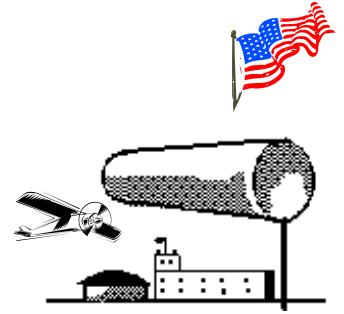


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## HAPPY NEW YEAR



Fritz finishing up his flight.

# 2018



JANUARY 1ST.

## +5 Deg. F Wind Chill -10

January 1st, 2018 came in with the lowest temperatures in several years starting at +2 Deg. F early in the morning and warming up to +5 by 10 AM. The good news was there was no snow or ice on the roads. The bad news was it was **COLD!** Opening the gate at just after 10, I found myself the only one at the field. About 15 minutes later Fritz Corbin showed up so we decided to get our New Year's Day flight in. I flew my F-22 foamy through a few passes and some loops and rolls and landed in about 3 minutes, a long time without gloves on! Fritz then put up his Polaris XL, as seen above, and did a couple of touch and goes and some loops. He was smart enough to wear gloves! After our flights we stood around for several minutes and decided that no one else was going to show up and fly in the bitter cold, so we headed home to get warm.

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

First, Happy New Year to everyone.

Janet and I made it to our campground in Florida on Dec. 18th. We spent Christmas in the park and in the afternoon we were invited to a luncheon with several other couples. Real nice meeting some new people and everyone had a nice time. We hope you all were able to be with your friends and family too.

On the way down here we camped near Fort Pickens, a coastal military fort built in 1832 that has been renovated for viewing by the public. I flew my Polaris on the beach one afternoon and it was really fun. I had a bunch of kids watching so enjoyed showing them the plane and showing them how it flew. Also, we visited the Naval Air museum in Pensacola. It is one of the nicest air museums we've been to. Spectacular with their 4 Blue Angles jets hanging from the ceiling. We stayed at the camp for 5 days.

After arriving at our campground in Titusville, FL we set up camp and are enjoying being here.

Janet and I talk about the nice time we had at the Christmas dinner. It was great having everyone there and listening to the stories you all shared after dinner. It was a very special time. I sure hope you have a good day at the flying field New Year's Day. Of course, no telling what the weather forecast will be right now. Hope everyone survives.

I just wanted to mention that the FAA has reinstated the requirements to register our Airplanes/Drones. If you had registered, you do not need to register again. All the registration laws still have not changed. If you need more information go to the AMA's website.

Thanks to all the officers and members for all they do to keep Tri-Lakes RC flying. We all appreciate you and your dedication.

Happy Landings in 2018. God bless you and your families always.

John



## THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Here we are at the beginning of a new year. We finished the old year with our December meeting and annual Christmas Party where 24 members and guests enjoyed a great dinner at the South Port Condo Clubhouse. Janet Woods had prepared a couple of turkeys with potatoes and gravy. Pot luck dishes completed the dinner with more food than we could possibly eat. As we were finishing dinner, President John asked if anyone would tell the group a little about themselves. Several of the members gave a capsule view of their lives. Of course some of the spouses had to tweak (correct) some of the sequence of events that were being told. It turned out to be an informative and enjoyable event! Tried to take some pictures during the party but only one or two turned out. Bad lighting I suppose. One of the better ones is shown on the next page.

On December 23rd I went out to the field to get my last flight of the year. It was a little cold and there was some snow on the ground. I flew my F-22 foamy and my Pro-Twister foamy shown below. It was very peaceful out there as I was the only one there.

Just out of curiosity I compared the last 17 year end Budget totals as of December 31st. The smallest total was \$954.61 in 2002 and the largest total was \$2624.58 in 2008 with an average for 17 years of \$1736.37. For 2017 we had \$1,928.48 which is above average and seventh best year end. Not bad for a club with only 17 members, including 2 students!

Winter can still have some decent flying weather, come on out and join us.

