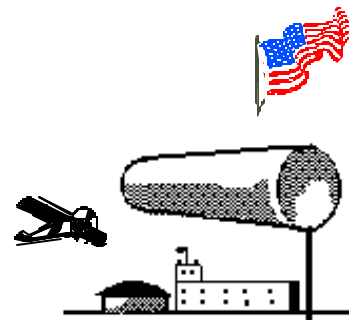


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## DECEMBER MEETING

DECEMBER 14 , 7:00 PM  
Meet at the Branson Community Center.

### Program

**C H R I S T M A S  
P A R T Y !!!**

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Another year has come and gone and we have our slate of candidates for next year. I hope everyone will support the new officers and club by taking an active part in the club activities.

I think this would be a good time for me to thank the officers and appointed officers who have served with me over the past three years. It makes the president's job so much easier when there are people willing to pitch in and do a good job. Thanks for making me look good!

We had two vice presidents. Thank you to both Ray and Gary for serving.

Thank you Annette for bringing new life to our club and for being there when help was needed. It was great having someone willing to take the bull by the

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horns and get things done.

I know the treasurer's job looks simple, but I do appreciate the time and effort Erv puts in. People don't see the times you are called on to do little jobs like making sure the porta-potty gets cleaned, purchase hats, and the time you spend running around on jobs that aren't related to the treasurer's job. Thanks for your support!

Roscoe thank you for filling in when no one wanted the safety officer job and doing the fun flies.

A special thanks to Homer for keeping our field boking great. I know the effort it takes to get this job done and I can't thank you enough for your support.

There are others that should be thanked too, like Don Johnson for doing a fine job of getting a newsletter out each month and getting us officers to get our contributions in on time. Then there is Mike Anderson who keeps the web page up to date. Looks easy, if you don't have to do it!

I hope every member appreciates the work being done by your officers and will work with the in coming officers and try to make their jobs a little easier. There is a lot of time and effort that goes into making the club run smoothly.

See you at the meeting.

Howard

# MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

November 9, 2004

President Howard Shire opened the meeting at 7:33 p.m. at the Branson Community Center. All officers were present. There were 20 members present and two guests, Cathy Metzger & Erv Rohde's son-in-law David from Michigan. The minutes from the October meeting were approved as published in the November newsletter. Erv Rohde reported that the treasury balance as of November 1<sup>st</sup> was \$923.91. The 50/50 raffle was won by Cathy Metzger who received ½ of \$11.00.

**Committee Reports:** Officer candidate Chairman, Gary Acton, presented a slate of candidates for 2005 Club Officers. President-Gary Acton, Vice-President-Bud Austin, Secretary-Annette McEvoy and Treasurer-Erv Rohde. Other candidates can be nominated up until nominations are closed at the December meeting.

**Announcements and Old Business:** Everyone was reminded that the normal starting time, when the meeting is held at the community center, is 7:30 p.m., the exception will be next month's meeting and Christmas party which will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Howard read an email that he received from Theresa Blackburn-Brown with a web address for a variety of soldering tools & supplies. Go to <http://www.solder-tools.com> for more information.

The October fun fly certificates were handed out (along with a couple for previous events to Joe Major & Don Livermore). Overall event winner was Mike Anderson; 2<sup>nd</sup> place Erv Rohde & Bud Austin taking 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mike Anderson announced that he finally got a price for the cost of having the hats embroidered instead of screened. It will cost \$60.00 just for the screen, however the cost of the hats should be a little lower than in the past. It was decided

that Erv Rohde will contact the company that we previously ordered from and place an order. He has also taken over the shirts from Mike so anyone needing a hat or shirt should contact him.

**New Business:** Jack McEvoy announced that Annette's Bookkeeping Services will be donating a \$25.00 gift certificate from TPA Hobbies as a door prize at the December meeting. Winner must be present to win.

**Program:** Annette McEvoy displayed a 1/4 scale pilot made from a DGA kit purchased from Sig. Kits are available for \$11.95 in 1/3; ¼; 1/5 & 1/6 scale. You paint the latex head, gloves, boots, hat that are supplied and sew the body and clothing if you can figure out the poor instructions that come with it.

Larry Glizer brought an electric IMAX motor.

Don Johnson demonstrated his Micro Flyer by Wattage. It weighs about 1 oz and can be flown indoors or out. Comes complete with everything except batteries for \$40.00.

Jim Halbert brought his latest invention, a 1½ meter scratch build Excide motor glider that is partially glassed. He also had a metal grease strainer (can) that he picked up from Wal-Mart, figures that it would work great as a safety container for Li-poly batteries. Jim also displayed a biplane that started out as a kit but had such poor wood, etc. that he scrapped it and just used the prints. He covered the wings with balsa, stretched the fuse 3" and it should be under 30 oz with almost 600 square inches of wing.

Don Livermore gave a talk on jet aircraft, what makes them tick, what the different types and options are and what it takes to get into this phase of our hobby. The beautiful Bob Cat that he brought for display was built by Terry Nitch and has Bob Violette timed retracts, air brakes, steering gyro for control on the ground and has a power to weight ratio of about 1.1. Jets can fly as slow as 35 mph or up to 250 mph however AMA has a 200 mph limit. He discussed some of the other safety requirements AMA has including how to obtain the turbine waiver you must have in order to fly. This was an extremely interesting and informative presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

## THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Several things happening at the end of the year for all Club members to be aware of. Check page five and note that the Club is having a Christmas party on the 14th. Have heard that 43 members and guests have already said they would attend. Still room for many more. Also note on page 5 the Club's traditional New Year's Day Fun Fly. Regardless of the weather, come on out, make your first flight of the year, have a hot chili lunch and then go home and enjoy the football games. Great way to start the new year!

