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DECEMBER MEETING

DECEMBER 9, 7:00 PM
Meet at the Branson Community Center.

Program CHRISTMAS PARTY

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The end of the year is here and we have to make our plans for 2004. I hope everyone will attend the December meeting and help with the planning and join in the festivities that are planned.

Ray Dixon has been the Vice President of our club for three years and has decided that he doesn't wish to run for office again this year. Ray, thanks for all the time and energy you have put into the club. We really appreciate you giving of your time to make the club better, and helping to introduce the younger generation to the hobby and sport of building and flying RC models.

I hope everyone has a merry Christmas and we have good weather for the January 1 Fun Fly.

Howard

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

Members and families will be treated to a buffet after a short December meeting. We will have a meat and cheese tray, bread, side dishes and desert goodies.

Please advise Annette McEvoy at 417 883-9630 (e-mail anettes@inter-linc.net) or Cathy Metzger at 417 334-0851 (e-mail garyace939@aol.com) if you and members of your family plan to attend so they can get an approximate headcount.

Ya'all come join us in the model aviation social event of the Year!

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

November 11, 2003

President Howard Shire opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. at the Branson Community Center. All officers were present. There were 18 members and one guest, Cheri Silva, Del's wife, in attendance. The minutes from the October meeting were approved as published in the November newsletter. Treasurer Erv Rohde reported that the balance as of November 1st was \$1,341.78. The 50/50 raffle was won by Don Johnson who received ½ of \$15.00.

Committee Reports: Ray Wommack reported the following slate of nominees for Club officers for 2004: President, Howard Shire; Vice President, Gary Metzger; Secretary, Annette McEvoy and Treasurer, Erv Rohde. There were no nominations from the floor. It was moved, seconded and passed to accept these people as candidates for office.

Announcements and Old Business:

Howard Shire announced that the burn pile is now eliminated and thanked everyone for helping out.

Annette McEvoy reported that the AMA does not have any legal staff available to help with the sign situation. After discussion it was decided to let things go as they are at the present time. Perhaps our sign will be put up inside the gate somewhere on the premises.

Mike Anderson presented the October Fun Fly certificates as follows: 3rd Overall-Wade Stein; 2nd Overall-Mike Anderson; 1st Overall Jeff Pfeiffer who also won first place in the Loop, Roll, Land in box and Taxi event. Wade Stein took home 1st place in the Carrier Landing event and Mike Anderson was 1st in the Timed Loops & Roll event.

Mike Anderson reported that the second run for the club shirts hasn't been made yet. Anyone wanting to order another shirt may still do so. If you want to provide your own shirt for screening the charge is \$5.00. The club has several X-large in assorted colors for sale.

Erv Rohde announced that a check for \$100.00 was sent to Sid Beckham for brush-hogging the field as voted on last month.

New Business: Ray Dixon was asked to check with TPA to see if they intend to provide the Top

Gun Trophies again this year.

Gary Metzger and Mike Anderson asked about the club having a Christmas party this year in combination with the December meeting. After discussion it was decided that the club will provide the fixings for sandwiches. Annette McEvoy is to help coordinate arrangements for the get together.

Everyone was reminded that we will need to decide, at the Dec meeting, on the dues structure for next year and to renew your dues as soon as possible to prevent extra paper work.

Howard announced that Homer Zobel will take the Field Marshal job again next year but he does need some help. He also asked if Roscoe Fudge would be willing to take the Safety Officer job for 2004.

Howard wanted to know if anyone was interested in taking on the Fun Fly Director for next year. Mike Anderson said that he is willing to do it again if no one else steps forward. There was some discussion regarding the events and fixed wing vs. heli competition.

Program: Don Johnson brought a Lazy Bee that is currently under construction. This is being built from plans and will weigh 23 ½ oz plus a couple of ounces of covering. He'll probably cover it in a transparent orange or dark red. He'll be using a brush-less motor and 8-10 cells, trying for 150 to 200 watts.

Jim Halbert brought a competition glider he's building from a Wind Dance kit designed by a PHD from MIT. It features a special air foil. Motor is geared at 4:1 using 9-10 cells and has a Carbon Fiber boom. It was supposed to weigh 25 oz but is actually closer to 30 oz. This design has flaps and ailerons and was #2 at the AMA Nationals in Muncie this year.

