

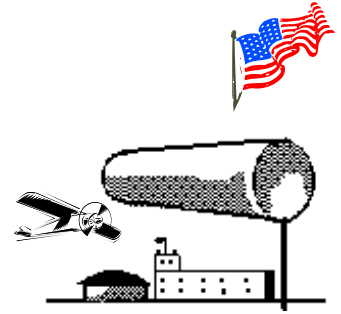
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NOTE! DECEMBER MEETING AND CHRISTMAS PARTY MOVED TO DECEMBER 6TH, 6:00 PM

TIS THE SEASON OF GIVING



Chuck Stone, Civil Air Patrol Commander 147 Squadron based in Branson West, visited our Club at the November 8th meeting. Chuck, pictured between Club members Roy Steinestel and Jim Halbert, gave an overview of the local Civil Air Patrol Squadron and its' activities. Based out of the Branson West Airport, it has about 20 adult members and about 25 junior members ranging up to the age of 18. Many of the adult members are licensed pilots and the Squadron is one of the few that has been issued an aircraft which is a Cessna 182. Its' mission, among other things, is to assist local and federal agencies in observation, search and rescue and training of both adult and youth members. Chuck also had a mission to donate (get rid of) a trainer that he has had in his possession for several years. The trainer was originally built by Dick Dale who used to be one of our Club members. The current informal plans are that our Club will make the trainer airworthy and put on a flight demo for the CAP, consisting of ground school, flight simulator training and actually flying, via buddy-box, an RC trainer. This will probably happen next spring. Many thanks for the plane, Chuck, we'll let you fly it as soon as we can get it in the air!

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

December News letter

Well the year is coming to a close and we have our Officers for 2012. Since there were no new nominations at the November meeting the slate of candidates the nominating committee put forth is unopposed and will be our Officers for 2012.

Jim Haney has consented to be our President next year. That is the only change from this years Officers. Jim, thanks for stepping up to fill this position.

Many thanks to the 2011 Officers for keeping our Club going. This includes Fritz and Bud for an outstanding job of taking care of the field and Dave for doing a good job of getting the food for our Fun Flies. I think Dave may be looking for some relief for next year.

By now I think everyone is aware that the December meeting will be held on December 6th. This will be our December meeting as well as the Christmas party. Claudia will be calling to find out who will be coming and try to get a good selection of dishes. We always have a good time at the party because it gives the wives a chance to get together and get better acquainted. Even if you didn't get much time to fly this year I hope you will plan on attending the meeting.

It has been my pleasure serving as your president for the past year.

Howard

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Well here it is at the end of the year and time for the Club Christmas Party on the 6th and the annual New Year's Day fun fly. Don't miss either of them as they usually are a lot of fun.

Hopefully Santa has some new airplanes. Seems that a few of our members could use some replacements. Flying while the antennae is down or while the transmitter is desperately beeping to tell you that the batteries are going dead does tend to put holes in one's squadron.

Speaking of batteries, if they are not acting normally—replace them! This applies to both transmitter and receiver batteries. Some of the high capacity NiMH batteries, as they age, seem to drop voltage rapidly. When the beeper goes off it may be too late to get the plane safely on the ground. I've had two Spektrum transmitters that have had this problem and the batteries were not very old. So maybe you should put some batteries on your Christmas list.

John Woods brought up problems with the 2.4 GHz radios as discussed in the Model Aviation November issue, pg 161. After reading the article twice I think being a secondary user on 2.4 GHz is still better and has less problems than being a primary user on 72 MHz. A few things to keep in mind with 2.4. Do your range tests. Don't use a park flyer receiver in a big plane. It will fly the plane fine unless the antennas get blocked by a big engine, motor or battery. Get a full range receiver and possibly equipped with a second or third antennae. Don't bury the receiver in a carbon fiber fuselage as this could block the transmitter signal. At this time I am unaware of any outside interference on the 2.4 GHz band at our field.

Time to land for this month. Hope everyone has a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEARed.