Speaking of the New Year's Fun Fly, you will need a 2005 AMA card to fly at the Club field on or after January 1st. Or if you have paid your AMA dues but haven't received your 2005 card yet, you can download confirmation from the AMA membership web site. With Club dues there is a couple of months grace period, but to fly at the Club Field you must have proof of current AMA membership.

The Club is ending the year with 47 members. This is down about a dozen members from what it was for the last two or three years. Looks like recruitment should be one of the priorities of the 2005 Club officers. For our area we have a very nice facility but we need a certain level of membership to pay the Club's expenses, provide the needed manpower to maintain the Club's facilities and to provide enough members to fill elected and appointed offices. As the membership gets smaller the workload gets larger for those willing to do what needs to be done. It would be nice if all members that enjoy flying at the field would also be involved with some other activity that supports the Club.

Had planned on starting an electric column this month but seem to have run out of room so it will have to wait till next month. To all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
the editor

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## 2005 DUES

If you are going to renew you Club membership at the December meeting, bring your 2005 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.

The dues schedule is as follows:

1. **FULL MEMBERSHIP** - \$40 per year.
2. **ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS** - \$5 each / yr.
3. **ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP** (non-voting) - \$10 / yr..
4. **STUDENTS** - Free Club membership but must be a current AMA member.

If you joined the Club during 2004 talk to the Treasurer before paying as you may get a discount on you 2005 dues.

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

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## TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT

		NOV	Y T D
BALANCE	11/1/2004	\$ 923.91	\$ 1,645.95
INCOME-DUES	-----	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,179.26
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ 10.00	\$ 112.50
INCOME-FOOD	-----	\$ -	\$ 122.82
INCOME-50/50	-----	\$ 5.50	\$ 67.00
INCOME-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$ 75.00
EXPENSE-FIELD	-----	\$ 14.38	\$ 1,642.93
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ 67.57
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ 148.44	\$ 148.44
EXPENSE-FOOD	-----	\$ -	\$ 136.65
EXPENSE-AMA	-----	\$ -	\$ 130.00
EXPENSE-Web	-----	\$ -	\$ 200.35
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ 20.00	\$ 80.00
EXPENSE-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$ -
BALANCE	12/1/2004	\$ 796.59	\$ 796.59

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## Words of wisdom from Club Safety Officer Roscoe Fudge

Always keep your eye on the plane while flying. Hope every one had a happy Thanksgiving.

Roscoe





Our Associate member from Springfield, Don Livermore, paid us a visit at the November meeting and brought his new toy. It is a Bob Cat from a Bob Violette kit, built by Terry Nitch. Shown above is the turbine engine that bolts on behind the fuselage. The black cylinder to the left of the turbine is an electric motor used to spool up the turbine to starting speed. In the center picture is some gear used to operate the turbine. There is a controller that takes over the starting sequence, spools up the turbine, turns on the glow plug, gives it a shot of propane to start and then turns on the kerosene fuel. It then turns control back to the transmitter throttle control. It also has retracts and automatic emergency fuel cutoff. So! What does it take to have one of these little beauties? Well the turbine is about \$4,000 and the plane is about \$4,000. And if you want it to look as good as Don's, the paint job will run you about \$2,000. If you want one maybe Santa will bring you one. Ho! Ho! Ho!

This 1/4 scale pilot figure was made from a DGA kit, distributed by SIG. If you think it looks like Jack McEvoy you are wrong. According to Annette it is his evil brother Frank. Therefore if the Super Decathlon meets with a bad accident she does not have to worry about the guy in the pilot seat. Nice job Annette.



Above and below are a couple more of Jim Halbert's creations. As Jim believes that no one designs things as good as he can, both planes have considerable modifications. Think the Excide power glider has a longer nose and probably more polyhedral in the wing for stability. The bi-plane would have been a bare bones beauty, but now has balsa covered foam wings and balsa sheeted fuselage sides and cowling. Will try to get documentation of both maiden flights.



# CHRISTMAS PARTY

7 PM December 14th at the Branson community Center

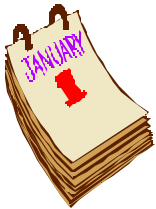
Members and families will be treated to a potluck dinner after a short December meeting. The Club Will furnish BBQ meats and sauces, members will bring the side dishes.

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

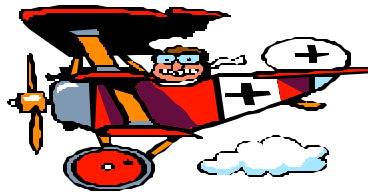
Ya' all come join us in the model aviation social event of the Year!

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## NEW YEAR'S DAY FUN FLY



2005



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.

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.





Who said Del Silva couldn't make an airplane? Above is Del's Super Decathlon just before its maiden flight. Below is the Super Decathlon on its landing approach being flown by test pilot John Woods. Looks good and flies good. Nice job Del.



How much does it cost to fly R/C? How about \$40 and six AA batteries! Pictured next to Don Johnson's 40 inch wing span Lazy Bee is his new Watt-Age Micro Flyer. With a 9 inch wing span, this all foam plane weighs slightly less than 1 ounce ready to fly. The transmitter has on-off and left-right controls and also charges the included Li-Poly battery. The transmitter range is about 150 feet. Waiting for a calm day for the first flight.

Below is another shot of Don Livermore's \$10,000 jet. Let us know when and where you plan to fly it, Don. I'm sure some of use would like to see it's maiden flight.



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