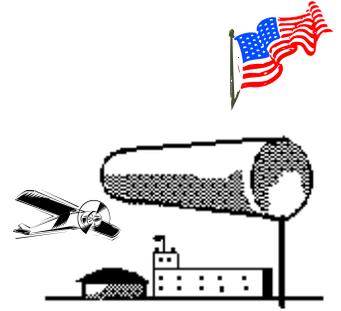


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BIG AND QUIET

MERRY CHRISTMAS



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Hernando's newest plane is the Flex Innovations RV 8. This PNP model has a 75.8 inch wing span and ready to fly weighs a little over 10 pounds and is powered with a 5 or 6 cell Li-Po battery. Hernando is using a 6 cell, 5000 watt battery which seems to give the plane unlimited power. The plane is molded EPO foam and reinforced where necessary. Hernando and John both flew it and it did everything they wanted, aerobatics, straight up hover, great speed and slowed down nicely for landing. You can get yours for \$500, Just add a 6 channel or more receiver and transmitter plus battery and about one hour preparation and you can be in the air. It has three flight modes and can be equipped with floats. It also can be ordered with lights.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving under the circumstances. A few of our members did test positive for Covid-19 but have all recovered with little effects. I suspect they are "bullet proof" and no longer can get Covid again. Of course no one seems to know for sure so we all have to be very cautious.

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

At the upcoming December meeting the nominating committee for 2020 will nominate a slate of officers to be voted on. The floor will be open for any other nominees then a vote will be taken and the new officers will be voted into office. No mail in votes will be accepted ! The Club's nominating committee offers the following slate of officers for 2021. President: John Woods, Vice president: Gene Fuson, Secretary: Don Johnson and Treasurer: Fritz Corbin.

This is the second year we will not be able to have our Christmas dinner, therefore it is postponed until further notice. 2021 Club dues may be paid at December's meeting or if we are unable to meet, please make arrangements to pay.

As a reminder the Club does not hold meetings the months of January, February or March.

I know all of our members thank all the officers for serving this year. Also, we thank and appreciate Bud and Fritz for their hard work in keeping our flying field and equipment in shape. It always looks great – kind of like the 1st tee at Pebble Beach. Big thanks to Fritz for zapping the Armadillos. The buzzards thank Fritz too for the free meal. Also, thanks to Gary Merseal for brush hogging the area around the runway. 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.

We all join in on welcoming our two new



THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

We are now getting to the end of another year, a very difficult and unique year. Let's try to start the new year with our traditional **NEW YEAR'S DAY FUN FLY. Friday, January 1st, 2021.** Meet at the field around 10 AM and get at least one flight in, then about noon we can go home, get warm and watch football, if it's being broadcast. Any member that gets a flight in on January 1st will receive a certificate. Fly in any weather but be safe. If you get your flight in at another location or if no one else happens to be at the field, give your Editor an email at donmarj@outlook.com and you too will receive a certificate suitable for framing.

Here's wishing everyone a very merry Christmas and a much better next year.

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

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2020

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BALANCE	11/1/2020	\$2,050.27	\$ 1,888.28
INCOME-DUES -----			\$ 1,018.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS			\$ -
INCOME-FOOD -----			\$ -
INCOME-50/50 -----			\$ 11.00
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ 0.02	\$ 420.62
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 93.47	\$ 1,141.08
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER			\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS			\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----			\$ -
EXPENSE-AMA -----			\$ 120.00
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ 20.00	\$ 140.00
EXPENSE-meeting room			\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----			\$ -
BALANCE	12/1/2020	\$1,936.82	\$ 1,936.82

members, Fernando Valiente and Tim Saha-gun to the Club. Tim is just beginning training which has been kind of difficult due to weather and Fernando can't stop buying planes and doing great with his flying skills. Welcome to 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

TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB MEETING MINUTES

There were no scheduled Club meetings for January, February or March however below are comments by President John Woods bringing Club members up to date on Club activities.

