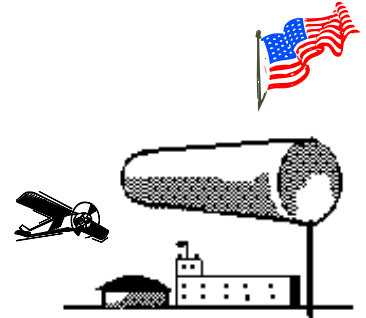


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JANUARY MEETING

JANUARY 10 , 7:00 PM

Meet at Mike Anderson's building,
Reeds Spring.

Program

Bring your current projects for
"Show and Tell"

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings to all flyers!

I hope your Christmas was great and that 2006 will be an exciting year, with all your hopes and dreams coming true.

First, I'd like to thank everyone who brought shovels and helped clean the field. I hope that the owners will keep the horses on their side of the fence this year!

We sure had a great Christmas dinner in Kimberling City. Harter House did a great job with the meats and the ladies (and gentlemen) brought a

wonderful variety of side dishes. Thank you to all who helped with the planning and cleaning up, you did a super job!

By the time I got to the New Year's Day Fun Fly, the wind had picked up and everybody was starting to pack up. It sounds like everyone who was there had a good meal and enjoyed flying on such a beautiful day.

Our next meeting will be at Mike Anderson's computer shop in Reeds Spring, Tuesday, January 10th at 7:00 p.m. See you there!

Gary Acton

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TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2005

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BALANCE	12/1/2005	\$ 339.25	\$ 960.40
INCOME-DUES	-----	\$ 735.02	\$ 2,046.74
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS	-----	\$ -	\$ 100.00
INCOME-FOOD	-----	\$ 205.00	\$ 509.00
INCOME-50/50	-----	\$ -	\$ 125.50
INCOME-MISC	-----	\$ 60.00	\$ 120.00
EXPENSE-FIELD	-----	\$ -	\$ 1,645.81
EXPENSE-NEW SLETTER	-----	\$ -	\$ 80.49
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS	-----	\$ -	\$ 90.68
EXPENSE-FOOD	-----	\$ 144.34	\$ 355.53
EXPENSE-AMA	-----	\$ -	\$ 130.00
EXPENSE-Web	-----	\$ -	\$ 209.80
EXPENSE-meeting room	-----	\$ 17.50	\$ 117.50
EXPENSE-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$ 54.40
BALANCE	1/1/2006	\$ 1,177.43	\$ 1,177.43

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

December 13, 2005

President Gary Acton opened the meeting at 6:33 p.m. at the Kimberling City Senior Center. All officers were present. There were 27 members and the following member's wives were present— Lisa Acton, Joy Austin, Gloria Haan, Ardith Halbert, Marge Johnson, Becky Jones, Susan McCartney, Val Medley, Doris Rohde, Marsha Schmidt, Claudia Shire, Cheri Silva, Margie Steinestel and Janet Woods. The minutes from the November meeting were approved as published in the December Newsletter with the correction about the 50/50 raffle won by Gloria Haan. She donated her winnings of \$10.00 back to the Club. Treasurer Erv Rohde reported that the Treasury balance as of December 1st was \$339.25 which includes \$130.00 of 2006 dues paid in advance. There was no 50/50 raffle held, instead there was a drawing for the \$25.00 gift certificate donated to the Club by Craig & Marsha Schmidt of Fiberglass Specialties which was won by Jim Halbert. A raffle for an oil lamp built and donated by John & Janet Woods was won by Claudia Shire. This raffle raised \$60 for the Club.

Committee Reports:

There were no committee reports.

Announcements and Old Business:

It was announced that the horses have gotten out twice this past week and made a mess of the field. Discussion regarding reinforcing the fence pursued.

Gary Acton announced that the people from Branson's new recreation center have asked that we put on some kind of display next spring at the soccer event that will be held there. He will get additional details and let us know what they are looking for.

Dues for 2006 were discussed at length after

a presentation from Jack McEvoy regarding the costs for the past three years and a comparison of the income and expense projection based on present membership. After considerable discussion a motion by John Woods, seconded by Don Johnson, to increase the dues to \$65.00 per year per member was passed with only one nay vote.

Dues for 2006 for Associate members was briefly discussed. A motion by Homer Zobel, seconded by Dave Medley, to increase Associate members to \$15.00 and Family members remain at \$5.00 was passed unanimously.

