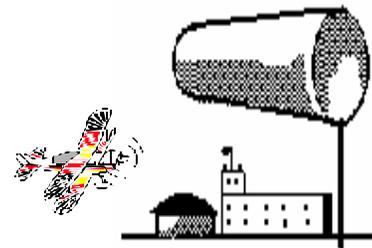


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DECEMBER MEETING

DECEMBER 12, 7:00 PM
BRANSON COMMUNITY CENTER

Program

Election of 2001 Club officers. Club Top Gun Award. General discussion on fuels, and time permitting, on props.



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Mike Anderson has been revising our Club's Web site and it is looking exceptionally good. I know many, many hours have gone into designing, planning and developing our site and know you all join me in thanking him for all the extra effort. By the time you read this we will have our own address <[bransonrc.org](http://www.bransonrc.org)>. I know many members will make it their HOME page!! Thanks Mike, it is looking great.

Where was everybody on Tuesday? -- 50 degrees, slight breeze right down the runway, sunny and beautiful. I thought I was there on the wrong day. Alan Phillips stopped by and flew two of his helicopters. He's been flying about a year now and really doing some spectacular maneuvers. Inverted and backwards looked real difficult. I flew my 911 (with rudders) and my Speedy Bee. Ray flew his Ultra Stick after a little rework of the fuel system. He has the engine really dialed in and his "roll after take off" is a little scary as is his "crow" landing. Mike flew his Pro-Twister (Ugly Slab) and is experimenting with a "Harrier" maneuver down the runway.

Don Johnson flew a few electrics. His 4 Star 40 (Modified a lot) is flying spectacularly. I think he said he is using 16 cells producing almost one horsepower.

Ian Pietz arrived late in the day and after doing a quick fix to his plane he successfully flew and landed it safely. Ian has been having some landing jitters and a lot of repairs lately but finally seems to have overcome his curse. In fact he greased it in just like most of my landings. (Ho, ho, ho, ... ed.)

Sam Noe, a new member, flew for a while but had to leave for work. He has a four-foot "Stop Sign" with a piped .91 that must be a real crowd pleaser. He wasn't able to bring it with him but I'm anxious to see it fly. If you see him at the field please introduce yourself to him.

See you at the field – Happy Landings, JOHN

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*Merry
Christmas*



**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!**

TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 14, 2000

President John Woods opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. at Branson community Center. All officers were present and there were 22 members present. The minutes from the October meeting were approved as written in the November Newsletter. Guests at the meeting were Gary Acton, Walt Kramer, Bob Reynolds (who joined the Club) and Don Schiffman.

Treasurer Roscoe Fudge reported a balance of \$867.46. The 50/50 raffle was won by Ken Adams and he received ½ of \$28.00.

Committee Reports:

Vice-President Don Livermore, Chairman of the nominating committee submitted the following slate of candidates for 2001 Club officers: President – John Woods, Vice President – Ray Dixon, Secretary – Howard Shire, and Treasurer – Erv Rohde. Due to no longer living in the immediate area, Don Livermore asked not to be nominated for a 2001 office. There were no other nominations from the floor. Nominations will remain open until the vote at the December meeting. New officers will assume their duties on January 1, 2001.

Announcements and Old Business:

President John Woods announced that Herman Hanebrink has undergone an abdominal cancer operation and is now home and on the mend. He will have to undergo chemo therapy. All members of the Club wish him a speedy recovery. If you would like to call him, his phone number is 417 858-6071.

John Woods passed out trophies for the winners of the October Fun Fly events.

John also mentioned that if you are the last one to leave the field link the locks together so the gate can be opened by opening any one lock. Failure to do this will probably result in someone breaking off our \$20 lock.

The Club website name was discussed and a vote indicated bransonrc.org to be the first choice with trilakesrc.org the second choice. Mike Anderson was absent due to illness but will try to register our site name as soon as possible. Mike has temporarily set up the Club website under his website, which is PCComputertech.com, then click on trilakesrc for the Club home page. Clicking your name in the Club Roster can show up to six pictures of your planes. If you want pictures of your planes in this section put them in an envelope, with your name on the envelope, and give them to Mike, John Woods or Don Johnson. The pictures will be returned to you. The transmission rates in Kimberling City are too slow to send a bunch of pictures

to Mike by e-mail.

Del D'Alesandro brought a new field wind sock, and a spare, to the meeting. The socks were turned over to Howard Shire for installation at the field. These socks are made from genuine WW II parachute material. Many thanks Del.

New Business:

President John Woods has made up new Club membership cards which you can obtain by just asking him for one.

As a follow-up to the Club's desire for indoor flying John has contacted Drew Smith of the College of the Ozarks and he is receptive to us flying in the college gym. John gave Drew's phone number to Don Johnson for he and Bob Miller to follow up and see what arrangements can be made.

