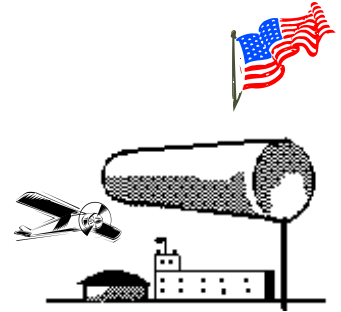


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Merry Christmas

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Winter is here for sure! Wind, Rain, lots of leaves and very cold.

Our upcoming Christmas Dinner has been some what of a hassle to schedule due to the Kimberling City bridge repair. Hopefully we'll get together with no further changes. I really enjoy seeing everyone and getting caught up on what's going on in your lives.

I have just completed repairing my landing gear on my Goldwing MX2. I tried to buy a replacement gear but have been unsuccessful. Just been nursing it along but two weeks ago it finally gave out. It is a fiberglass gear so I epoxied it back together where it separated, then wrapped 30# Kevlar fishing line around the damaged area. After wrapping the wound I applied some baking soda on the Kevlar then dripped CA on it – surely it won't break there again! Hope to fly it this week to make sure it holds up.

Talked to Jim Haney and Gary Merseal about getting together to build the new Pilot Stations. With the weather conditions and the business of this time of year I suggested we wait until spring to build the stations. Hope that's OK with you all.

Came across a couple of neat web sites you may like take a look at. For your projects that need MAGNETS check out KJ Magnetics.com. Bunches of magnets, no minimum and reasonable prices. Also, DIYRC.com has a lot of electronic do-it-yourself projects, plans and supplies that may be helpful in your life of a Modeler. Enjoy.

Upcoming is a really great RC Swap-meet that many in our Club have attended in the past. It is put on by the Kansas City RC Association. I went two years ago and they had 114 tables of 99% RC Airplanes. I bought my MX2 there. It is pretty far away in Lees Summit – about a 3.5 hour drive. You have to get there early for the good stuff. We left at 5AM and got there just before they opened. You can get more information from their web site at kcradiocontrol.com. One day only, Saturday Feb. 6, 2016 9AM - 3PM. Grab a buddy, take an empty truck and a bunch of cash and you're sure to have a blast.

See you at the Field - Happy Landings,
John

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

The front page picture looks a little like last year's December picture but has a different plane and one more bear. It is a tradition with the Club to donate teddy bears (stuffed toys) to the Branson Hospital to give to kids that are in the hospital during the holidays. So if you can, bring a toy or two or three to the Christmas Party for the donation. If you want to make a donation but cannot come to the Christmas party, give Dave Medley, or any Club Officer, a call or email and we will arrange to pick them up.

During the short Club meeting just prior to the Club's Christmas Party, certificates will be awarded to the top three Top Gun 2015 pilots. These will be the pilots that earned the most points during the four 2015 Fun Flys. Who is it? Come to the party and find out!

As the year ends we begin the next year with a Fun Fly. 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 got 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 lack of a weather challenge. We hope to have a good crowd at the field, get our flights in and then head home for the games.

Time to land for this month. Hope that your Christmas is a joyous time and the new year will bring you happiness and prosperity....ed.

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB NOVEMBER 10, 2015

President John Woods opened the meeting at 5:15 PM, at the Rocky Top Field. There were 11 members present including the officers. Treasurer, Fritz Corbin, reported that the Club had \$1,210.59 in the bank as of November 1st. The Minutes of the October Meeting were approved as written in the November Newsletter. There were no guests present. The 50/50 raffle was won by Gene Fuson and he received \$6.50 of the \$13 pot.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President, John Woods, announced that the Nominating Committee made up of the current Officers submitted the following for Club 2016 Officers. President—John Woods, Vice President—Gene Fuson, Secretary—Don Johnson and Treasurer—Fritz Corbin. He then asked if there were any other nominations. There were none. He also said that nominations could also be made before the election at the December meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

John announced that Jim Haney had brush hogged the area outside the armadillo fence. John also said there had been no progress on the 5 new flight stations. Jim Haney suggested that it would be more convenient to cut and assemble the stations in his garage rather than at the field. John will coordinate the work.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Club Christmas party will be December 8th, at the Southport Clubhouse. We will have a short meeting at 6 PM. Dave Medley volunteered to cook a ham and a turkey for the dinner. Side dishes and deserts will be pot luck. John will coordinate the pot luck.

The Club will again be collecting Teddy Bears (new stuffed toys), to be donated to Cox hospital in Branson. So if you can, bring one or more to the Christmas party.

Dave also said he would donate some hand made jewelry to be auctioned off at the party.

John also mentioned that the December

meeting would be a good time to pay your 2016 Club dues.

The monthly Crash Trophy was awarded to Fritz Corbin for a little problem he had with his Polaris XL.

PROGRAM:

Gene Fuson passed out the October Fun Fly Certificates. Fritz Corbin was the overall winner.

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2015			
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BALANCE	11/1/2015	\$1,210.59	\$ 1,668.23
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ 21.00	\$ 996.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ 5.00	\$ 10.00
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ 101.05
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ 6.50	\$ 24.50
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ 96.87
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 158.19	\$ 1,309.10
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ 60.70
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ 90.00
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ 120.00
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ 11.07	\$ 243.02
BALANCE	12/1/2015	\$1,073.83	\$ 1,073.83



Above is Jim Haney's nice looking (used to be) and nice flying cast foam Polaris. There seems to be a little controversy about how it looks as it does. One story is that the wing collapsed as it pulled out of an intense aeronautical maneuver. Other reportedly eye witness accounts mention a tree being involved in the plane's condition. Actually it doesn't look too bad. With some effort it should be able to fly again.

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SAFETY FIRST**SAFETY RULES & REGULATIONS**

I am reviewing the CLUB SAFETY RULES for all members, but in particular for our newer members. These rules will continue to be published every month until they are all listed here. If you can't wait to see them all, e-mail me and I will see that you get a copy.

Please read and comply with the following rules:

The following SAFETY RULES were adopted by the TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB Membership in October 1997 and revised November 2010.

9. No aircraft may be taxied in the pit area. All aircraft must be carried onto the flying field.

10. When flying, pilots should stand on or near one of the designated flying spots located adjacent to the safety fence.

11. Flying over the pit or spectator area is prohibited unless beyond the control of the pilot. Aerobatic maneuvers that are directly towards the pit or spectator area are prohibited.

12. When several aircraft are flying, a spotter should be used to warn the pilot of possible collision with other aircraft, other aircraft landing or otherfield mishaps that may endanger the pilot.

Have Merry Christmas,
 See you at the party,
 Gene Fuson
 Safety Officer

**THE CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL
 BE DECEMBER 10TH, 6:00PM, AT
 THE SOUTH PORT CONDOMINIUM
 CLUB HOUSE.**