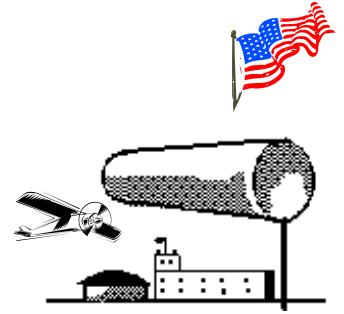


# THE WINDSOCK

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## LAST POLARIS XL KIT?



The above Polaris XL was built by your Editor, from a kit former member Jim Halbert had stashed away in his shop. The kit was produced by Model Aero that had several Depron sheet model designs which flew very well. Several of our Club members have had great fun flying the Polaris XL model. It seems that Model Aero may have gone out of business or at least has disappeared from the internet. So, if you have one, fly it carefully or if you want one you may be able to find someone on the internet that has a kit they will sell. Or maybe you could find someone that had made templates of the Polaris parts and make your own kit. It has been done successfully!

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Here's a short update on our missing Steel Carport Canopy. As all of you probably know, the shade Canopy at our field was blown away last month by an 85 MPH wind. It flew or sailed over 300 feet landing 100 feet off the south end of the runway. I'm sure it broke some record. It was completely destroyed. There was additional damage too. Our original wooden canopy and pilot stations took a hit also. AMA was contacted about the possibility of coverage by insurance but there was none. They suggested that our Club apply for grant money that was available under AMA's Club Disaster Relief Program. After a phone call, several pictures, a written explanation and help from a very courteous representative, we qualified and have received a check for \$500 towards any repairs we wish to do..... Good news! Thank you AMA.

At our next Club meeting we will discuss in more detail which direction we should take regarding the canopy. We'll plan a work day to repair our original wood shelter. Also we need to remove and dismantle the steel canopy from the property and take it to the local scrap yard.

Gary and Kathy Metzger were visiting Branson and were going to stop by the field but that particular day it was raining so those plans were washed out. We'll have to postpone seeing them until they visit again. Sorry we missed them. Jack McEvoy was going to come over too but that didn't work out either. Of course Jack can stop by any time to check out what's going on - you're always welcome.

Not a whole lot of flying this month. Janet and I were away for a couple of weeks and high heat and a little rain interrupted the flight plans of most of our fliers.

Homer Zobel has a new .91 War Bird he is building and it looks great. Don Johnson finished 2 amphibious planes that belonged to Jim Halbert. A Polaris XL (39" Wing) and an Aqua Cat which is slightly smaller than the Polaris. Last week after a bit of battery shifting and a little trim, they flew exceptional. →

## THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

The Polaris XL shown on the front page has successfully had its' maiden flight and flew well after test pilot, John Woods, made a few adjustments. Also the Aqua Cat, shown with the Polaris XL on the next page are both amphibious so President John and your editor are planning on flying both off Table Rock Lake soon. It should be a lot of fun and hope to have some pictures for the next issue of The Windsock.

While at the lake, your Editor has a plan built CANADAIR CL 415 twin engine seaplane that has failed to get off the water after several tries. He plans to try to fly it again. It was built in 2002. Since then the speed 400 brushed electric motors have been replaced



by brushless motors. Also it was converted to Spektrum and Li-Po batteries in 2012. This increased RPM almost 9% and decreased weight about 19% but no attempt fly it occurred after the conversion. Maybe getting rid of my boat had something to do with this. Hopefully these changes will result in successful flight.

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

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This month we will have our Club meeting Tuesday, October 8th at 5:30PM. As usual if the weather is OK we will meet at the Flying Field, if not, meet at the South Port Club House. The exact location will be determine probably the day before the meeting and you will be notified via email.

Happy landings .....John

## TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

President John Woods opened the meeting at 5:28 PM, at the Club flying field. There were 6 members present including all officers. There were no guests. Treasurer, Fritz Corbin, reported that there was \$1,537.99 in the Treasury as of September 1, 2019. The Treasurer's Report was approved. The Minutes of the July meeting (no August meeting) were approved as written in the July Newsletter. The raffle was won by Fritz Corbin again, and he received \$3 of the \$6 pot.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fritz noted that Bobbie Pruitt, listed on the Club Roster, was not a current member. Don said he would make the correction.

John Woods reported on his visit with Dave Medley. Dave's still doing OK.

John announced that a past member, Gary Metzger and wife Cathy, Will visit us at the field on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Pat Adams is still wanting to sell all his electric planes.

### OLD BUSINESS:

none

### NEW BUSINESS:

Phil Rogers said he could pull the carport canopy out of the trees so we could possibly salvage it for scrap metal.

John said he had contacted AMA to see if our insurance might cover the damaged canopy and sent them some pictures of it – before and after. May qualify for a grant of some kind.

Fritz said we should schedule a Work Day to repair the wind damaged shed. It will be scheduled after John gets back from his vacation.

Bud Austin received the Club's coveted Crash Trophy for having four recent crashes.

### PROGRAM:

Flying before and after the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6.02.



Above is the Model Aero Polaris XL and Aqua Cat that was rescued from former member Jim Halbert's shop. The Aqua Cat had some of the wing put together. Most of the rest of the parts were found in the original package or loose in the shop. The Polaris was complete in the original packaging. This is the third Polaris XL your editor has made, the first being a 1/4 inch blue fan fold foam copy. Jim's Polaris is seen below on its' maiden flight. There has been several Polaris XL's flown at our field and all have performed very well.



### TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2019

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<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>9/1/2019</b>	<b>\$1,537.99</b>	<b>\$ 2,015.19</b>
<b>INCOME-DUES</b> -----		\$ -	\$ 575.00
<b>INCOME-SHIRTS&amp;CAPS</b>		\$ -	\$ -
<b>INCOME-FOOD</b> -----		\$ -	\$ -
<b>INCOME-50/50</b> -----		\$ 3.00	\$ 20.50
<b>INCOME-MISC</b> -----		\$ -	\$ 25.60
<b>EXPENSE-FIELD</b> -----		\$ 47.59	\$ 884.72
<b>EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER</b>		\$ -	\$ -
<b>EXPENSE-SHIRTS&amp;CAPS</b>		\$ -	\$ -
<b>EXPENSE-FOOD</b> -----		\$ -	\$ -
<b>EXPENSE-AMA</b> -----		\$ -	\$ 120.00
<b>EXPENSE-Web</b> -----		\$ -	\$ 138.17
<b>EXPENSE-meeting room</b>		\$ -	\$ -
<b>EXPENSE-MISC</b> -----		\$ -	\$ -
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>10/1/2019</b>	<b>\$1,493.40</b>	<b>\$ 1,493.40</b>

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**SAFETY FIRST**

This month's safety message is a re-iteration of a previous message. But since we have some newer members it will serve them with some basic club safety information.

Avoid standing on, or crossing the runway unless necessary. If it is necessary to go out on the runway, announce to other pilots that you are "On the Field". Leave the area as soon as possible, and announce that you have cleared the runway.

Pilots flying at this time should keep their airplanes away from the area where the person is on the field.

See you at the field,  
Gene Fuson  
Safety Officer

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING WILL BE  
THE **OCTOBER 8**, 5:30PM, AT THE  
CLUB FLYING FIELD. IN CASE OF SE-  
VERE WEATHER MEET AT THE  
**SOUTH PORT CONDO CLUBHOUSE.****