Reeder Jones brought his Goldberg Extreme 330 ARF with a 46 FX engine. Says the manual was not very helpful putting the plane together but really is good at showing how to do different maneuvers.

Ray Dixon brought his new 31% 540 Edge ARF from Aero Works. He will be using a 3W 75cc engine and digital servos. This plane is mostly foam construction and will weigh about 18 lbs when completed. With this engine and weight he will end up with a 2 ½ to 1 power to weight ratio.

Larry Gliser brought his Tim Hart design 3D Astro Flyte which is a free download from E Zone. He's using a 12x6 prop with a PJS 1000 motor. Said it's a slow flyer but will do most anything including inverted flying and hovering.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

The Club will end the year with something a little different. At the December meeting we will have a Christmas buffet with meats, cheese, bread and side dishes for all our members and their family members. Plan to attend on December 9th. If you have a nice new model project you might want to bring it along to impress everyone.

Looks like we will end up the year with at least 59 members, a treasury balance of about \$1,300 and both mowers in good shape (I think). With 2004 dues starting to come in we should be in great shape for next year. Maybe we should think about brush-hogging the field a couple of times next year. Sure nice to walk through grass to get your downed plane rather than tear your clothes walking through briars or clipping a tall weed along the edge of the runway with your wing.

Doctor of Computer Medicine, Mike Anderson, got me squared away on my digital camera software so am able to put photos in the Newsletter again. He did it because he thought the last Newsletter was boring without pictures. It's hard to impress some people sometimes. Thought I had lost all the original Canon images in the process but was able to find them and transfer them out before deleting the mortally corrupted Canon software.

Don't forget the January 1st Fun Fly. Yeah, it may be a little cool but don't wimp out. The Metzgers will have hot chili and the Shires will have hot coffee at the field. If the weather permits there will probably be one Top Gun 2004 event so you don't want to miss out on the first points of the year. Don't forget to bring your 2004 AMA card (or some AMA documentation that your 2004 dues are paid) or you won't be allowed to fly!

Time to land for this month.

2004 DUES

A note from the Treasurer!

If you are going to renew your Club membership at the December meeting, bring your 2004 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.

If you joined the Club during 2003 talk to the Treasurer before paying as you may get a discount on your 2002 dues.

If paying by mail, send your dues to Erv Rohde, 928 Jackson Hollow Rd., Galena, MO, 65656.

NEW CLUB MEMBER

The Club has gained a new member since the November Newsletter.

Phillip Pisciotta joined the club during November. Phillip and wife June live in Forsyth.

Welcome to the Club Phillip, we are glad to have you join us.

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT

		OCT	NOV	Y T D
BALANCE	11/1/2003	\$ 1,375.94	\$ 1,341.78	\$ 954.61
INCOME-DUES	—————	\$ 90.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,707.60
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS	—————	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35.00
INCOME-FOOD	—————	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 87.42
INCOME-50/50	—————	\$ 5.50	\$ 7.50	\$ 68.50
INCOME-MISC	—————	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22.00
EXPENSE-FIELD	—————	\$ 122.26	\$ -	\$ 898.63
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER	—————	\$ 7.40	\$ -	\$ 120.19
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS	—————	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD	—————	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.68
EXPENSE-AMA	—————	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 130.00
EXPENSE-Web	—————	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 176.35
EXPENSE-meeting room	—————	\$ -	\$ 20.00	\$ 120.00
EXPENSE-MISC	—————	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10.00
BALANCE	12/1/2003	\$ 1,341.78	\$ 1,369.28	\$ 1,369.28

Words of wisdom from Club Safety Officer Roscoe Fudge

Always remember and always go through your check list before attempting to fly your airplane.

