

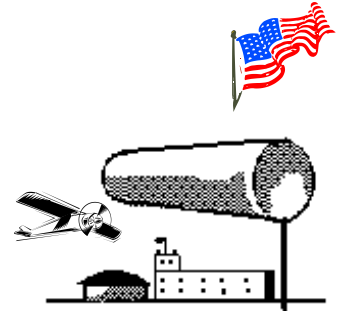
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## SLOW MONTH



Been a slow month at the field this month therefore your editor did not get any suitable front page photos. So decided to showcase one of your ole editor's experimental projects. Many of us have built and flown the Polaris XL with great success. I even built a half scale version that flew OK but flew behind the trees and hid, never to be seen again. So being bored and having material and some spare parts on hand, I scaled it down to 1/3 size. With a wing span of 13.5 inches and the parts shown above it should weigh about 42 grams (1.5 oz). The next step is placing the equipment and getting the balance correct. Then getting the controls working properly. Hopefully it will fly like the full size Polaris. Will keep you informed as the project moves forward.

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Janet and I are not going away this winter. Since we are trying to sell our house we need to do a little fix-n-up and be available if/when the buyers come. I'm pretty sure we are going to have a mild winter.

I took the liberty of forming the Club officers' nominating committee since I forgot to talk about it at our last meeting. The committee is the same as it's been for the last several years ..... Woods, Fuson, Johnson and Corbin. The committee will nominate a slate of officers at November's meeting to be voted on at December's meeting. The meetings are always open to additional nominations of members to serve as one of our Club officers.

Tentatively our Christmas party will be Tuesday, December 3rd. We don't have any plans just yet but put this date on your calendar so you don't get booked up with your other parties. We'll have more details after this month's meeting.

This month we will have our Club meeting Tuesday, November 12th 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. I've included the directions to the Club House for those new members who have not been there.

South Port Condo Club House:

Directions: Going South from Kimberling City, cross the bridge, drive about 1 mile and turn Left at the first paved road which is Point 7 Road. The road splits so stay to the Left and drive up the hill only 1/4 mile. Turn Left at the first street, South Port Lane. There is a water tower on the Left hand side. Drive down the hill about 3/4 mile to the last building on the Right, which is the Clubhouse.

Happy landings &  
Stay Warm .....John

## THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

As stated on the front page, October seemed to get lost as far as flying goes. Went to the field several times and it was either too windy (for me) to fly or there was no one there. Since I don't like to fly alone, I'd just come on home. Hope November gives us some better flying weather.

President, John indicates in his column that we may meet at the field on November 12th which would be great, but with daylight saving time ending it gets dark pretty early. So if we meet at the South Port condo club house bring any project you are working on or any new planes, for show and tell.

Ran into Club member Charley Schenk and his wife at Walmart a few days ago and he said he only had two more trips scheduled with FedEx then he's retired. They will keep their permanent residence in this area but have purchased an RV and plan on doing some travelling. I told him we look forward to seeing him at the field more often after he retires.

About time to make up your Christmas wish list. There are a great many nice ARF's and RTF's waiting to be purchased. This is an easy way to to put something great looking and easy to fly , up in the air.

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

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2019			
		OCT	Y T D
BALANCE	10/1/2019	\$1,493.40	\$ 2,015.19
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ -	\$ 575.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ 3.00	\$ 23.50
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ 500.05	\$ 525.65
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 45.50	\$ 930.22
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ 120.00
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ 138.17
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ -
BALANCE	11/1/2019	\$1,950.95	\$ 1,950.95

## TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 8, 2019

President John Woods opened the meeting at 5:02 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 \$1,493.40 in the Treasury as of October 1, 2019. The Treasurer's Report was approved. The Minutes of the September meeting were approved as written in the October Newsletter. The raffle was won by Gene Fuson, and he received \$2.50 of the \$5 pot.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

John Woods reported on his last visit with Dave Medley. Dave's still hanging in there.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Lindon, a shuttle pilot from Louisiana, who had delivered a private jet to the Branson airport, visited us at the field. He is also an AMA member.

Gary and Carol Metzger did not visit the field as planned due to weather. They may be able to visit us on a future trip to Branson.

### NEW BUSINESS:

John had contacted AMA to see if the storm damage done to our field would be covered as a loss on our Club insurance. He was told that if didn't but they had grant money that might be awarded for the Club's loss. John submitted several before and after pictures and a write up and AMA sent us a check for \$500. Great work John, guess it never hurts to ask! The check was received after October 1<sup>st</sup> so it was not included in the Treasurer's report.

John will get with Phil Rogers and set a date to pull the shed out of the trees so we can dismantle it and haul it off to the recycle yard. John will email this info to the members.

Repairing the storm damaged shed was discussed. Bud will get some treated 2x4's and John will email the members a date to repair the shed. There was a question about adding shade wings on each side of the existing shed but this was tabled for a future date.

There was a discussion on brush hogging around the field. The brush has really grown and it will be expensive to cut down. John will be looking for someone that has the equipment to do it and at price we can afford.

Fritz reported that the armadillos are getting to the field again. He said he was clearing the grass along the fence line and would also put out a trap.

Don passed around a flyer on a fun fly on October 26<sup>th</sup> near Mount Vernon. It is on a private grass runway. It will be free and the owner will provide a free lunch for everyone. What a deal!

Bud Austin retained the Club's coveted Crash Trophy for recent crashes.

### PROGRAM:

Flying before and after the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:47 PM.



Jim Halbert's completed Polaris XL

## TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

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**THE NEXT CLUB  
MEETING WILL BE  
NOVEMBER 12,  
5:30PM, AT THE  
SOUTH PORT CON-  
DO CLUBHOUSE or  
FLYING FIELD. Will  
email location day be-  
fore the meeting.**

## SAFETY FIRST

As we approach the new building season we, as builders of new airplanes and repairers of damaged airplanes, need to be aware of the hazardous materials that we all use in our pursuit of this hobby.

When I look at the shelves in my work room, the chemicals stored there range from various spray cans, paint, lacquer, etc., to CA to acetone. I also use balsa and do a lot of sanding, creating particles to clog my lungs.

In the process of repairing and maintaining our aircraft, our hands come in contact with lots of different hazardous materials. Our body absorbs these chemicals, and consistent exposure to them can be a danger to your health.

If you dissect our hobby, it quickly becomes apparent that we often spill fuel and CA on our hands. We sniff the paint and glue fumes and use grease and oil in our maintenance. It all gets on our hands. If you are an active modeler, you have some exposure to hazardous materials.

Below is a list of a few items you may want to keep around the workshop. They should help minimize the risk of exposure to hazardous materials.

1. Get a fire extinguisher.
2. Pick up a good face mask.
3. Buy a small fan for ventilation.
4. Buy a box of rubber gloves.

Always work in a room that has ventilation. Be careful using flammable items around your furnace in the wintertime.

Our hobby is great fun, but some of the chemicals deserve serious attention to keep you from being in harm's way.

See you at the field,  
Gene Fuson  
Safety Officer