

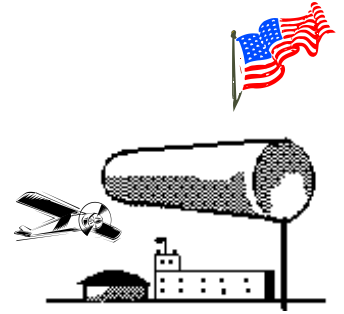
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SCRAP METAL FOR SALE



Our steel carport shelter, that we had for about 5 years, decided to go flying in a nice hefty wind storm. Above you see what's left after it took a short flight of about 300 feet. It was dragged out of the trees to a fairly level area and is now waiting for decisions on what to do with the scrap metal. You can see John and Bud appraising the situation. President John checked on the price of scrap steel and calculated (guessed) that we may get about \$80. So with what we received from the AMA grant we should about break even except for all the time and effort to erect it and then get rid of it.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with lots of turkey and surrounded by friends and family. Turkey, pie, football, friends and family - what a fun day!

The weather conditions this month have been mixed so not too many days of flying. A lot of wind and cold too. I've been burning lot's of wood. Winter is here so get ready.

At December's meeting the nominating committee will nominate a slate of officers to be voted on to serve in 2020. The floor will be open for any other nominees then a vote will be taken and the new officers will be voted into office. You still have time to grab one of the officer's positions so jump in and be counted.

Gary Merseal repaired his brush hog and attached it to his tractor. He has been using it to clean up around the perimeter of the flying field. A huge job. Thank you Gary.

Just a reminder, the Club does not hold meetings the months of January, February or March. We do fly when the weather isn't too bad. Also, don't forget to come out and fly January 1, 2020.

We all thank our officers for serving this year. Also, we thank and appreciate Bud & Fritz for their hard work in keeping our flying field and equipment in shape. It always looks great. Gene Fuson is our Safety Officer and always does an informative write up about safety each month for the Newsletter. Thank you Gene. In addition, we thank those members who are not able to get out and fly much but still remain members of our Club. This is such a great financial help in maintaining Tri-Lakes R/C.

Janet and I wish all our Club members and R/C friends a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Happy Landings in 2020 John

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

As President John said in his column, November was a bad month to get any flights in, especially if you fly light planes that don't do well in the wind. Finally got a couple of flights in Tue., 12/3, before the wind started up again.

Finally got some of the weeds brush hogged along the runway. As seen on the next page, Gary Merseal brought out his tractor, with brush hog attachment and cut down some weeds along the west side of the runway. It has been three or four, or more, years since the weeds around the field had been cut down and they really have grown, especially the brier bushes with thorns that make a plane almost impossible to recover. Many thanks to Gary and hope that he will be able to chop down a few more acres of weeds.

Old saying "plane sitting on ground does not have far to fall". I was reminded of this after John and I had almost dialed in my foamy and while adjusting it on the bench, a gust of wind blew it off the bench and it landed on its tail. Luckily it was easy to fix.

Don't forget the Club meeting on Dec. 10th, at the South Port Clubhouse

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

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2019			
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BALANCE	11/1/2019	\$1,950.95	\$ 2,015.19
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ -	\$ 575.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ -	\$ 23.50
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ 0.08	\$ 525.73
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 31.00	\$ 961.22
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ 120.00
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ 138.17
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ -
BALANCE	12/1/2019	\$1,920.03	\$ 1,920.03

TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB MEETING MINUTES

Nov. 12, 2019 Meeting

Since the weather was unsettled the day of our November meeting it was decided to cancel the meeting and I would write a brief outline of what was supposed to be covered.

John Woods 11/18/19

Announcements:

1. John and Janet are staying home this winter. They are selling their home and need to prepare it for sale. They plan on staying in the Branson West area.

2. Dave Medley has been going in and out of the hospital and now is residing at Table Rock Health Care in Kimberling City.

3. As most of you know Fritz's wife Jean passed away Sunday night. I know we all are so sorry to hear this and will miss Jean. A really sweet lady. We offer our deepest condolences to Fritz and his family.

Meeting:

1. The club's nominating committee offers the following slate of officers for 2020. President: John Woods, Vice President: Gene Fuson, Secretary: Don Johnson, and Treasurer: Fritz Corbin.

2. At December's meeting the slate of officers will be voted on.

3. At December's meeting a motion will be made as to the amount of the club dues for 2020 and voted on. Dues payment may be made at this meeting.

4. The metal canopy was removed from its nesting place, disassembled and plans for taking it to the salvage yard are under way.

5. Repair to the wood hanger is under discussion and possible modification.

6. It was recommended that the club hire an outside service to brush hog the perimeter of the field so the wear and tear doesn't become a burden to any of our members or their equipment. Renting equipment was considered also. As an update..... Gary Merseal refurbished an old brush hog he has and has been using it to brush hog the field with his tractor. Thank you, Gary.

7. Christmas dinner: A request was sent out asking the members if they tentatively were planning to attend our annual Christmas dinner and get-together. Due to all the illnesses, members moving away, other personal events and a general lack of interest, myself and several other members recommended that we cancel the dinner. Therefore we are NOT going to have the dinner this year.

8. The club does not hold meetings the months of January, February, or March.



Gary Merseal unloading his tractor with brush hog attached and with Bud supervising. Below is some of the area that Gary cut down (west side of the field).



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Our Safety Officer is off on an adventure this month, however he advises all Club members to fly, and drive safely while he is gone.

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING
WILL BE THE DECEMBER 10,
5:30PM, AT THE SOUTH
PORT CONDO CLUBHOUSE.**