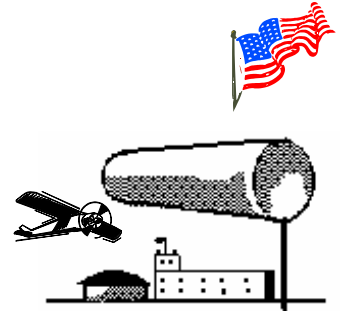


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A TIME FOR GIVING



This year, as we did last year, the Club is collecting stuffed toys for donation to Skaggs Community Hospital. These toys will then be given to kids, and even adults, that find themselves in the hospital during the holidays and in need of something to help cheer them up. Above are the dozen or so toys that were collected at the November meeting. Last year the Club donated over forty stuffed toys which were gratefully accepted by the hospital's patients. Hopefully this year we can even do better. So pick up one or more (new) stuffed toys and bring them to the Club's Christmas party on December 11th. Doing so will make you feel good about yourself! All the toys collected will be presented to the hospital within a few days after our Christmas party.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello to all club members,

Well I trust that all of you had a great turkey day, and were able to spend time with family and friends. We had a full house here at the resort, but did take off for two hours to spend with family.

There was a Sat. before Thanksgiving day when the weather was great for flying, not even a bit of wind. I hope you were able to fly.

So far, the club has collected 19 stuffed toys for the children at Skaggs hospital. Those that have not brought any in yet, can do so at our next meeting. Let's all help with this Club event.

At our last meeting, I failed to mention the Fun Fly on new year's day. Plan to be there and start the year off right!

I look forward to seeing you at the Rex Plex for our annual Christmas dinner. There will be a short meeting before we eat. The price is \$5.00 per person.

At our December meeting, we will vote on the Club's membership dues for 2008.

Have a great holiday season! Gary

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

The holiday season has arrived and with it a flurry of activities on into the new year.

First is the Club's December meeting and annual Christmas party on September 11th at 7 PM. There will be a short business meeting before the party. The agenda includes awarding of 2007 Top Gun certificates, determining 2008 Club dues and election of 2008 Club Officers. You can also pay your 2008 Club dues at this time. The Club Christmas party will begin immediately after the meeting. If you have not done so, contact Claudia Shire or Annette McEvoy and let them know what side dish you will be bringing and to get an approximate head count. Also, instead of a Club gift exchange, all members are urged to bring stuffed toys which will be donated to Skaggs Community Hospital.

After everyone has enjoyed a Merry Christmas with family and friends, it will be time for the Club's annual New Year's Day Fun Fly. Don't be a wimp. Come on out about noon, regardless of weather, and make at least one RC flight. Stick around awhile and brag about what a tough pilot you are, then go home and watch the games.

Had an interesting thing happen while Marge and I were baby sitting out in Reno, just before Thanksgiving. Grandson Ryan had a field trip to the to the Naval Air Station at Fallon Nevada. Seems one of the Scout leaders had just retired after 23 years and had been an aggressor squadron leader at this Naval Top Gun training base. He was able to arrange a back lot personal tour for the Cub Pack and adult chaperones. This was on a Saturday and the base was virtually deserted except for the aggressor F-5's, F-16's and F/A-18 baby Hornets. This base will grow by more than 3,000 personnel overnight when a naval air group arrives for training. Though no flight demonstration was involved, we were treated to a very informative lecture

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TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2007			
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BALANCE	11/1/2007	\$ 1,499.59	\$ 2,139.03
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ -	\$ 1,080.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ 210.00
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ 10.00	\$ 193.75
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ 6.50	\$ 70.00
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 13.54	\$ 1,244.30
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ 67.67
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ 270.52
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ 125.98
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ 105.00
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ 194.15
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ 25.00	\$ 175.00
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ 32.61
BALANCE	12/1/2007	\$ 1,477.55	\$ 1,477.55

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

November 13, 2007

President Gary Acton opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. at the Branson RecPlex. All officers were present. There were 16 members attending and Claudia Shire was a guest. The minutes from the October meeting were approved as published in the November Newsletter. Treasurer Erv Rohde reported that the current treasury balance was \$1499.59 as of November 1st. The 50/50 raffle was won by Dick Peterson who received one half of \$13.

Committee Reports: Fritz Corbin reported that the field is really getting torn up by the armadillos and we will probably need a work day to put it back in shape.

Announcements and Old Business: John Woods brought labels and "intro" cards for members to hand out that he had shown us at the last meeting. You can place the labels on old magazines and drop them off at Dr./Dentists/etc. offices or stores. Anyone that would like them can contact John and he will send you an email with the format or with some labels/cards.

Annette McEvoy reported an incident that happened to Jack and her the previous Saturday when starting up their new Monocoupe. Just as the engine fired, the spinner and prop came off due to not being tightened enough even though it appeared to be. She reminded everyone NOT to stand in front of or to the side of any plane during startup – the debris field was 14 feet wide and certainly could have caused injury. Everyone already knows this but tend to get lax until something like this happens to remind them.

The floor was open for further nominations for 2008 officers. No further nominations were made. Howard Shire moved they be closed and John Woods seconded. Passed unanimously. Candidates for 2008 are as follows: President-David Medley; Vice-President-Bob Pilecki; Treasurer-Erv Rohde; Secretary-Annette McEvoy.

