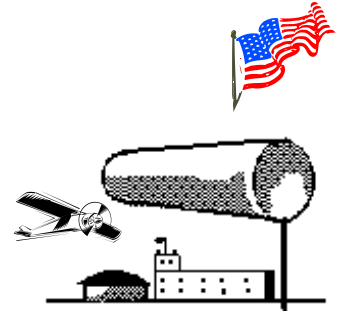


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*Merry  
Christmas*

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Sure hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and now we look forward to Christmas in just under 3 weeks. Our Club's Christmas Dinner is all set with Dave and Val preparing most of the main dishes – it should be really good.

We'll have a brief meeting at 6:00 PM, just prior to the dinner to take care of a few business matters and elect our new 2015 Club officers. The nominating committee has nominated the following members: John Woods ....President, Gene Fuson .... Vice President, Don Johnson ....Secretary and Fritz Corbin .... Treasurer. You may, if you like nominate anyone in the Club to an officer's position. We will vote on the 2015 Dues amount also.

Feel free to sign up and pay your 2015 dues while at the dinner. Fritz will be accepting payment. You must show your new 2015 AMA card to fly at the field.

If you like please bring a Teddy Bear or other stuffed animal and we'll get them delivered to the Hospital for those kids and other patients who may have to be in the hospital during Christmas. They really appreciate the gifts.

We didn't get too much flying in this month. The wind was terrible most of the time and it was usually very cold. I only got out a few times. Winter, of course, is here so it's a good time to do those repairs on the damaged models or build something new – you know, the one you're getting for Christmas. Be sure and bring it to the next meeting to share it with the other members.

See you at the Field or the Dinner for sure,

John

## THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Here it is December and the end of another year. Time to elect new officers (Ho Ho Ho), time to pay next year's dues and time for the annual Christmas party. And it is time to hand out Certificates for the Top Gun 2014 winners, always a big surprise.

It is also close to the time of our first Fun Fly of the year. Yep! On January 1st we gather at the field around 10 AM or later and get in our first flight of the year. We also don't let cold or bad weather deter us from getting this flight in. In fact good weather somehow decreases the challenge. No Top Gun points are awarded for this flight but you will receive a Certificate, suitable for framing, stating you did indeed brave the weather and get your New Year's Day flight in. All that is required is that you get your radio controlled plane successful into the air. A good landing, or any landing, is not required. There will probably be something hot to drink at the field. If you fly somewhere else on New Year's day and advise the Editor that you did, you will also receive a Certificate. However if the flight was in a place like Florida or south Texas, the Certificate may be slightly altered to reflect the weather challenge. We hope to have a good crowd at the field, get our flights in and head home for the games.

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

### TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2014

		NOV	Y T D
BALANCE	11/1/2014	\$ 859.35	\$ 1,371.33
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ -	\$ 1,101.68
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ 95.00
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ 4.50	\$ 34.50
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ 30.00	\$ 31.34
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 34.05	\$ 1,485.13
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ 66.37
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ 90.00
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ 120.00
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ 12.55
BALANCE	12/1//2014	\$ 874.80	\$ 874.80

## MEETING MINUTES

### TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB NOVEMBER 11, 2014

President John Woods opened the meeting at 6:02 PM, at the South Port Clubhouse. There were 10 members present including the officers. Treasurer Fritz Corbin reported that the Club had \$859.35 in the bank as of November 1<sup>st</sup>. Bud Austin won the 50/50 raffle and received \$4.50 of the \$9 pot. The Minutes of the October Meeting were approved as written in the November Newsletter.

**Committee Reports:** John Woods reported that wife, Janet, is doing well in her recovery and will get her last chemo treatment in a couple of weeks. John also said that Jim Haney's wife, June, will have a major shoulder operation this Friday. We all wish Janet and June complete and speedy recoveries!

**Old Business:** John reported that the work day went well on the 25th and thanked everyone that helped out, especially Bud Austin and Fritz Corbin that are the go-to people for keeping everything in great shape at our field.

