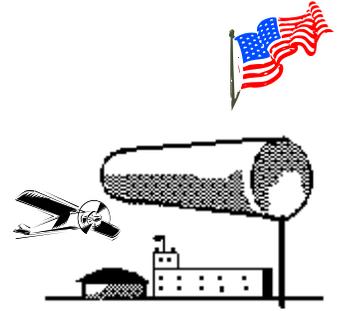


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BAD DAY AT ROCKY TOP



They say a picture is worth a thousand words and that's probably true since this picture would be hard to explain. What we see is Fritz Corbin's quarter scale J-3 Cub just after it tried to fly through the back window of Don Johnson's van. The good news is that the only damage was the back window and no one was hurt. The window has now been replaced and everything is pretty much back to normal. Fritz, however, still feels bad about the incident and asked to put an article about it in the Newsletter which appears on page 4. All members are urged to read it carefully. The bad news is that there has been three planes that have crashed into the pits under power in the last three months—a frequency that should be of concern to all members.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Merry Christmas fellow pilots;
 This is my final column and writing is my least favorite part of being President. It has been my privilege to serve you this year. It has been a good year for the most part. I want to thank Fritz for solving the armadillo problem and his excellent field work this year. He would keep maintaining the fence but would like someone else to be in charge of mowing next year. Also, I thank Don for the continued fine work on the Newsletter. And thanks to Mike Anderson for the Web-site work. You need to get active in the Club again.

We'll have a short business meeting before the Christmas dinner (Thanks, Claudia, for your help) on Dec. 8th during which we will give out Top Gun awards for this year, set up our dues and elect officers for next year. The nominations by the committee are:
 President - Dave Medley
 Vice Pres - Bud Austin
 Secretary - Howard Shire
 Treasurer - Erv Rohde
 Nominations will be open from the floor also but you probably should check with the individual before nominating them.

Hope to see a great turnout for the dinner.
 Bud

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

It seems like 2009 is ending up in a rush. Make sure you have these dates on your calendar.

December 5th (Saturday) Shawnee Mission Radio Control Club Swap-N-Shop in Lenexa, KS. (Kansas City). A good place to go if you want to sell some of your R/C stuff or if you want more R/C stuff and are building or time challenged, or looking for a bargain. If you are interested in going, see John Woods or Don Johnson for more details.

December 8th at 6 PM, the Club's December meeting and Christmas party. The short business meeting will include setting the dues for 2010, election of officers for 2010 and collection of teddy bears for donation to the Skaggs Community Hospital. The consensus seems to be that the current dues structure will be adequate for 2010. Yea, we did decide not to make our annual teddy bear donation but that made us feel like "The Grinch" so we changed our minds. So bring your new stuffed toy donations to the meeting and they will be donated to the hospital. Hopefully it will make some patient's hospital confinement a little more pleasant during the holiday season. Immediately after the meeting we will serve up a bountiful holiday feast and enjoy the comradery of our fellow members and their families.

January 1st 2010. Join in on the annual New Year's Day Fun Fly. Gather at the field about noon. Make at least one flight regardless of weather before heading home to watch the ball games.

Time to land for this month. We wish everyone much health, happiness and joy for the holiday season. When giving gifts and sending best wishes, don't forget those less fortunate than ourselves and those in foreign lands protecting all of us. Remember to fly safely and drive safely.....ed.

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2009

		NOV	Y T D
BALANCE	11/1/2009	\$ 1,773.44	\$ 2,524.58
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ -	\$ 1,123.36
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ 55.00
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ 112.30
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ 8.00	\$ 55.50
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ 8.00	\$ 18.00
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 95.12	\$ 1,394.14
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ 8.40
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ 159.26
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ 93.95
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ 110.00
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ 195.00
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ 25.00	\$ 125.00
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ 133.67
BALANCE	12/1/2009	\$ 1,669.32	\$ 1,669.32

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

November 10, 2009

President Bud Austin called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. at the Branson RexPlex. All officers were present. There were 14 members present including the officers. There was one guest, Claudia Shire. Roy Steinestel won the 50/50 pot. He received \$8.00 of the \$16.00 pot.

Committee Reports:

Erv Rohde reported that we had \$1,773.44 in the bank.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as published in the Newsletter.

