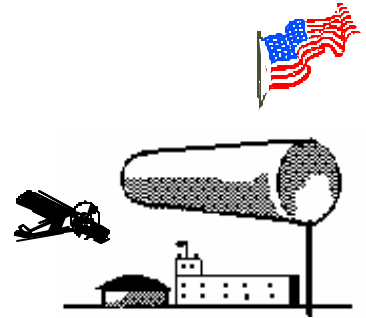


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DECEMBER MEETING

DECEMBER 11, 7:00 PM
Meet at the BRANSON COMMUNITY CENTER.

Program

Bring your new planes and projects in progress for show and tell.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Looks like about 20 days until Christmas and I haven't started shopping yet but figure I have lots of time. I hope all of you have been "hinting" about how nice it would be to have a new plane that wasn't all taped up with bulges of epoxy holding everything together and a bright shiny engine that wouldn't quit at the most unpredictable times, like take offs or landings or flying. How would your loved ones know what to get you unless you help them out – sure beats a bunch of socks.

Last meeting our distinguished Nominating committee (Ray Wommack & Virgil Moon) nominated the following candidates for our Club's

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officers for 2002. Howard Shire for President, Ray Dixson for Vice President, Erv Rohde for Treasurer and Don Johnson for Secretary. No other nominations were made. At the December meeting the floor will be open for any additional nominations prior to voting for new Club officers.

This will be the last "President's Corner" I'll be writing and would be amiss if I didn't thank a whole bunch of people for their serving and participation in making Tri-Lakes an outstanding Club. Thanks to Ray Dixon for helping when I was away and in anything that needed to be done. Howard Shire for taking care of all the paper work for our Club and his dedication in making sure we had a perfectly manicured flying field any time we flew. Tom McKenzie, Gary Metzger, Bob Miller and all the others who help with BBQing and helping with the food and refreshments.

Erv Rohde for keeping our books meticulous in every way with detail and concern. Also, I am grateful for him serving as our Safety Officer. Mike Anderson has designed a super web site for our Club and appreciate him for all the maintenance that has to be done to keep it up to date. Thanks also for his participation in helping with our Fun Fly events and answering any computer question for any one who needed help. Don Johnson – thank you for the champion newsletter and meeting deadlines so we would have our Club's news every month. Thanks also for all the creative events that made our Fun Flies "FUN".

Most of all thanks to all the members who show their dedication to making our Club great. Their patience, participation and willingness to step in and help when help is needed and their love of building and flying R/C's. I am proud to be a member of Tri-Lakes R/C.

See you at the field and as always -- Happy Landings.....JOHN

TRI-LAKES FLYING CLUB

MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 13, 2001

President John Woods opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. at the Branson Community Center. All officers were present. There were 21 members present including the officers and David Rice who is a new member. The October minutes were approved as written in the November newsletter.

Treasurer Erv Rohde reported a balance of \$1600.27. Don Johnson won the 50/50 raffle; he received half of the \$19.00 collected.

Committee Reports:

The nominating committee presented their slate of candidates for the year 2002.

President: Howard Shire
Vice President: Ray Dixon
Treasurer: Erv Rohde
Secretary: Don Johnson

Announcements and Old Business:

Erv. Rohde reported that he had purchased the ball caps with the club graphics and they were available at \$5.00 each.

New Business:

Mike Anderson made a motion that we make hot dogs available every Saturday when we have flyable weather. After some discussion it was voted in that we would try this to see if we could break even. Mike Anderson, Gary Metzger, and Tom McKenzie offered to do the cooking.

Howard Shire questioned the availability of the material in the old hanger that Mike King had on the property. He questioned if we could scavenge the material we needed to close in the back of the shelter, or if we would be responsible for removing the whole building if we took some of it. Gary Metzger made a motion that we authorize an expense up to \$200 and purchase new material. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

Howard Shire

THE EDITORS NOTE PAD

Wow, it's almost the end of the year and time for another New Year's Day Fun Fly. Last year six members braved about 7 inches of snow and had a lot of fun, so don't wimp out, join us at Rocky Top Field on New Year's Day.

Don't forget the December meeting on the 11th. We will close nominations and have the election of Club Officers for 2002. There will probably be the presentation of Top Gun Awards for 2001. Also if you want to fly on or after January 1st, bring your 2002 AMA card and show it to Erv.

What's new at the flying field? It's got to be the sudden proliferation of electric models. At least seven Club members frequently bring Slow Flyer or Park Flyer electrics to the field. One club member may fly his quarter scale extra, at about 16 pounds, and his next flight is with his Elipstik at about 8 ounces. If you are interested in this area pick up a copy of the January issue of FLYING MODELS as it is filled with info on these small electrics. It has a picture of the Crazy Sparrow on the cover, same airplane that Ray Dixon has had trouble making fly. Inside, editor Frank Fanelli reviews the Crazy Sparrow. If you read between the lines he doesn't have much good to say about this plane's flying ability either. However most of the electrics that are put out as a complete system, i.e. motor, gears, prop, battery, receiver, servos, speed control and airframe, do fly well. However it does take a little time to learn to speak electric.

Club milestone! The Club Web Page is one year old. Most people that have seen our web page are very impressed. Many thanks to Mike Anderson for a great Job. Don't forget you can have pictures of you planes put in the Membership section. If you don't have any pictures ask someone at the field with a digital camera to take some for you.

Don't forget the Kansas City SWAP-N-SHOP meet on January 19th. This is where President John Woods goes to get all his ARF (ALL READY TO FLY) models.

