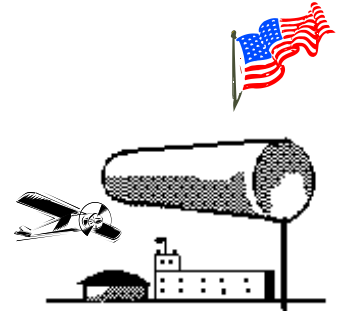


THE WINDSOCK

PUBLICATION OF THE TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

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MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR



On December 6th, the Tri-Lakes RC Flying Club held its' annual Christmas party at the Coachlight Village Clubhouse. Above are some photos of the 26 members and guests that attended. After the adjournment of a short meeting, it was down to the serious business of partying. Claudia Shire had orchestrated the event and obtained the main entrees from Leonas. Many delicious side dishes and deserts were brought by members and guests. A great big thanks to all that attended and contributed to a very successful and enjoyable evening.

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Well here it is 2012 and the beginning of a new year and the beginning of the 16th year of being Editor of the Windsock. It's been a long haul but worth it for being the Club's communication and historic record. If you are interested, there are about 10 years of Windsocks archived on the Club web site. As always contributions to the Windsock are welcomed and encouraged.

Just a few odds and ends about last year. We ended up with 24 members—not as many as we would have liked but OK. We ended the year with a treasury balance of \$1,966 with more 2012 dues to show up in the next few months. The flying field is in great shape with Bud Austin and Fritz Corbin being the driving force to keep it that way. Fritz also has the armadillo problem well under control. The new safety fence also is a great field improvement. Also checked the meeting attendance. Since the January meeting was cancelled due to weather, no one had perfect attendance but three members did make eleven meetings— Fritz Corbin, Howard Shire and Roy Steinestel. The average was 8.4 per meeting.

An upcoming event that is usually of interest to some of our members, like the model building challenged guys, is the KC/RC SWAP-N-

SHOP, being held this year at the Overland Park international Trade Center on February 11, 2012. For more info go to <http://www.kcradiocontrol.com>.

Got an email from Reeder Jones last month along with an attached picture. Seems Toshiba put his son's picture on the big electronic screen in Times Square with the caption "Victor and Allan, thanks for helping those in need, as a flying Samaritan!" Not sure what the details were but if you see Reeder I'm sure he will be glad to fill in the details.

The Club will meet with the Civil Air Patrol the middle of January. The CAP has shown an interest in having their cadets learn to fly RC aircraft and would like some help from our Club. Hopefully by our February meeting we will be able to advise the Club what their wants and needs are and what we think the Club might be able to do for them.

Got a call from Dave Medley a couple weeks ago and he said he had purchased 15 stuffed animals, took them to Skaggs hospital on December 15th and asked if the children's ward would like them. Michelle Leroux, Marketing Director, said they would be delighted to receive them so Dave donated them in the name of the Tri-Lakes RC Flying Club. Below is a photo of Dave and Michelle, Atta way to go Dave!

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2011

		DEC	Y T D
BALANCE	12/1/2011	\$ 1,056.47	\$ 1,345.14
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ 400.00	\$ 1,650.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ 10.00
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ 140.00	\$ 222.30
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ 10.00	\$ 46.00
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ 67.00	\$ 67.00
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 25.00	\$ 1,317.25
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ 67.25	\$ 173.13
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ 120.00
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ 15.17	\$ 135.17
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ 28.84
BALANCE	1/1/2012	\$ 1,566.05	\$ 1,566.05



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

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB

DECEMBER 6, 2011

President Howard Shire opened the meeting at 6:01 PM, at The Coachlight Village Clubhouse. All Officers were present. There were 13 members present including the Officers. All attending members brought their wives as guests except junior member James Woodruff who brought his mom, Marie. Claudia Shire won the 50/50 split the pot. She received \$10 of the \$20 pot.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer Roy Steinestel reported that there was \$1,056.47 in the bank as of December 1st.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved as printed in the December Newsletter.

Old Business:

John Woods reported that Chuck Stone of the CAP had contacted him and expressed his desire that the Club become involved with flight training of the CAP cadets and that he wished to receive the Club Newsletter. Don Johnson reported that he had emailed the December Newsletter to Chuck because he was mentioned in it a couple of times. Chuck replied and asked to be put on the Newsletter mailing list. Don explained to him that the Newsletter was on the internet and his name would be added to the notification list for future Newsletter issues.