To all Tri-Lakes R/C Members,

We had cancelled out Club's November meeting due to the predicted bad weather and decided to use an eMail as a record of November's meeting. If any member would like to address any issue or comment on anything concerning the Club, please contact me and I will forward the information to all our members and take any appropriate action necessary.

1. The newly formed nominating committee nominates the following individuals to serve as the Club's officers for 2021. President: John Woods, Vice President: Gene Fusion, Secretary: Don Johnson, Treasure: Fritz Corbin. The floor will be open for additional nominations at December's meeting then a vote will be taken for the election of the new officers.

2. At December's meeting a motion will be made, discussed and voted on as to the amount of the Club dues for 2021. Dues payment may be made at this meeting.

3. The new replacement shade canopy was ordered. There has been a delay in delivery and set-up due a covid-19 influx at the supplier's factory. No new delivery date has been given. Gary Merseal will keep the club informed as he follows the progress.

4. Bud repaired the starter in the lawn mower. Gary Merseal found a bargain buy for the starter on eBay for \$60 and saved a couple hundred \$\$.

5. John got the Edge 540T flying after fixing a few things. Erv Rohde had given it along with a bunch of other planes to the Club. Thanks Erv for such a generous gift.

6. We are having quite a few flyers at the field and I would suggest if you are comfortable flying with other planes in the air, let the other members know so we can all fly more. We don't want to leave anyone out of course. The



Above caught as it takes off is Bud Austin's Sig Kadet Senior. Bud got the plane from Pat Adams and like all Kadets it is a nice easy flier.

Below is Gary Merseal's—OK, not sure what it is but it is big, looks good and flies well. Reminds one of a WW11 trainer with only one cockpit.



more seasoned flyers should keep away from the newer flyers.

7. Bud and John will continue to help Tim Saha-gun with his flying. Welcome to the Club Tim.

8. The Club will not have a business meeting Jan - Feb - March of 2021. First meeting will be in April of 2021.

9. There will not be a Christmas dinner this year unless a miracle happens. We'll postpone the dinner until December, 2021.

Thank you,
John Woods
President
11/6/20



Above is John Woods' 1/3 scale Edge that he obtained from Erv Rohde. This is the second flight. The first flight ended when the trim started to come off as seen at right. Both above photos are after the trim was repaired. At one time in the past the plane had actually been broken in half. Looks and flies great now. John plans on adding a smoke feature to it in the future.



Returning to the field in pieces, instead of landing is Gary Merseal's Great Planes Ultra Sport 1000. Gary on the right has the fuselage and Tim Sahagun has what's left of the wing. While John Woods was giving it a checkout flight the radio connection just quit and it came straight in. The spinner obviously hit a rock but the motor seems OK. Gary did a careful postmortem and found the on-off switch was defective. It flew well while it lasted. Gary has found a short kit of the plane and a canopy on E-Bay so he will probably have it back in the air in the near future.



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Well, here we are in December of a very rough-tough year. Three of us have had Covid 19, and I think we all came out of it pretty good. Anyway.....it could have been a lot worse. I truly hope nobody else contracts it. Hopefully they will start distributing the vaccine soon, and we can put this crisis behind us.

As we are getting into the building.....repairing season, please use caution with the tools and materials that you are using to build with. Some of our tools are pretty dangerous unless used carefully. Saws, and those cutty thingys are the most dangerous. They can be used to open places on your body that were not intended to be opened. Ask me how I know!!!!!!!!!!!!

I did, however, offer to use my Dremel saw on my buddy for his upcoming open heart surgery. That was a NO from him. So I guess he will just have to pay like everyone else.

Hopefully we can all get back to being more normal in 2021.

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 DECEMBER 8th,
10:00AM, AT THE CLUB FLY-
ING FIELD.**

**NEW YEARS DAY FUN FLY JANUARY 1ST
CLUB FLYING FIELD OR ANY PLACE
ELSE OUTSIDE IN THE WEATHER**