Old Business:

Annette McAvoy reported on her findings on incorporations. She said the cost would be \$300 and no lawyer was required. After a short discussion Reeder Jones made a motion that we incorporate. The motion was seconded by John Woods. After further discussion the vote was taken and passed 11 to 3.

Fritz Corbin reported that a tube was placed in the bad mower tire and it has been holding up. A new tire will cost \$50. Fritz also stated that he had changed the oil and lubricated the mowers so he didn't contact Mark.

New Business:

Claudia Shire questioned if the Club would like to replace the beef on the menu with chicken for the Christmas party. The majority welcomed the change. Claudia suggested that it would be good to invite Mike, Denise and Erin Anderson as guests to the Christmas party. Jack McVoy made a motion and Gene Fuson seconded that we invite them. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned: 6:45 P.M.

Program:

Don Johnson showed his newly constructed Lancer and Howard Shire

O. K. So we kinda changed our minds!



During the October meeting the Club voted not to donate stuffed toys to Skaggs Hospital because other organizations were making similar donations. However at the November meeting, several of the Club members felt that this was not in the spirit of the holiday season and regardless of what other organizations did, our annual toy donation was always appreciated by the hospital and reflected well on the Club's sincere community spirit. Dave Medley said that he would make sure any stuffed toys brought to the Club's Christmas Party would get to the Hospital. **So bring a stuffed toy or two to the Christmas party. We all know that it feels a lot better to give than receive.**



Above is a shot of Gene Fuson's Albatross D5A with its' telescoping landing gear in place. This plane should look great in the air. Above left is John Woods' quarter scale Extra 330 L as it takes off for another scale-like flight around the field. To the right is John Woods hand launching Howard Shire's Wonder on its' last flight. The plane immediately turned right and crashed into the pits with the debris ending up a few feet short of a white van.

Notice: 2010 dues will be due on January 1st and you will need your 2010 AMA membership card to fly at Rocky Top field on or after January 1st. You can take care of both these details at the December meeting by paying your 2010 dues to Erv Rohde and showing him your 2010 AMA card. If paying dues by check, make it out to "Tri-Lakes R/C Flying Club". With this done you are ready for the New Year's Day Fun Fly!

The following article was submitted by Fritz Corbin

Fritz's Story.

You've seen the picture of my 1/4-scale Piper Cub parked on top of Don's car with the car's rear window missing. How that happened is a story I'm not proud of telling. My version: The Cub has a 26cc engine, turning a 16-8 prop which generates a fair amount of torque on take off. That day I had already taken off twice and was in the process of landing. But, my approach went awry and I responded to that by applying full throttle to make a go-around. The torque turned the plane left and as I pulled up to clear obstructions it stalled, continuing to turn left until it crashed into Don's rear hatch window—which was up.

Recovering from a bad landing approach by applying full throttle and up elevator has worked just fine for my Lanier ProTwister—just point its nose up and it climbs on out. But, that didn't work for the Cub. Why I didn't think to apply a lower throttle setting and work with the controls to keep the plane pointed down the runway for landing further on down, or make a gradual climb out, or just let it crash on the runway, is something that concerns me very much. We could talk about several safety issues in connection with this incident—maybe later. Insurance has covered the repair of Don's car, but it didn't do anything for my damaged pride. One thing is for sure: I'll need to make safety a top priority if I am to continue with this hobby.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

6:00 PM December 8th 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 Claudia Shire 417 779-5069, if you and members of your family plan to attend and what side dish you will bring, so she 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



2010



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 8, 2009 6:00 PM

Meet at **THE BRANSON REC
-PLEX.**

Program

**CHRISTMAS DINNER AND
PARTY. Election of 2010
Club Officers.**

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SAFETY FIRST

Once again, we have had a serious crash in our pit area at the field. One of our larger aircraft crashed into Don Johnson's vehicle. The pilot was trying to fly the airplane out of the danger area when it got completely out of control and crashed. This crash could have been a lot worse in the fact that several bystanders were in the immediate vicinity of the vehicle when it was hit. Fortunately no one was hit by the airplane this time. Pilot inexperience and a bad cross wind contributed greatly to this crash. Once again, it is very dangerous to over fly the pit area and parking lot. Pilot's need to make every effort to avoid this area, even if it means dumping an out of control airplane into the dirt when it becomes apparent that it is going to go over the pit area.

See You at the Christmas Party
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

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