Claudia Shire passed around a signup sheet for the Christmas Party. She has contacted Harter House and they will again be doing the brisket and ham for us. The \$5 per person charge will again be collected this year to help cover the cost of the meat and club members will provide the additional pot luck that has been so popular with everyone. We will again have both rooms at the RecPlex and they will be available at 6:00 for setup this year. The brief meeting will begin at 7:00 and the dinner follows immediately.

Annette McEvoy brought a CD that was sent to the Club by Horizon Hobbies with 50 minutes of additional information regarding the new Spectrum technology. It is avail-

able for any member who is interested. There was general discussion regarding these new radios and their success.

John Woods mentioned that if you have a problem with a plane in the trees, Hansen's is willing to provide one of their employees for help removing it. Call 417-272-8733 for help. Cost varies.

New Business: The stuffed toys for Skaggs really came in at this meeting. Everyone is asked to please be sure to bring theirs to the December meeting as the presentation will be made a few days later. Annette will make tags to attach to each one again this year.

Dick Ross brought 3 complete airframes for anyone interested. They were free to any member just for the asking.

Claudia Shire wants everyone to know that she is now experienced in applying thin CA glue and is willing to share her expertise if you're interested in a good story.

Program: Dave Medley passed out the certificates for the October fun fly event: 1st Place Rolls, T&G-John Woods; 1st Place Bud's 60 Second Flight-Bud Austin; 1st Place Timed Touch N Go-John Woods. 3rd Overall-Erv Rohde; 2nd Overall-Bud Austin; 1st Overall-John Woods.

Jack & Annette McEvoy brought their latest addition, a Rearwing Speedster currently under reconstruction. They stripped a Kange USA ARF and are making numerous modifications. The Zenoah G45 will hang off the new firewall and will easily pull the 19-20# plane. They are modeling this after the rare specimen in the EAA Museum in Oskosh, Wisc.

Jim Halbert brought his completed Twister that he's been working on, which includes a bunch of changes from the original plans including a 12% thicker airfoil and a nose about 3" longer. He's using 6 Dewalt A123 batteries which at 20 volts will put out about 800 watts. The whole plane is a little over 5 lbs. He's using an AXI 2826/12 motor.

John Woods brought his 20 oz Stryker to demonstrate the foam floats that he made from a pattern that Don Johnson made up a few years ago. John will be glad to help you with information on how to fiberglass over the foam, etc. John also put on a informative demonstration on how an amp draw meter will give you readouts and will keep you from damaging your electrics.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.



Would Jim Halbert's much modified electric Pro Twister fly? The answer finally came when test pilot, John Woods, took it off and just about had it sorted out when the power started to die and he had to land, fortunately with no damage. Oh well, back to the test bench for an answer.

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by the Cub leader and a Navy lieutenant Top Gun Instructor who had served under him. Received a lot of information valued by any airplane buff. For example an F-18 hits the carrier deck with a decent rate of 700 feet per minute and can stay in the air an hour but will use all its fuel in 10 minutes at full throttle. After the lecture we toured the huge maintenance hanger then wandered around the flight line. Comparing the landing gear of the F-18 and the F-16 you can appreciate the massive landing gear required to land on a moving deck instead of a long stationary runway. Each aggressor aircraft had a different color or camouflage scheme and/or different markings—a real scale modeler's dream. Below is a line of F/A-18 Hornets and right is Grandson Ryan under the nose of one of the Hornets



2008 DUES

Club 2008 dues are due as of January 1, 2008. If you fly at Rocky Top Field on or after January 1, 2008 you will need a current (2008) AMA card.

If you are going to renew your Club membership at the December meeting, bring your 2008 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** Currently \$80 but could be changed at the December meeting.
2. **ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS** - \$5 each per year.
3. **ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP** (non-voting) - \$15 per year
4. **STUDENTS** - Free Club membership but must be a current AMA member.

If you joined the Club during 2007 talk to the Treasurer before paying as you may get a discount on your 2008 dues.

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

CHRISTMAS PARTY

7:00 PM December 11th at the Branson RecPlex

Members and families will enjoy a potluck dinner along with a short December meeting. The Club Will furnish BBQ meats and sauces, members will bring the side dishes and desserts.

There will be a \$5 charge per person, which will be collected at the door, to cover the cost of the purchased food.

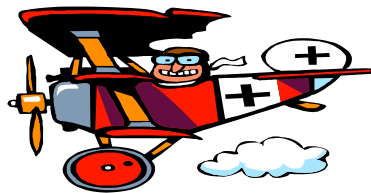
Please advise Annette McEvoy at 417 883-9642 days Monday thru Thursday or 417 581-1241 nights or Claudia Shire 417 779-5069, if you and members of your family plan to attend so they can get an approximate headcount.

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

NEW YEAR'S DAY FUN FLY



2008



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.

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.

DECEMBER MEETING

DECEMBER 11, 7:00 PM

Meet at the Branson RecPlex

Program

CHRISTMAS PARTY

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SAFETY FIRST

If you are in doubt as what you should do to your airplane to make it safe, or just need some advice, ask one of our "Old-Timers". These folks are a plethora of information and are always willing to help out. Somebody will have a knowledgeable answer for just about any question you may have. These guys make it easier and safer for you, and your airplanes.

See you at the field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer



Above is Howard Shire's new, very yellow, 4-Star 40 after its successful maiden flight.

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