -	\$ 240.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ 0.16
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 431.00	\$ 31.10
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ 120.00
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ -
BALANCE	3/1/2019	\$1,584.19	\$1,673.25

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

For the non-snowbirds most members know that the past few weeks have not been good flying weather for RC aircraft. Either too wet, too windy or just to darn cold. Fritz and your editor did get out February 24th. It was a fairly nice day to fly but the picture on the front page shows it did have some bad moments.

Fritz mentioned to me that I wasn't up to speed on my model identification. He was right, one plane did and one plane didn't have proper identification showing on the **outside** of the plane. President, John, can explain the regulations to us at the April 9th meeting but it seems that any RC flying device, over 9.5 ounces must have an FAA identification on the outside of the device. After you get your FAA identification you can print it on a sheet of labels. They can be made weatherproof by spraying a good coat of Krylon Crytal Clear over the labels or cut some clear packing tape, a little larger the label, and put it over the label. Not sure how that is going to work for the serious scale guys!

Our first Club meeting of 2019 will be April 9th at the South Port Club House at 5:30PM. Bring any new models or model projects to the meeting for show and tell. If the weather turns really nice and it is decided to have the meeting at the field, you will be notified of the change by email.

The first Club Fun Fly of the year is scheduled for April 13th but maybe changed to the following week. If you have any opinions on what you would like to see as an event please contact me. The events will be listed in the April Newsletter and should be within the capabilities of most members who have soloed. If you are hesitant to enter, get an experienced Club member to stand by you and talk you through it or even use the Buddy Box. Try it, you may like it! Remember it is a FUN FLY. Heavy on the FUN.

The Club membership is now up to eleven and are named on the next page. Hope to see many of you out to the flying field soon!

MEETING MINUTES TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB

There was no February Club meeting. Also there will be no March Club meeting. **The next Club meeting will be April 9th at the South Port club house.**



Above is Fritz Corbin's four stroke 70 trainer (think it is a TOWER). It is putting in, for a nice smooth landing.



Above is a view of the pits on February 24th. On the third station down is Fritz' trainer and on the bench is Don's Notabe, his own design. It does not fly well and acts like it is tail heavy. Have tried more down thrust and elevator mixing. Maybe more nose weight will help! Have flown it three times, luckily without damage.

YOUR 2019 DUES ARE DUE!!

Below are the names of the 11 members that are current in their 2019 Club dues.

Bud Austin, Sid Beckham, Fritz Corbin, Don Johnson, Gary Merseal, Randy Needham, Erv Rohde, Charley Schenk, Hunter Smith, Isaac Thomas, and John Woods.

If you feel your 2019 Club dues are current but you are not on the above list contact Fritz

2019 DUES

Club 2019 dues were due as of January 1, 2019. If you fly at Rocky Top Field on or after January 1, 2019, you will need a current (2019) AMA card.

If you are going to renew you Club membership at the April meeting, bring your 2019 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 2018 talk to the Treasurer before paying as you may get a discount on your 2019 dues.

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

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SAFETY FIRST

First of all, if you are going to be out at the field during this time of the year, be advised that the ground can be slick from ice, snow or just plain old water. So, watch where you step, and then step carefully. Secondly, remember that your batteries are always less efficient in cold weather, make sure they are charged to the fullest, and see if you can somehow keep them warm so they will last longer than they normally would in the cold.

See You at the Field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

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5:30PM, AT THE SOUTH
PORT CONDO CLUBHOUSE.**