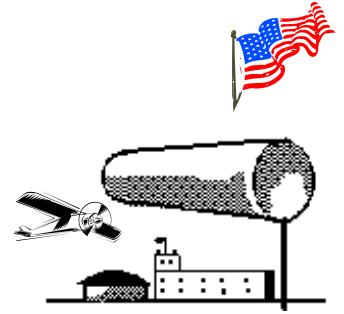


# ***THE WINDSOCK***

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***welcome to***  
***2017***



**Above is Fritz Corbin's Polaris XL as it  
flies into 2017 at the Club's annual  
New Year's Day Fun Fly.**

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

First, Happy New Year to everyone.

We made it to Florida on Dec. 21st. Spent Christmas in the park and in the afternoon we all gathered together for a potluck dinner and gift exchange – about 30 people. It was a lot of fun and nice to see everyone again.

I was able to repair my Extra 300L while at home but never got to test fly it until a few days ago. It's been a few years since I flew it and it flew just fine and landed right side up and on the runway too. I was real happy about that. Early on New Years' day I flew the little Cap 232 in the campground. No wind and plenty of room. I brought my Ultra Stick along to repair it. Always hate not to have a repair project – my favorite thing to do. The last upside down landing took the motor off, prop, the landing gear, damaged the nose and the fuel tank too. They just don't make 'em like they use to.

Jim Haney is feeling much better so give him a call if you like. Good news!

Sure you had a good day at the field New Year's Day. The weather forecast didn't look too bad and not much wind either. Hope everyone survived.

Happy Landings in 2017,

John

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2016			
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BALANCE	12/1/2016	\$1,058.60	\$ 1,794.54
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ 671.00	\$ 1,356.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ 55.00
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ 190.00	\$ 265.50
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ -	\$ 30.50
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ 138.00	\$ 334.80
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 28.38	\$ 1,329.99
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ 44.89
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ 130.99
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ 301.25
BALANCE	1/1/2017	\$2,029.22	\$ 2,029.22

## THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Happy New Year everyone! Be aware that we will not have a regular meeting in January, February or March but that doesn't mean that we can't get out and fly when the weather is decent. We will try to get a Newsletter out each month during the break.

As usual we started the year with our annual New Year's Day Fun Fly. Only four members showed up for coffee and donuts and the first flights of the year. Fritz Corbin and Don Johnson flew airplanes while Gene Fuson and Howard Shire flew drones. The weather was breezy and on the cool side but we have had a lot worse weather in years past. Possibly more members showed up at the field later or flew somewhere else on New Year's Day, if so let me know and you'll receive a certificate certifying you braved the winter weather. Did hear from the Snowbird section of our Club. President John Woods fought off the alligators and zika mosquitos to get his flight in. He sent a couple of pictures to show how tough life is down there.

Speaking of drones, don't forget that any radio controlled aircraft that weigh between 0.55 pounds and 55 pounds needs to have an FAA number visible on or in the aircraft. So if you haven't done it, apply for your FAA number and attach it to your aircraft that fall within that weight range.

We had a good turnout for our annual Christmas Party on December 13th. Nineteen members and guests showed up for a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Including raffle and silent auction Fritz reported we took in \$839 for the Club treasury. Not Bad!

We start out the new year with ten paid up members which seems a little light but the good news is there are twenty members or recent members that are still paid up on their AMA dues. If you need to send in your 2017 dues you can find Fritz's address on page 4.

Time to land for this month, hope to see you at the field.....ed.

## MEETING MINUTES

### TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB DECEMBER 13, 2016

President John Woods opened the meeting at 5:48 PM, at the South Port Condo Clubhouse. There were 10 members present including all officers. There were 9 member's wives as guests. Treasurer Fritz Corbin reported that there was \$1,058.61 in the Treasury as of December 1, 2016. The Treasurer's Report was approved. The Minutes of the November meeting were approved as written in the December Newsletter.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** President John Woods asked if there were any additional nominations for 2017 Club Officers. There being none the Club's Nominating Committee's slate of candidates was voted on and passed. The Club Officers for 2017 will be President John Woods, Vice-President Gene Fuson, Secretary Don Johnson and Treasurer Fritz Corbin.

Treasurer, Fritz Corbin, recommended that the Club Dues for 2017 remain the same as in 2016. That is \$80 for Regular Members and \$15 for Associate members.

**OLD BUSINESS:** John announced that there will be no formal Club meetings during January, February and March of 2017. We will however still meet at the field to fly, weather permitting, and will try to keep all members up to date on what's going on. Also Fly-N-Eat will be suspended until next April.

Howard Shire was awarded the monthly Crash Trophy for the job he did on his Super Sport as pictured in last month's Newsletter. He may be able to keep it until next April.

**NEW BUSINESS:** John reminded the members present of the annual New Year's Day Fun Fly, regardless of weather. Meet at the field about 10 AM and get your first flight of the year in.