Howard Shire suggested that we have a field work day soon to fill in some ruts and have them settle during the winter. A date of December 9th was set. Some shovels and garden rakes will be needed.

John Woods said he would find out the price and minimum quantity needed for new Club T-shirts.

Gary Metzger said he would donate a JR radio to the Club for use as a trainer Buddy-Box and Jim Halbert donated an electric heater to the Club.

Programs:

Gary Metzger showed his new Great Planes profile Gee Bee in red and white with an O.S. 4 stroke and composite landing gear. Weighs in at 4 ½ pounds. *** Don Livermore again showed his (hanger queen) black and white Gee Bee with a Thundertiger .25 engine. Don also showed a new Cermark ARF Pitts S2 bi-plane trimmed in red and white. The kit is about \$450 and is powered with a Saito 150 engine. Looks good. *** Jim Halbert brought in his Zagi which he had converted to glow with a .15 engine. It is trimmed in red, white and black with a coke bottle fuselage. It had been previously flown (marginally) with two ducted electric fans. *** Walt Kramer brought a .40 size Tame Cat that he wanted to sell for \$237 (less than ½ cost) and a Tri Square that he flew in 1965 with a pulse R/C radio.

Don Livermore talked about two voltage and glitch monitors, the Gem 200 and the BC-6. These devices can tell the lowest receiver battery voltage during a flight and how many glitches occur during a flight. Useful for big expensive airplanes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

THE EDITOR'S NOTEPAD

Here it is almost the end of the year and several things are happening even if the weather gets nasty. Have you decided on your winter building project? If you drop enough hints maybe Santa will bring it to you. Whining about what you need, though not pretty, could be very effective in this area.

The December Club meeting should be interesting. For starters there is the election of new Club Officers. A good slate of candidates have been nominated and it looks like at least two new faces in the officer ranks. We'll count the votes until everyone (almost) is happy! Also we will present the coveted TOP GUN AWARD given to the pilot with most Fun Fly and other activity points. Real suspense here. Also it is the last time that Don Livermore will present one of his memorable programs—don't miss it.

Next is the NEW YEAR'S FUN FLY at the Club field on New Year's Day. Meet about noon. Real pilots don't let a little weather bother them.

On January 20th is an event of great importance to those that can't or won't build their own planes. It is the Kansas City SWAP-N-SHOP event. Don Livermore and Johns Woods highly recommend this event. Don will probably buy one or two more Hanger Queens and John can always use some more replacement aircraft.

As most of you know, Herman Hanebrink has undergone a serious operation and now is recovering from colon cancer. As usual Herman has an upbeat and cheerful attitude and is on the road to recovery. Of course Ardell is spoiling him rotten which may make him want to stretch out his recovery a little. He has to go through some chemo treatments but plans on being out to the Club field on January 1st. If you see someone that looks a little like Yule Brenner or Kojack it's probably Herman. If you would like to drop him a get well card or give him a call his address is HCR 1, Box 4060, Shell Knob, MO, 65747 and his phone number is 417 858-6071. I know he would be happy to hear from you.

Things are changing on the flight line, actually taking on a more feminine look. Annette McEvoy has been doing some Buddy Box training as has Erin Anderson. Also was told that Karen Dixson is getting ready to be a pilot. It's great to see the gals get interested in this hobby. Now if they get really good will this force the guys to improve their skills.

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NEW CLUB MEMBERS

Bob Reynolds had visited us at Rocky Top Field and became a new Club member at the November meeting. Bob and wife Dixie live in Kimberling City, Phone 417 739-4098.

Sam Noe has also joined the Club and lives in Kimberling City as well, Phone 739-4110. Sam flies a Stop Sign??

Welcome to the Club Bob and Sam, we are glad you have joined us!



HAPPY NEW YEAR Tri-Lakes R/C Flying Club and AMA Dues are Due!

It may seem like only yesterday that you paid your 2000 dues but on January 1st the 2001 dues are due.

True, you can procrastinate a couple of months on your Club dues but if you want to fly at Rocky Top Field, or any other AMA field, you must have a 2001 AMA card on and after January 1st.

So avoid the rush and bring your 2001 Club dues to the December meeting and give them to Roscoe Fudge—show him your 2001 AMA card at the same time and you're all set for the coming year. Regular member dues—\$40, additional family member—\$5, Associate members—\$10, and Students with current AMA card free.

If you are a new member and were not a member for all 12 months of 2000 mention this to Roscoe as you may be entitled to a discount on your 2001 dues



NEW WEB PAGE

Check out the new Club web site at bransonrc.org. Pretty neat, isn't it! This Club Web Page opens up many new communication horizons not only for our Club members but for people and organizations outside our Club. So what can we do with the Web Site?