Roscoe



At top left is Jeff Pfeiffer's helicopter during a demo flight prior to the October Fun Fly. Jeff decided to enter into the Fun Fly and won first place overall with the same whirly bird. Above left is the Wade Stine's winning helicopter that took first place in the Carrier Event. Actually it is the same bird a couple of weeks after it won the event. Shows a little wear in this photo. Below left is a plane Phil Equi built sometime in the seventies. Howard Shire thought he had it ready for its first flight but the throttle wire came loose so the maiden flight was post-

poned until repairs could be made. The two pictures above right are of Phil Equi's SE5a which he also built in the seventies and had never flown. Very nice looking plane but as much as Howard Shire tried to get it ready for its first flight little things happened—like the engine vibrated loose, the muffler fell apart and the throttle linkage wouldn't work right. So it also will have its maiden flight on another day. Below right is Ray Dixson's 31% Edge 540 ARF from Aero Works. It will have a big 75 cc gasoline motor. Should look great in the air especially with two pilots!

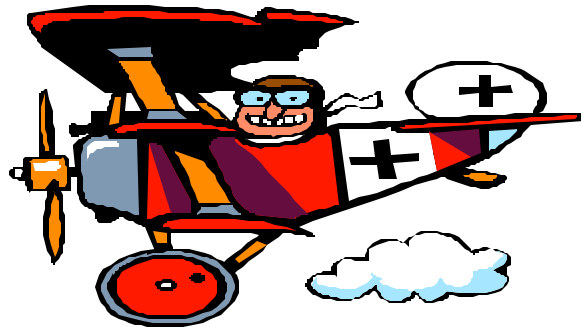




NEW YEAR'S DAY FUN FLY



2004



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.

Gary and Cathy Metzger are going to bring chili and Howard and Claudia Shire will bring some coffee so pilots and guests will be able to stay warm from the inside out.

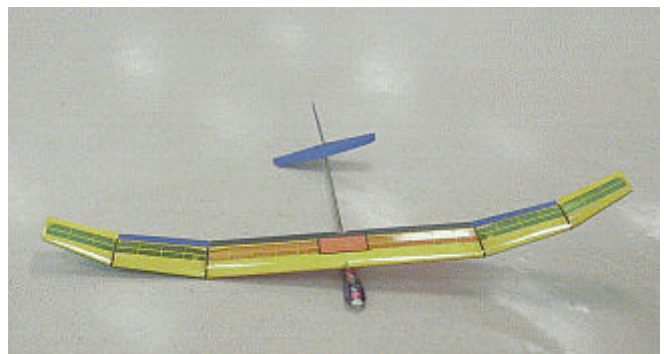
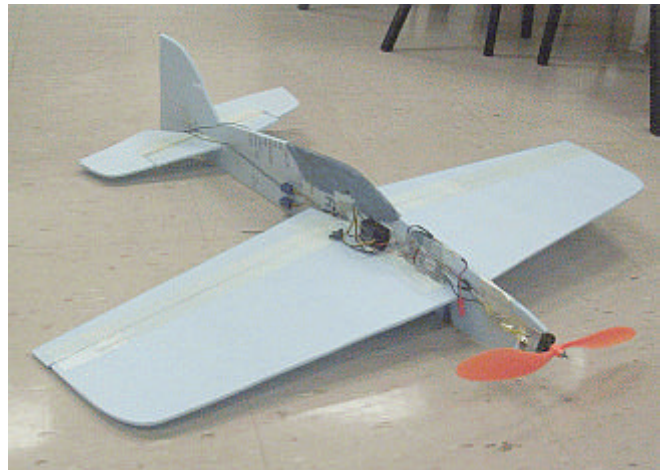
Weather permitting, one Fun Fly event will be flown. This event will be worth 100 TOP GUN 2004 points.

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.



Top left is Reeder Jones' Goldberg Ex-Treme 330 ARF. Reeder put a .46 FX engine in this 3-D machine. Looks very hot! Above left is Don Johnson's latest Lazy Bee in bare bones. It has a PJS 1000 installed and will probably fly with a 9X4.5 APC prop and 10 KAN 1050 NiMH cells. It should weigh in at less than 28 ounces and develop about 100 watts per pound. Not quite a 1:1 power to weight ratio but close.



Top right can be nothing other than a Larry Gliser fan fold foam building construction material project. This is a Tim Hart design 3-D plane and sports a JPS 1000 motor, 12X6 prop and Lithium-Polymer battery. Larry says it is a very slow flyer. The plans are a free download if you're interested. Above right is Jim Halbert's newest project. A full house Wind Dance competition powered glider. Think it has a geared Mega motor and will fly with 9 to 10 NiMH cells

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