John Woods announced that the big KC/RC SWAP-N-SHOP meet will be held February 11 at the Overland Park International Trade Center. More information at www.kcradiocontrol.com.

New Business:

President Howard Shire announced that it was time to set the Club dues for 2012. The ensuing discussion indicated there was no need to change the dues. A motion was made and passed that the Club dues for 2012 remain the same as 2011.

President Shire introduced the Club Officers for 2012. Club President-Jim Haney, Vice-President-Gene Fuson, Secretary-Don Johnson and Treasurer-Roy Steinestel.

Janet Woods donated a painting to be raffled off for the benefit of the Club. It was wrapped as a Christmas present, brought in \$25 and was won by Ardith Halbert. After unwrapping it turned out to be a nice picture of a P-51 in flight, in the colors of the Tuskegee Airmen. Very generous of Janet and we thank her very much.

Program:

Gene Fuson passed our Certificates for Top Gun 2011 winners. First place was John Woods, Second place was Bud Austin and Third place was Erv Rohde.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 PM. With the Christmas party immediately following.

2012 DUES

Club 2012 dues were due as of January 1, 2012. If you fly at Rocky Top Field on or after January 1, 2012 you will need a current (2012) AMA card.

If you are going to renew you Club membership at the January meeting, bring your 2012 AMA card. If you are paying by check, make the check out to "Tri-Lakes R/C Flying Club. You may also pay your dues in cash.

The dues schedule is as follows:

- 1. FULL MEMBERSHIP - \$80 per year.**
- 2. ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS - \$5 each per year.**
- 3. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP (non- voting) - \$15 per year**
- 4. STUDENTS - Free Club membership but must be a current AMA member.**

If you joined the Club during 2010 talk to the Treasurer before paying as you may get a discount on you 2011 dues.

If paying by mail, send your dues to Roy Steinestel at 142 Homestead, Kimberling City, MO, 65686.



This New Year's Day was cold and very, very windy. Ten members showed up at the field and eight put in official flights and will receive the appropriate Certificates at the January meeting. Top left is the scene of a little lunch, like chicken, ham, chili, cake, cookies, candy, coffee and sodas. So much for New Years resolutions! I think most of this was from the efforts of Claudia and Howard, Val and Dave and Janet and John. Many thanks! Top right is Dave Medley's new Twist which got about two feet higher then the wind slammed it to the ground and broke it in half. Lower left shows Howard Shire taking off his Magic for a successful flight. He first tried his Lazy Bee but the wind blew it off the stand and damaged it. Lower right is James Woodruff flying Fritz Corbin's Pro- Twister. Given the wind conditions, Fritz was very generous to hand over the controls to James. All things considered it turned out to be a very enjoyable but challenging New Year's Day.



Jim Haney bought several planes from a widow including the above Big Stick which flew great but got off course on landing. When Jim gave it throttle to go around, it died and went into the trees. A few days later, when repaired, test pilot John Woods was checking it out and according to eye witnesses the Big Stick just disintegrated in mid air and left John with an amazed look on his face. Hidden damage?

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SAFETY FIRST

I have noticed that a lot of our electric airplanes are being prepared for flight, installing battery etc., without being restrained in any manner. Should something happen in the arming process, that airplane could have the motor spinning and injure someone, most likely the pilot.

Just a word to the wise, restrain your electric airplane just the same as a glow or gas model.

Also, use an arming switch or an arming plug if possible. It is good insurance that your electric motor is not going to start until you are ready to fly.

See you at the field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

YOUR 2012 DUES ARE DUE!!

Below are the names of the 7 members that are current in their 2011 Club dues.

Fritz Corbin, Dave Medley, Dick Peterson, Erv Rohde, Howard Shire, Roy Steinestel and James Woodruff.

If you feel your 2012 Club dues are current but you are not on the above list contact Roy Steinestel for needed corrections.

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING WILL BE
JANUARY 10TH, 6:00PM, AT THE
COACHLIGHT VILLAGE CLUBHOUSE.**