The meeting location was discussed at some length. Since this is a rather involved situation it was decided that we would need to continue this at length next month. Motion by Del Silva, seconded by Jack McEvoy, to hold the January meeting at Mike Anderson's building in Reeds Spring. The meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. at which it will be decided where the remaining Club winter meetings will be held.

New Business:

Election of officers was opened. Motion by Don Johnson, seconded by Reeder Jones, to accept the officers as previously published in the Newsletter. Passed unanimously. 2006 officers are: Gary Acton, President; Larry Gliser, Vice President; Erv Rohde, Treasurer and Annette McEvoy, Secretary.

Program:

The program for the evening was by-passed for the delicious dinner.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.



New sheriff in town? Probably not since it will be flown by the same old pilot. Above is Don Johnson's 65% scale Pro-Twister before its first flight.

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

It's good to get in the first flight of the year and earn your New Year's Day certificate even if the wind dashes it into the ground and causes major damage. Oh well, after the first day of the year we can decide if the weather is fit to fly.

The Club seems to be having a little budget strain so in order to better understand the problem the annual income and expenses for the last five years is shown on page 4. Looks like a lot of figures but many of them can be disposed of quickly. Over five years shirt and cap sales are about \$28 more than expenses –no problem here. Food sales are about \$58 (\$11 per year) less than costs but we voted to raise prices some so this is not much of a problem. AMA costs are about \$130 a year, not much but necessary. Meeting room costs are not much at about \$120 a year but it's nice to have a warm place to meet in the wintertime. By the way Mike Anderson's room probably will not be available after the January meeting so other arrangements will need to be made after that.

A couple of things that could be looked at for some savings is the web site at about \$210 a year and the Newsletter at less than \$100 a year. Eliminating both would save less than \$300 a year, however each of these items is a great communication tool and gives our Club something most clubs don't have or do as well. Eliminating the web site will cause the elimination of the Newsletter or cause the Newsletter cost to return to about \$400 a year.

O.K. Where is the big problems. That's easy. We don't generate enough dues income to comfortably fund our large field expense. From there it gets complicated. About the only way to get more dues income is to get more members. We have just raised dues but this could prove to be a little self defeating. At \$65 this may have crossed the line where people automatically renew their dues even though they may not use the field very often. This will probably become apparent about March when members with unpaid dues are dropped from the Club roster.

This leaves field expense as the only place that real cost cuts can be made. We pay \$400 a year for the lease which can't be cut, but there still is a lot of areas to look at. We spent \$800 on a used mower in

SAFETY 1st

We should get in the habit of double checking that our plane's control surfaces are moving in the correct direction just prior to take off. With our computer transmitters holding up to 8 planes, it is very easy to be taking off with incorrect settings and trims – a disaster of mammoth consequences.

Happy New Year to all our members and their families.

John Woods
Safety Officer

04 and \$1588 on a new mower in 02. Whether we needed both of them or not, it still took most of the cushion out of the Club Treasury. Unfortunately the used mower seems to need a major motor overhaul if it is to be of any use to us.

A couple of things that need to be looked at is how much area we mow and how low the grass is cut. Our mowed area has gotten bigger and bigger which is really nice but it costs a lot of money to maintain in fuel and maintenance. We really don't need all this mowed area, or at least not mowed as often as it has been. Maybe we should determine how big a runway we really need and mow it once a week or more if absolutely needed. The other areas, such as the pit areas, parking area and areas around the runway could be mowed only once a month or possibly twice a month in the spring growing season. This would save considerably on fuel and mower upkeep. It would also reduce the time and manpower needed to maintain the field. Cutting the grass a little higher should also reduce some of our maintenance costs. We could probably still brush-hog the field once a year. None of these suggestions should hamper us in the use of the field.

We don't have a real Treasury crisis at this moment but we should decide to build and carry an emergency cushion of some amount, maybe like \$2000 or \$2500, and manage our expenditures to not let the Treasury drop below that figure unless it is an absolute emergency.

Time to land for this month, Happy New Year!



Above is what was found on a trip to the field on Friday, December 16th. Seems the cowboy was letting his horses feed on our field. It appears that maybe he has too many horses on the land he leases and lets them on our land to keep from buying more feed. What's the problem? Well aside from the many, many piles of horse dropping that have to be carted off the field before we can use the runway, the horses knock things down, break things up and leave hoof marks on the field. In rainy weather the hoof marks make the field unusable without repair. The cowboy has been contacted and told that we have been cooperating with him but are getting very unhappy with him letting his horses on the land we lease, and that he needs to be responsible for any damage his horses do. We also added more wire to the gate that the cowboy says we leave open and/or that the horses crawl under. Yea, right!