Put your plane pictures on the web. If you go to the membership section of the Club web page you will notice that some of the names are highlighted. If you click on one of these names an album of up to six pictures come up. How do you get your own album in this section? Easy, just select up to six pictures and give them to Mike Anderson or send them to him at **Mike Anderson, P.O. Box 682, Reeds Spring, MO, 65737**. If you have a picture that you can't replace, it would be best to hand it to Mike instead of sending it through the mail. Mike can't be responsible for pictures lost in the mail—a sometimes problem in this area. In the envelope with the pictures, include a note with your name and an Album name like John's Stuff or Erv's Hanger, or anything else you would like your Album called. On the back of each picture write a picture title, like 4-STAR-60, and a short description of the picture. Don't send the pictures via e-mail, the pictures files are very large and the local transmission rate so slow Mike's computer would be tied up forever. How often can you make changes to your Album? This is a lot of work for Mike and he asks that you not submit new pictures any more often than once every three months. And it takes about as long to change one picture as six pictures.

Newsletter changes. You will notice that the format of the Newsletter this month is a little different, seems that borders use a lot of memory in the html web format. The goal for the Newsletter is to have it posted on our web page in color each month. Also in a format that can be downloaded and printed out in color on Club members' printers, which cannot be done now. There is a learning curve to overcome but if we are successful a significant number of Club members will probably elect to obtain the Newsletter off the web rather than by snail mail—at a Club savings of 57 cents per Newsletter.

Post A Message. Want to say something to the Club officers and/or members? Easy, just click on the Post a Message button and say what you want. Even though you can say anything you want the Club and its members should be addressed in a dignified and respectful manner. Remember even justified criticism can be given politely.

What's new? Click on "On the Horizon" or "Tri-Lakes R/C in the News" for the latest in Club activities.

Lost? Click on "Wow this club looks great! How do I get to the field?"

The Club Web Site and the Newsletter exist solely for the benefit and enjoyment of Club members. If you have questions, suggestions, criticism, or input that you think would make the Web Site or Newsletter more interesting to the membership, contact Mike Anderson, Don Johnson or Post a Message.



Left. Erv Rohde's Ultimate Bipe on final and about to touch down on Rocky Top Field.



Right. Curt Krause's Spitfire coming in for a nice three point landing.

NEW YEAR'S DAY FUN FLY

Show everyone how tough a pilot you are. Come out to Rocky Top Field regardless of weather and put in one official flight. GOOD LANDING NOT REQUIRED! This will earn you a Certificate (in color) suitable for framing and bragging rights for the coming year.

To be prepared, you may want to have skis or floats for your model if there is snow on the ground.

Come join the fun and bring something warm to drink.

Advise Don Johnson if you fly somewhere else on New Year's day and you also can receive a suitable Certificate.



John Woods with his Speedy Bee and Roy Pepper in the background posing with the Branson Special Education Class on November 3rd, at the Club field,

Photo by Janet Woods

Left. John Woods on the Buddy Box and Roy Pepper helping one of the Branson Special Ed students as he pilots his first R/C airplane.

Photo by Janet Woods



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A lot more color has been used in this Newsletter. Obviously it won't show on the Newsletters that are copied and sent out to the members but should look good when you pull up the newsletter from **bransonrc.org**. This will be a learning experience so bear with us a couple of months.

Time to land for this month.



SAFETY MESSAGE FROM ERV

W i n t e r months are usually when we build our models for the coming flying season. We'll use Dremel tools, soldering irons, drills, monokote irons etc. Don't just turn them off ; unplug them when you leave your work shop.

Erv



ADDRESS CHANGES

Has your **mailing** address changed, especially those with new 911 addresses in Stone county?

If so, notify Don Johnson. You can call him, give him the change when you see him at the field or December meeting or better yet by e-mail to dmj@tri-lakes.net

FOR SALE

Stinger 60 with Saito .91. Just add radio and fly - \$300. Call Mike King at 417 587-0124.

Also **FULL SCALE** bi-plane project - fuselage, plans, engine (EA-81 Subaru) -\$1200. Call Mike King at 417 587-0124 for more details.

Futaba Attack 2 channel radio, receiver and servos. Channel 45. New. \$50. *** **Dynaflight** Standard Upstart glider launcher. \$50. Call Ian Pietz at 739-1919

Eagle 63, completely built, covered and never flown. Needs engine and radio gear. \$80. Call Roscoe Fudge at 417 336-5841.

Dave Brown Flight Simulator with hanger no. 1 disk, best with DOS or windows 3.1. FREE. Call Don Johnson at 779-5340.



COMING EVENTS

Dec 9 AM Work Day at Rocky Top Field, bring a rake or shovel. Shouldn't take more than a couple hours.

Jan 1, 01 - NEW YEAR'S FUN FLY, TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB, Rocky Top Field, NOON.

Jan 20, 2001 - Kansas City Radio Control Association **ANNUAL SWAP-N-SHOP**. Ararat Shrine Temple, Kansas City, MO. See January 2001 issue of Model Aviation for more details.

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