

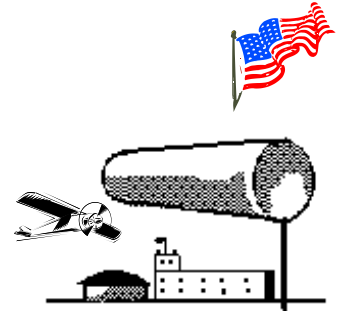
# THE WINDSOCK

PUBLICATION OF THE TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

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Merry Christmas



Bring a teddy bear or other small stuffed animals to the Christmas Party to be donated to kids in Skaggs Hospital



*Get well soon Howard!*

HAPPY NEW YEAR

## THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

The Newsletter is being put out early this month because of our early meeting and Christmas Party on December 4th. Hope everyone will be able to attend. It will be a little different this year, as the Club is furnishing the meal, but feel free to bring a side dish or desert if you'd like. We will have a Club 40th year anniversary cake. If you haven't done so already, notify John Woods that you are going to attend.

Last year we voted not to donate teddy bears to the hospital because other groups were doing similar donations. After reassessing our position the Club decided that the right thing to do was to continue to donate stuffed toys regardless of what other groups do, So bring a small stuffed toy or two to the Christmas party and Santa Claus, i.e. Dave Medley, will deliver them to the Hospital. It will make the kids, or even older people, feel better if they are confined to the hospital during the holidays.

Also, don't forget that the Club traditionally has a Fun Fly on January 1st. Come on out and get in your first flight of the year. The worse the weather (within reason!) the more you can brag about how tough the flight was. Hope to see you there about noon.

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2012			
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BALANCE	11/1/2012	\$1,224.24	\$ 1,566.05
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ -	\$ 1,165.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ 20.00
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ 72.70
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ 4.50	\$ 49.50
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ 5.60
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 25.00	\$ 1,251.98
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ 5.00	\$ 80.03
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ 105.00
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ 120.00
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ 10.00	\$ 133.10
BALANCE	12/1//2012	\$1,188.74	\$ 1,188.74

Looks like the Club will end the year with 23 members. This is less than we would like but new members are very hard to come by regardless of what recruitment strategies we try. The only comforting thought is that most other organizations, regardless of purpose, are having the same problem. It seems the electronic world we live in eats up most of our leisure time especially with younger people. Hopefully all our current members will renew their membership for next year,

We will also end the year with over a thousand dollars in the bank before the 2013 dues start coming in. Not bad for an organization of our size. In addition our field is in great shape and we don't see any immediate large expenditures in the near future.

I believe everyone is aware that Howard Shire has had a heart attack and was to undergo bypass surgery. We all wish him the very best for a complete and speedy recovery. We hope to see him back at the flying field in the near future.

Time to land for this month.....ed.

Below Don Johnson shows his progress on his scratch built 6 foot electric blue foam Telefoam during the November Club meeting. The Telefoam is basically a foam replica of the Telemaster, which is a very stable slow flyer. Don hopes that, at about 3 pounds, it will also be a stable slow flyer,



# MEETING MINUTES

## TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB

NOVEMBER 13, 2012

President Jim Haney opened the meeting at 6:11 PM, at the South Port Condominium Club House. All Officers were present. There were 9 members present including the Officers. No guests were present. Howard Shire won the 50/50 split the pot. He received \$4.50 of the \$9 pot.

### Committee Reports:

Treasurer Roy Steinestel reported that there was \$1,224.24 in the bank as of November 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

### Old Business:

Plans were finalized for the Club Christmas party to be held at the Southport Condominium Club House on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM following a short December Club meeting. Cost will be \$10 per person. John Woods said he would contact all members that had not as yet signed up for the party. John also said that Mike Wenig, of TPA Hobbies, had donated a small RC plane that we will raffle off at the party.

### New Business:

It was decided to again donate teddy bears (or other small stuffed animals) to Skaggs Hospital. They will be collected at the Christmas party and taken

to the hospital by Dave Medley.

President Jim Haney donated a perpetual trophy that will be presented to the Club member that it is felt had the worst (best) crash during the past month. The member will proudly display the trophy at his house until it is passed on to another worthy member the following month. The trophy for November was presented to Howard Shire.

The nominating committee presented a slate of candidates for 2013 Club Officers consisting of President Greg Moody, Vice-President Gene Fuson, Secretary Don Johnson and Treasurer Roy Steinestel. The election of officers will be held at the December meeting.

It was noted that the roll of raffle tickets was getting low. Don Johnson said he would get another roll.

### Program:

Gene Fuson passed out the winners' Certificates for the October Fun Fly.

Don Johnson showed his 6 foot blue fanfold Telefoam in progress. He obtained the general configuration, wing, stab and motor angles from the internet then drew up his own plans. He described some of the problems and advantages in building with fan fold foam.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01PM.

# CHRISTMAS & CLUB 40th ANNIVERSARY PARTY

6:00 PM December 4th at the Southport Condominium Clubhouse

Members and families will enjoy dinner along with a short December meeting. The Club will furnish chicken, BBQ and some sides from Dana's, members can bring a side dish or desert if they would like.

There will be a \$10 charge per person, which will be collected at the door, to cover the cost of the purchased food.

Please advise John Woods, at 417 338-5419, if you and members of your family plan to attend so he can get a headcount.

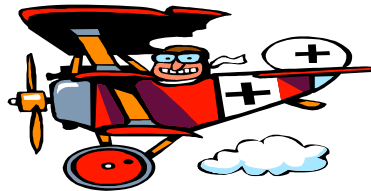
Ya' all come join us in the model aviation social event of the Year!

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## NEW YEAR'S DAY FUN FLY



2013



**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.**

**Bring a thermos of coffee or hot tea to stay warm from the inside out.**

**Gather at the field somewhere around noon.**

## **TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB**

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## **SAFETY FIRST**

As we approach winter in the Ozarks, we have the possibility of some measurable snowfall or ice. That means we will more than likely be doing a little driving on the white stuff, or you can stay home and let it melt in a couple of days.

A lot of us are from the North of here and have plenty of practice driving in slick road conditions. The problem is.....a lot of us are out of practice.

So, make sure you give yourself plenty of room from the driver in front of you.

Try to avoid hitting your brakes in an emergency situation. Even with anti-lock brakes it is a different scenario on snow or ice. Try to steer your way out of trouble. Don't panic, easy to say, hard to do. Never use cruise control in rain, snow or ice, never. Get a run at hills so you don't try to accelerate, you will probably lose a little speed, but that is O.K. Look far ahead at the traffic, if you come upon a sea of red taillights, start preparing to avoid whatever is happening up ahead. If it is really slick and you are approaching an uphill stop sign, slow down, but don't come to a complete stop, you probably won't get started again if you stop. Four wheel drive is handy for starting up, but is of negligible value stopping.

Learn to down shift your automatic, but try to match the RPM when you do. Don't just yank the lever to a new gear, especially on a front wheel drive vehicle. Front wheel drive vehicles are different on snow and ice, they have a tendency to swap ends if you brake hard, or even down shift suddenly.

Drive with your lights on in snow or foggy conditions.

Have a great Christmas holiday.  
You guys are the best!

See you at the field,  
Gene Fuson  
Safety Officer

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING WILL BE  
THE CHRISTMAS PARTY, DECEMBER  
4TH, 6:00PM, AT THE SOUTH-  
PORT CONDOMINIUM CLUBHOUSE.**