TRI-LAKES R/C INCOME & EXPENSES FOR LAST FIVE YEARS

	2005 YTD	2004 YTD	2003 YTD	2002 YTD	2001 YTD
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 960.40	\$ 1,645.95	\$ 954.61	\$ 1,989.43	\$ 1,374.96
INCOME-DUES -----	\$ 2,046.74	\$ 1,660.18	\$ 2,089.30	\$ 1,363.44	\$ 2,023.90
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS	\$ 100.00	\$ 122.50	\$ 35.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 646.00
INCOME-FOOD -----	\$ 509.00	\$ 122.82	\$ 87.42	\$ 217.71	\$ 146.90
INCOME-50/50 -----	\$ 125.50	\$ 67.00	\$ 68.50	\$ 111.00	A*****
INCOME-MISC -----	\$ 120.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 326.64	\$ 267.00
EXPENSE-FIELD -----	\$ 1,645.81	\$ 1,642.93	\$ 898.63	\$ 2,581.84	\$ 1,395.79
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER	\$ 80.49	\$ 67.57	\$ 120.19	\$ 93.88	\$ 197.71
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS	\$ 90.68	\$ 148.44	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 687.32
EXPENSE-FOOD -----	\$ 355.53	\$ 343.76	\$ 135.71	\$ 181.21	\$ 135.77
EXPENSE-AMA -----	\$ 130.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 55.00	B*****
EXPENSE-Web -----	\$ 209.80	\$ 200.35	\$ 176.35	\$ 185.30	\$ -
EXPENSE-meeting room	\$ 117.50	\$ 100.00	\$ 140.00	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----	\$ 54.40	\$ 100.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 6.38	\$ 52.74
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 1,177.43	\$ 960.40	\$ 1,645.95	\$ 954.61	\$ 1,989.43

Notes: EXPENSE-FIELD 2004 includes \$800 for purchasing a used White lawnmower. EXPENSE-FIELD 2002 includes \$1,588 for the purchase of a new White lawnmower. A***** 50/50 INCOME included in MISC INCOME. B***** AMA EXPENSE included in FIELD EXPENSE.

2005 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Forty-one Club members and guests attended the Tri-Lakes R/C Flying Club Christmas Party which was held Tuesday, December 13th at the Kimberling City Senior Center. After a short business meeting the group got down to some serious socializing. The Club provided ham and roast beef and the members brought many side dishes including salads, vegetables, cakes, pies and many other goodies. Below are a couple of pictures showing the group hard at work on the feast. There were also a couple of drawings. Craig and Marsha Schmidt of Fiberglass Specialties donated a \$25 gift certificate which was won by Jim Halbert. John and Janet Woods donated an oil lamp made from a large piece of local limestone which was raffled off and won by Claudia Shire. Thanks to the Schmidt's and Woods' for their generous donations. Many thanks to those that arranged for and set up the dinner, brought food, cleaned up afterwards. Also thanks to those that attended for making the Christmas party a big success.



NEW YEAR'S DAY 2006 FUN FLY



When New Years Day arrived it didn't take much courage to make it to the field for the temperature was around 65 F at noon, but it was very windy. A few of our wimpy members arrived early and got their flights in before the winds really picked up. Your editor got his flight in about a 11:30 with disastrous results. Luckily you don't have to make a good landing to earn your New Year's Day flight certificate. Did I mention that it was windy? When the day was done thirteen members had earned their certificates. They are Mike Anderson, Bud Austin, Roscoe Fudge, Jim Halbert, Don Johnson, Don Livermore, Annette McEvoy, Jack McEvoy, Dave Medley, Dick Peterson, Erv Rohde, Howard Shire and John Woods.

To the left are a couple of pictures of the great

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food spread and some of the people that made it to the field. There were four big pots of chili beans, including grated cheese and jalapeño peppers to mix in for more taste and zip. There was sliced ham (left over from the Christmas party) and bread for sandwiches plus chips. There was cakes and cookies and candy and more. Any one that went home hungry just wasn't trying. A big thanks to all that contributed the food, helped organize and clean up after the meal was over.

And so another great year is beginning, may all your landings be smooth and into the wind



Above is Don Johnson's Lazy Bee after his New Year's Day flight. Seems Mother Nature did not want it flying this day and slammed it into the ground. High wind, big wing and light wing loading don't seem to mix. It looked like a complete wipe out but after a second look it should be repairable and back in the air soon. It has had 112 flights including a head on mid air with a P-51 in Little Rock so it should fly again like a Phoenix.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2006

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