The annual donation of stuffed toys to the Branson Hospital was rewarded with two

bags full, about twenty toys. Gene and Ellen Fuson will present them to the Hospital.

**PROGRAM:** Gene Fuson passed out certificates for the winners of Club Top Gun 2016. First Place was John Woods, Second Place was Bud Austin and Third Place was a tie between Fritz Corbin and Don Johnson.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 PM. immediately following the meeting was the Club's annual Christmas Party consisting of baked and deep fried turkey and all the trimmings. There was also a raffle and silent auction during dinner. A good time was had by all.



A couple of last flights of the year. Above Fritz had to call out our tree climber to get his Pro Twister out of a tree. He decided it was too far gone so saved only the hardware and electronics. Winter replacement project? Below Don Johnson was out to the field with no one else there, for his last flight of the year with his trusty Lazy Bee. Used it for his first 2017 flight also.





## 2017 DUES

Club 2017 dues were due as of January 1, 2017. If you fly at Rocky Top Field on or after January 1, 2017 you will need a current (2017) AMA card.

If you are going to renew your Club membership at the April meeting, bring your 2017 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 2016 talk to the Treasurer before paying as you may get a discount on your 2017 dues.

If paying by mail, send your dues to Fritz Corbin, 106 Neals Trail, Reeds Spring, MO, 65737-9786.

## YOUR 2017 DUES ARE DUE!!

Below are the names of the 10 members that are current in their 2017 Club dues.

Bud Austin, Fritz Corbin, Don Johnson, Dave Medley, Phil Rogers, Erv Rohde, Charley Schenk, Howard Shire, James Woodruff and John Woods.

If you feel your 2017 Club dues are current but you are not on the above list contact Fritz Corbin for needed corrections.



Photo by G Fuson

Gary, "There it is, John, right behind that leafy branch".



Photo by G Fuson

Gary, "If you put the arrow through my plane you're going to fix it for me aren't you John?"



Florida, New Year's Day. 2017

Photo by J Woods





Group photo of the Club's Christmas party at the South Port Condo Club House.

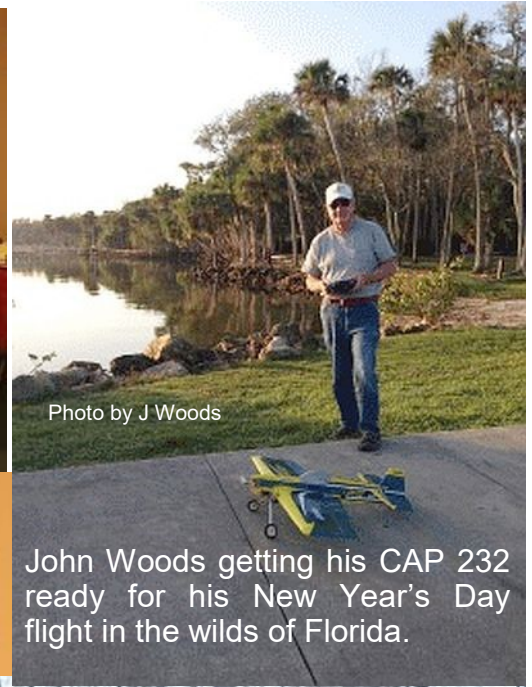


Photo by J Woods

John Woods getting his CAP 232 ready for his New Year's Day flight in the wilds of Florida.



Jimmy and Phil checking out the Christmas party raffle and silent auction items.



Howard Shire, with help from Gene Fuson try to get Howards balky engine running. Didn't happen!



Gene Fuson revs up his drone in preparation for his first flight of 2017.

**TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB****PRESIDENT****JOHN WOODS 338-8419****VICE-PRESIDENT****GENE FUSON 538- 9346****SECRETARY****DON JOHNSON 779-5340****TREASURER****FRITZ CORBIN 272-1106****SAFETY OFFICER****GENE FUSON 538- 9346****CO-FIELD MARSHAL****BUD AUSTIN 561-4466  
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JOHN WOODS 338-8419****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.

All members are expected to know and adhere to the **SAFETY RULES** set down by the TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB and the ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS (AMA) and to use common sense when operating or observing any R/C aircraft.

Pilots must be insured by the AMA and have in their possession their current AMA identification card.

Guests of Club members must be AMA members and may use the flying field for a period of two weeks. If guests exceed the two-week period they will be required to purchase an Associate Membership.

All models must be identified with the owner's name and address or their AMA number on or in the aircraft.

See you at the field,  
Gene Fuson  
Safety Officer

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING  
WILL BE APRIL 11, 5:30PM,  
AT THE CLUB FLYING FIELD.  
IN CASE OF SEVERE WEATHER MEET  
AT THE SOUTH PORT CONDO CLUB-  
HOUSE.**