Time to land for this month. Hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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

It may seem like only yesterday that you paid your 2001 dues but on January 1st the 2002 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 2002 AMA card on and after January 1st.

So avoid the rush and bring your 2002 Club dues to the December meeting and give them to Erv Rhode—show him your 2002 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 paying by check, make the check out to "Tri-Lakes R/C Flying Club. You may also pay your dues in cash. If paying by mail, send your dues to Erv Rohde, 928 Jackson Hollow Rd., Galena, MO, 65656.

If you are a new member and were not a member for all 12 months Of 2001 mention this to Erv as you may be entitled to a discount on your 2002 dues.

NEW CLUB MEMBER

We picked up a new Club member in November, bringing our total membership for 2001 to 56.

David Rice joined the Club. He and wife, Julie live in Hollister. Phone 417 335-8709

Welcome to the Club, David. We are glad to have you join us!

SAFETY MESSAGE FROM ERV

If you're not flying planes this winter, I suggest you read "**Safety comes first**" on page 68 of the January 2002 issue of Model Aviation.

ERV

COMING EVENTS

Jan 19th, Sat. KCRC SWAP-N-SHOP, Kansas City, MO, Ararat Shrine Temple. 5100 Ararat Shrine Dr. For more info see January Model Aviation, page 169.

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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BALANCE	11/01/2001	\$ 1,600.27	\$ 1,374.96
INCOME-DUES		\$ 80.00	\$ 1,510.36
INCOME-MISC		\$ 9.50	\$ 253.50
INCOME SHIRTS			\$ 591.00
INCOME CAPS		\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
INCOME-BBQ			\$ 146.90
EXPENSE-FIELD			\$ 1,162.01
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ 6.80	\$ 190.91
EXPENSE-SHIRTS			\$ 538.88
EXPENSE-CAPS			\$ 148.44
EXPENSE-BBQ			\$ 135.77
EXPENSE-MISC		\$ 35.00	\$ 52.74
BALANCE	12/01/2001	\$ 1,697.97	\$ 1,697.97

Well, things happen. To the right Joe Major cruises down the runway on one of several flights he has made with his Great Planes quarter scale SpaceWalker ARF. But this day it was windy and the wind got under the left wing and put it on it's side. Before Joe could gain control it headed



toward the pits. This should dispel anyone's doubts about the wisdom of having a safety fence. The nose of the plane made it through the plastic netting but the heavy wire along the top of the netting sawed almost completely through the wing before stopping it. As bad as it looks there was no damage to the fuselage or tail. Repair or replace the wing, replace the prop and straighten out the landing gear for one of the wheels and the SpaceWalker should be back in the air.

If the first plane flies well so should the second plane. This is Don Johnson's second Speed 400 MicroSport. With a length of 25 inches, wingspan of 30 inches and flying at around 50



mph, this little plane can get out of control distance in a hurry—exactly what happened to the first MicroSport before being shredded by a tree. Painted in the two most visible colors, fluorescent orange and white, this one should be a little easier to see. Above, after a successful catapult launch and maiden flight, test pilot John Woods brings in MicroSport 2 for a smooth landing.



Above is Mike Anderson's FMA Razor cruising by with the east runway bare trees in the background. The Razor seems much easier to fly with the Speed 400 motor and smaller battery than it did with the Speed 600 setup.



Recognize the above aircraft? It's Jim Halbert's much modified Mho being flown by Gary Metzger. Jim first set it up with a V-tail and no ailerons, which didn't work. He now has a conventional tail with the added ailerons coupled directly to the rudder.

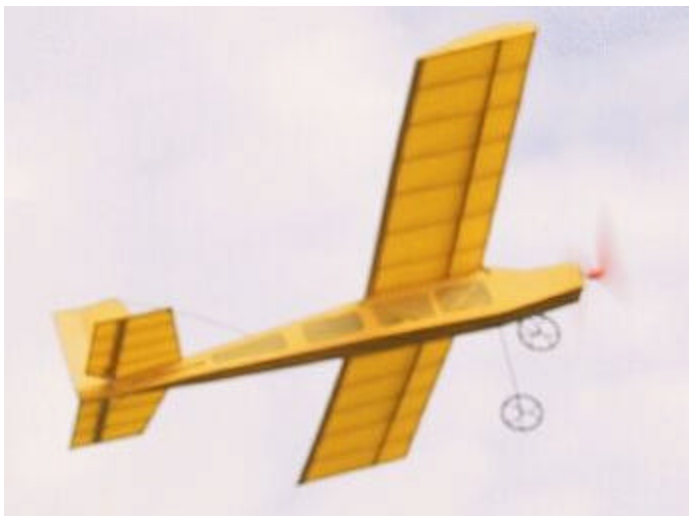


Above is Ray Wommack's PIZZAZ ARF. Looks good and flies well.

Below is Gary Metzger's Star Lite on a pass around the field. Ole' "Gasoline" Gary is really getting into electrics and is now making two Mini Laser 3D Speed 300 electrics.

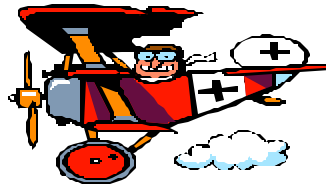


Above is Erv Rohde's Ultimate biplane as it zips along over the runway. Nice stable flying airplane, especially with Erv's steady hands on the controls. Below is Homer Zobel's plan built F-117. Homer is having trouble getting this bird to fly successfully. Seems the nose wheel is springy and bounces the nose up so it takes off before reaching adequate flying speed. This is the before picture, but it will be out for another try soon.





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.

Gather at the field somewhere around noon.

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

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