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





## MEETING MINUTES TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB DECEMBER 5, 2017

President John Woods opened the meeting at 5:33 PM, at the South Port Condo Clubhouse. There were 8 members present including all officers. There were 16 guests in attendance for the Club Christmas Party. Treasurer Fritz Corbin reported that there was \$1,139.31 in the Treasury as of December 1, 2017. The Treasurer's Report was approved. The Minutes of the October meeting were approved as written in the November Newsletter. There was no Club raffle during this meeting.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

### OLD BUSINESS: None

### NEW BUSINESS

President John Woods announced that the Nominating Committee had nominated John Woods for President, Gene Fuson for Vice-President, Fritz Corbin for Treasurer and Don Johnson for Secretary for 2018 Club Officers and asked if there were any other nominations. There being none, nominations were closed and the Officer slate was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Club dues for the following year are decided at the December meeting. It was decided that the dues for 2018 should remain at \$80 for regular members.

Gene Fuson said that the donation of teddy bears to the Hospital did not seem that well appreciated last year. After some discussion Gene volunteered to check with the hospital and if they did not express a desire for the bears he would donate them to the Toys for Tots, or another worthy charity.

It was announced that again for 2018 there will be no formal Club meetings for January, February and March.

President John Woods announced that the Club will have its' annual New Year's Day Fun Fly at the Club field around 10 to 11 New Year's Day. Any Club member that flies an RC model airplane anywhere can receive a Certificate if you notify the Club Secretary/Editor.

**PROGRAM:** Gene Fuson passed out the certificates for the Club 2017 TOP GUN winners. The

Top Gun for 2017 was John Woods, 1<sup>st</sup> runner up was Bud Austin and 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up was Fritz Corbin.

Jack McEvoy (Honorary Past Member) reported that Evan McCartney, a student Club member in 2011 and 2012, has graduate from the Air Force Academy and now being assigned to a prestigious fighter group in the D.C. area as an F-16 pilot. Atta boy, Evan! Let it be known that his first flight instructor was our Club president, John Woods.

Gene Fuson gave credit to Fritz Corbin and Bud Austin for all the work they do to keep our field in great flyable shape, including mowing the grass, weeding, seeding, fertilizing, mower repair, critter control and anything else that needs to be done. They received a well deserved applause.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47. Let the Christmas party begin.



TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2017			
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<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>12/1/2017</b>	<b>\$1,139.31</b>	<b>\$ 2,029.22</b>
<b>INCOME-DUES -----</b>		<b>\$ 640.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,080.00</b>
<b>INCOME-SHIRTS&amp;CAPS</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>INCOME-FOOD -----</b>		<b>\$ 240.00</b>	<b>\$ 298.00</b>
<b>INCOME-50/50 -----</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 20.00</b>
<b>INCOME-MISC -----</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 5.95</b>
<b>EXPENSE-FIELD -----</b>		<b>\$ 31.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,129.53</b>
<b>EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>EXPENSE-SHIRTS&amp;CAPS</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>EXPENSE-FOOD -----</b>		<b>\$ 39.66</b>	<b>\$ 88.57</b>
<b>EXPENSE-AMA -----</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 120.00</b>
<b>EXPENSE-Web -----</b>		<b>\$ 20.17</b>	<b>\$ 155.34</b>
<b>EXPENSE-meeting room</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>EXPENSE-MISC -----</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 11.25</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>12/31/2017</b>	<b>\$1,928.48</b>	<b>\$ 1,928.48</b>





Above are the stuffed toys the Club intended to donate to the Branson hospital. A discussion at the Christmas party indicated that the hospital did not seem to care if we gave them the toys or not. Gene Fuson said he would take the toys to the hospital and ask them if they really wanted them. If the hospital didn't seem to want them he would try to donate them to Toys-For-Tots. He ended up taking them to the Branson West fire station where they accepted them for Toys-For-Tots but indicated the toys should be wrapped or packaged. It would seem the Club should give some more thought to any donations we decide to make in the future.



Above is John and Janet's residence in Florida for the next two or three months.

Below John sent a picture of him getting ready for his New Years Day flight. Hope he has enough sun screen on to protect him from the intense Florida winter weather!



John getting acquainted with some new buddies at the beach.



Florida pictures by John/Janet Woods



Pensacola Naval Air Museum



Janet pointing to a Ford Trimotor similar to one they took a ride in at Oshkosh, Wis.

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JOHN WOODS 338-8419****SAFETY FIRST**

Happy New Year to all of our club members.

Now would be a good time to review your safety practices for the past year and make a "NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION" to improve on your personal habits to increase your own safety and the safety of your flying buddies.

Happy New Year!!!!!!!,  
Gene Fuson  
Safety Officer

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