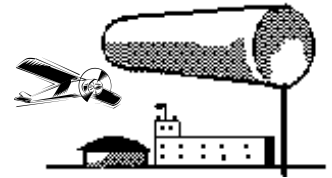


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Bud Austin is preparing to disassemble his SIG Senior Cadet for its' trip home after the first flight of the new year by a Tri-Lakes R/C member. Carefully watching him is President, John Woods, hands in pockets, thinking why am I here instead of Florida like the last several years? To the left is David and Julie Rice. David recently rejoined the club and is working on his small electric twin. It flew briskly and well but the wind did effect the flight. The weather was cold and the wind was very strong at times but five Club members managed to get a New Year's Day flight in and earn their Certificate. A successful take-off is all that is required but all five flyers managed to make a landing without damage. Good job, guys! This was in the early afternoon. Originally it was planned to fly at about 9 AM. To see the crowd gather at 9, see page 5.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hope everyone had a nice Christmas and a happy New Year.

We have our new Club officers in place and I know everyone is pleased with the choice. They campaigned hard and were unanimously voted in to serve in 2022.

Thankfully December's weather has been very pleasant with record HIGH temperatures and no snow although we haven't been flying much due to the rain and high winds. I did get out and flew my Edge 540 for the first time after the major repair was completed. The plane flew very well but the Monokote separated from the top of the wing and I had to land so didn't get a second flight that day. I'll patch it with a little covering and get back out to the field as soon as the weather cooperates. Thanks again to Bud and Tim for their help with the repair.

We did have our traditional New Year's Day Fun Fly around 1:30 that afternoon. Weather was cold, rainy and windy but we all got a brief flight in and were successful at getting our planes back safely on the ground. Don probably has more to say elsewhere in the Newsletter plus a few pictures too.

As a reminder your 2022 Club dues are \$80 and are due. Mail to Fritz or get them to him the next time at the field. Also, we do not have Club meetings for the months of January, February or March.

Happy landings in 2022.... John

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

A happy new year to everyone, may 2022 bring us many great flying days and very few mishaps (crashes, lost planes, etc.).

The Club ends the year with 16 members compared to 12 members last year. The number increased to 17 with a new member joining on January 1st. The Club Treasury had \$3,329.83 at the end of 2021 compared to \$2,066 in 2020. Looks like the Club is starting the new year in good shape!

The plan was to start the New Year's Day Fun Fly at about 9 AM but at the field it was breezy and lightly raining and your Editor was at the field all by himself so back to the house. About noon got the word that John and Bud were going to the field about 1:30 so back out to the field. Flying conditions were still iffy, cold and gusty but no rain. Trying to get a flight in between the strong gusts, five members managed to take off and then land without any damage. Those members earning their New Year's Day Fun Fly Certificates were Bud Austin, Fritz Corbin, Don Jonson, David Rice and John Woods. If any other members flew on new year's day, let your Editor know and you too will receive a Certificate. Since we will not have a formal meeting until April, the Certificates will be given to John to pass out when he sees you at the field.

Time to land for this month.....Ed.

NEW MEMBER

On the first day of the new year the Club gained a new member.

Richard Mankins was at our field on new year's day and joined our Club. Richard lives in Branson West.

Welcome to our Club, Richard. We are very happy to have you join us and look forward to flying with you at the Club field.

TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB MEETING MINUTES

December 14, 2021

President John Woods opened the meeting at 10:05 AM, at the Club flying field. There were 6 members present including all officers except Gene Fuson. There were no guests. Treasurer Fritz Corbin reported that there was \$2907.32 in the Treasury as of December 1, 2021. The Treasurer's Report was approved. The Minutes of the November 2021 meeting were approved as written in the December Newsletter. The raffle was won by Don Johnson and he received \$2.50 of the \$5 pot.

COMMITTEE REPORT: John asked if there were any further nominations for 2022 Club Officers. There were no further nominations. John then asked that a vote be taken on the Nominating Committee's slate of Officers. The slate was unanimously passed. The 2022 Club Officer are John Woods President, Gene Fuson Vice-president, Don Johnson Secretary and Fritz Corbin Treasurer.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Club dues for 2022 were discussed and it was voted to keep the dues at \$80 per year. 2022 dues are due on January 1st, 2022.

John asked for volunteers to help mow the field. He said that Tim Sahagun had volunteered so far.

John said he intends to renew the Fly-n-Eat program this spring. That is we would fly once a month on a Thursday afternoon then adjourn to a local restaurant for dinner. Wives, girlfriends, etc. invited. In the past we have gone to Reeds Spring Pizza.

John also announced that as in the past two or three years, we would not have Club meetings in January, February or March.

PROGRAM: Fly before and after meeting

Meeting adjourned at 10:26 AM



An update on Don Johnson's LBFLW, (Lazy Bee foamy long wing). Using his imagination he made it look like a school bus and made the wing much longer. Below is a comparison with the regular 40 inch wing Bee and Don's version. Looking forward to seeing how, or if it will fly!



TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2021

		DEC	YTD
BALANCE	12/1/2021	\$2,907.32	\$ 2,065.83
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ 341.00	\$ 1,228.50
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS			\$ -
INCOME-FOOD -----			\$ -
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ 2.50	\$ 13.00
INCOME-MISC -----			\$ 1,700.09
EXPENSE-FIELD -----			\$ 1,436.60
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER			\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS			\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----			\$ -
EXPENSE-AMA -----			\$ 120.00
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ 20.99	\$ 20.99
EXPENSE-meeting room			\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----			\$ 200.00
BALANCE	1/1/2022	\$3,229.83	\$ 3,229.83



Bud Austin watching John Woods take his Pro Twister off on his New Year's Day 2022 flight.

Five of the people at the annual New Year's Day Fun Fly. Far left is Fritz Corbin. In the center is John Woods and Bud Austin, right is Julie and David Rice. Present but not pictured is Don Johnson and new member, Richard Mankins.



Bud Austin getting his Sig Senior Cadet ready to take flight and David Rice taking his twin Otter electric to the runway.



Photo by J. Woods

Ah, New Year's Day. The annual gathering of the Tri-Lakes RC flyers to show how tough they are by flying in any weather. Usually they arrive early new year's day, get their flight in and go home to get warm and watch the football games. Don Johnson showed up a little after 9 AM. It was a little rainy and breezy, Not perfect but probably flyable. Not wanting to fly alone, Don went home.

President, John, likes them big! Here he is demonstrating just how big his Edge 540 actually is. It looks great after his maintenance crew of Bud and Tim helped put it back together after a piloting oops.

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.

9. No aircraft may be taxied in the pit area. All aircraft must be carried onto the flying field.
10. When flying, pilots should stand on or near one of the designated flying spots located adjacent to the safety fence.
11. Flying over the pit or spectator area is prohibited unless beyond the control of the pilot. Aerobatic maneuvers that are directly towards the pit or spectator area are prohibited.
12. When several aircraft are flying, a spotter should be used to warn the pilot of possible collision with other aircraft, other aircraft landing or other field mishaps that may endanger the pilot.

See you at the field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

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**THE NEXT CLUB
MEETING WILL
BE APRIL 12,
2022, 10:00AM,
AT THE CLUB
FLYING FIELD.**