President John Woods said the nominating committee (Club Officers) presented a slate for the Club 2015 Officers consisting of John Woods – President, Gene Fuson – Vice-President, Fritz Corbin – Treasurer and Don Johnson – Secretary. Nominations will remain open until December 9<sup>th</sup>, at which time we will vote in the 2015 Officers.

**New Business:** The Club's annual Christmas Party will be after a short business meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup>. John Woods will arrange to get the meats from Danna's BBQ and will contact members concerning side dishes. Also the Club would appreciate appropriate donations to be raffled off during the party. All proceeds going to the Club Treasury.

The Club also decided to continue the tradition of donating teddy bears (or other stuffed toys) to the Branson hospital. These are very much appreciated by the hospital staff and those patients that receive them, makes us feel good too. So, pick up a bear or two and bring it (them) to the Christmas party. If you want to donate but will not be at the party, just give them to a member that will be attending.

There was a discussion on who should get the trophy for the best/worst crash of the month, Erv Rohde, Bud Austin or Gene Fuson. It was finally decided that Erv Rohde deserved it for demolishing his Super Sportster. He can proudly display it in his home after he gets it from Gary Merseal. It was interesting that Erv had another Super Sportster kit at home and was able to complete it and bring it to the meeting. Bud was also able to repair (rebuild) his Big Electric and bring it to the meeting. Both planes look good and appear ready to fly!

**Program:** Don Johnson brought a Hobby People 13 inch Cub to fly in the Clubhouse. Unfortunately it flies a little too fast and the controls are a little crude for the small space. Even test pilot John Woods couldn't keep it from running into things. It should do OK outside on a calm day.

John brought a SIG 84" Cub which a neighbor of his donated to the Club. The kit is an old one but supposedly it is complete. John auctioned it off in his best imitation of Billy Long, and after much prodding Fritz Corbin won out with a bid of \$30. Actually he had it at \$27 but decided to round it up to an even number. Thanks to John and his neighbor and Fritz, the Club is \$30 richer.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45PM.



Last month there was a picture of Bud Austin and a couple of other members bringing pieces of a plane up out of the woods. Think the plane is called "Big Electric". Well with a lot of work, here is Big Electric ready to fly again. Bud said that a lot of new wood and parts were needed for the fuselage to get it back in flying condition. Nice work Bud, the scars don't even show!

Also last month there was a picture of Erv Rohde's Super Sportster sitting in the back of his pick-up, in pieces—many pieces. Erv took a different approach than Bud. When he bought the kit for the crashed plane, he was thinking ahead and bought two kits. Pictured is the completed second kit ready to replace the first plane on the flight line. Very impressive Erv!



Don Johnson's little 13" Super Cub with small transmitter was ready to fly from Hobby People. At less than an ounce it was expected to fly slow but actually was a little fast to fly in the Clubhouse. Even test pilot, John Woods, had trouble keeping it from hitting something. It flies OK outside on a calm day. The Horizon Hobby's Vapor, in the box, didn't fly due to the covering coming loose.

A neighbor of John Woods gave him an old SIG kit of the J-Cub, of about 1/6 scale. John decided to put it up for auction since he doesn't build kits. After a furious bidding war, Fritz Corbin won the prize with a final bid of \$30. Fritz said this was to be his winter project. We are all anxious to see how this turns out, Fritz!



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**SAFETY FIRST**

With the coming of winter our weather is getting much colder very quickly.

With the cold comes a penalty on our batteries' performance. Lower voltage, and shorter capacity times for most batteries. Li-Po batteries seem to fare better than NiCads or Nimh style batteries.

Make sure you charge your batteries the night before to make sure that you get the power you need to fly safely. Keep them warm if possible.

Stay warm!!!!!!!!!! Have a great Christmas.

Gene Fuson  
 Safety Officer

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING  
 WILL BE DECEMBER 9TH,  
 6:00PM, CHRISTMAS PARTY  
 AT THE SOUTH PORT CLUB-  
 HOUSE.**