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2011			
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BALANCE	11/1/2011	\$1,429.95	\$ 1,345.14
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ -	\$ 1,250.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ 5.00	\$ 10.00
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ 82.30
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ -	\$ 36.00
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 378.48	\$ 1,292.25
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ 105.88
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ 120.00
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ 120.00
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ 28.84
BALANCE	12/1//2011	\$1,056.47	\$ 1,056.47



Photo by Chuck Stone

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB

NOVEMBER 8, 2011

President Howard Shire opened the meeting at 6:01 PM, at the Coachlight Club house. All Officers were present. There were 11 members present including the officers. Chuck Stone of the Civil Air Patrol was a guest. Howard Shire won the 50/50 split the pot. He received \$5 of the \$10 pot.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer Roy Steinestel reported a balance of \$1,429.95 in the bank as of November 1st.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as printed in the November Newsletter.

John Woods presented the Nominating Committee's slate of Club Officers for 2012 consisting of President-Jim Haney, Vice-President-Gene Fuson, Secretary-Don Johnson and Treasurer-Roy Steinestel. Other Nominating Committee members were Dave Medley and Erv Rohde.

President Howard Shire asked if there were any other nomination from the floor for 2012 Club Officers. There were none. A motion was made and passed to close the nominations. Thus the Nominating Committee's proposed slate of Officers, having no opposition, were automatically elected for 2012.

Old Business:

President Shire commented on how good the new safety fence looked and thanked everyone that helped in replacing the old fence.

Erv Rohde reported that he just had the stitches removed from his thumb after losing and argument with a spinning prop on one of his planes.

New Business:

Due to some logistic problems, it was decided to have the December meeting and Christmas Party on December 6th not the 13th. All Club members and guests are invited to attend the Christmas party. If you didn't sign up at the November meeting but plan to come, please give Claudia Shire a call at 417 779-5069 so she can plan for the proper amount of food for the party.

Program:

Chuck Stone, Commander of Civil Air Patrol 147 Squadron, gave an overview of the local squadron, its' mission and asked if our Club could help in some of the training of the younger cadets. He also donated a built trainer, less motor and electrics, to the Club. Chuck also discussed the B-25 that was on display at the Branson West Airport.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.



Above and on the preceding page are a couple of photos Chuck Stone was kind enough to send in of the B-25 that was on display at the Branson West airport over Memorial Day. The plane is quite spectacular and a real flying museum piece. For about \$400 you could even hitch a ride on it. And it is only about 65 years old! Great looking plane.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

6:00 PM December 6th at the Coachlight Trailer Park Clubhouse

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.

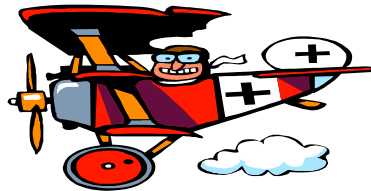
Please advise Claudia Shire 417 779-5069, if you and members of your family plan to attend and what side dish you will bring, so she can get an approximate headcount.

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

NEW YEAR'S DAY FUN FLY



2012



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.

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SAFETY FIRST

It seems like I'm not alone in the "What was I Thinking" category.

One of our members, no names here, decided he would remove his glow plug starter from his motor after it was running. The bad part was that he decided to do this from the FRONT of the airplane. That meant putting his hand in the propeller on the way to releasing the glow starter. True to form, the propeller doesn't recognize stupid and promptly cut his hand. This required a trip to get 5 stitches and a splint.

This is a bad way to find the arc of your propeller.

I was looking at several airplanes at the field and noticed that a good percentage do not have their propeller tips painted so that you can see exactly where the arc is. Do yourself a favor and paint the tips, it isn't much of a chore to do this and it will be much safer. Plus, it looks good on the prop.

Also, remove your glow starter from BEHIND the prop, doing so from the front just isn't a safe thing to do.

Ask the man who knows.

See you at the field,

Gene Fuson

Safety Officer

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING WILL BE
DECEMBER 6TH, 6:00PM, AT THE
COACHLIGHT TRAILER PARK CLUB
HOUSE.**