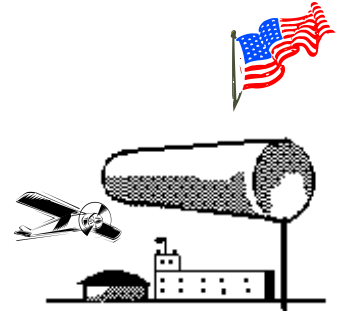


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We are going to the hospital

Merry Christmas



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Wind, Rain, lots of leaves and very cold..... must be Winter.

Our upcoming Christmas Dinner is all set, Dec.13th at 5:30 PM. We will have our monthly meeting prior to dinner so be on time so the food doesn't get cold! Looks like lots of food so bring your own plate and size doesn't matter. We'll have a "Silent Auction" of a few items and also raffle off a few things too. So far we have 22 members coming plus possibly a few who are undecided. I really enjoy seeing everyone and getting caught up on what's going on in your lives.

The nominating committee has nominated a slate of officers for 2017. The floor will be open for additional nominations at that time. All the officers would enjoy a break so if anyone is interested in serving as an officer, let us know. Any office that you would like to serve in, the person would be trained for that office and guided by the exiting officer so you really don't need to have any experience. All are welcome.

We've had a good year except for the crashes - lots of them. We did get the new Pilot stations build and they're really nice. Have had a few new members also who are enjoying the flying. Great Fun Flies with several new events. Next year give some thought to inventing a new event for us to participate in - we love variety.

Just a reminder that the Club voted not to hold meetings for the months of January, February or March. Many people are gone over the winter plus it's really, really cold. We'll keep in touch via e-mail and during those warmer days at the flying field.

Upcoming is a really great RC Swap-meet that many in our Club have attended in the past. It is put on by the Kansas City RC Association. I went a few years ago and they had 114 tables of 99% RC Airplanes. It is pretty far away in Lees Summit – about a 3.5 hour drive. You have to get there

early for the good stuff. We left at 5AM and got there just before they opened. You can get more information from their web site at kcradiocontrol.com. One day only, Saturday Feb. 4, 2017 9AM - 3PM. Admission \$5. Grab a buddy, take an empty truck and a bunch of cash and you're sure to have a blast.

See you at the Dinner - Happy Landings,
John

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

It is the end of the year and a lot of things are happening—Christmas Party, New Year's Day Fun Fly and 2017 Club dues are due on January 1st. Club dues are set at the December Club meeting but it is probably safe to assume they will remain the same as the past few years, that is \$80 for Regular members and \$15 for Associate members. Treasurer, Fritz Corbin, will be glad to accept your 2017 dues at the Christmas party or at any other time. If you joined the Club during 2016 check with Fritz as you may get credit for months you were not a member in 2016. You have until March to pay your Club dues before you are deleted from the Club Roster but you must be a paid up member to fly at the Club field on or after January 1st.

At the Christmas Party the Top Gun 2016 winners will be announced and given 1st, 2nd and 3rd place certificates. The Top Gun 2017 competition will begin in April of next year, Hopefully we will have more contestants and some new events.

Again this year we will be collecting new stuffed toys to donate to the Branson Hospital to be handed out to the kids, and probably others, that are confined to the hospital during the holidays. The hospital staff is always happy to receive these donations. It is impressive when someone donates a great big stuffed toy but for the cost two or three smaller toy would bring more joy to more kids.

Time to land for this month. Remember the Christmas Party on 12/13 and The New Year's Day Fun Fly on 1/1/17.....ed.

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB NOVEMBER 8, 2016

President John Woods opened the meeting at 5:27 PM, at the South Port Condo Clubhouse. There were 6 members present including all officers except V-P Gene Fuson. There were no new members. Doris Rohde was a guest. Treasurer Fritz Corbin reported that there was \$1,084.39 in the Treasury as of November 1, 2016. The Treasurer's Report was approved. The Minutes of the October meeting were approved as written in the November Newsletter. The 50/50 raffle was won by John Woods and he received \$2.50 of the \$5 dollar pot.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President John Woods mentioned that Marvin Renyer of Topeka joined our Club as an Associate Member

OLD BUSINESS:

Fritz Corbin said the armadillo damage to the field seemed to be low at this time.

John asked Bud and Fritz if they needed help on keeping the field in such great shape. They both indicated that they didn't need any extra help.

NEW BUSINESS:

John Woods received the Crash Trophy for destroying his big MX2 due to a loose screw. He will probably keep it till next spring due to wintering in Florida.

The Nominating Committee for 2017 Club Officers was made up of the current Club Officers. Their candidate slate is John Woods-President, Gene Fuson-Vice-president, Don Johnson-Secretary and Fritz Corbin-Treasurer. Other nomination can be made up until the vote is taken at the December Meeting.

The Club Christmas party will be December 13th, right after a short Club meeting at 5:30PM. It will be held at the South Port Condo Clubhouse. Cost will be \$10 per person and the Club will furnish turkey, mashed potatoes and soft drinks. Any proceeds will go to the Club. John will send out details and request pot luck side dishes. There will be the usual raffle and donations of raffle prizes would be appreciated. We will also be collecting new stuffed toys that will be donated to the children's ward at the Branson hospital.

John said that Fly-N-Eat will be discontinued until next April. This is where we meet and fly at the field about 3:30 and adjourn to the Reeds Spring Pizza Co. about 5:30 for dinner.

Don't forget 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.

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.

PROGRAM:

Don Johnson passed out certificates for the winners of the October Fun Fly. There were only three participants so everyone received certificates!

John showed how he had repaired and strengthened the landing gear of his electric fun fly plane. Thread, carbon fiber, super glue and baking soda!

Bud Austin demonstrated his DROMIDA quad copter drone.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 PM.

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2016

		NOV	YTD
BALANCE	11/1/2016	\$1,084.39	\$ 1,794.54
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ -	\$ 685.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ 55.00
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ 75.50
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ 2.50	\$ 30.50
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ 196.80
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 28.29	\$ 1,301.61
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ 44.89
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ 130.99
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ 301.25
BALANCE	12/1/2016	\$1,058.60	\$ 1,058.60

NEW YEAR'S DAY FUN FLY



Each year the brave Club members gather at the flying field to make the first flights of the year. The badder the weather the bigger the bragging rights! We gather about 10 AM or later and usually have a fire in the fire pit, some hot coffee and maybe some donuts. We get our flights in and head home for the football games. Certificates will be awarded those brave participants! Certificates will also be given to those meeker members that fly on New Year's Day at some other location like Texas, or Florida or other warm place, just let the Editor know that you got you flight in. Even though it is great fun to fly in miserable weather, it is also important to keep safety as the main consideration and use good judgement on whether to travel to the field or not in bad weather.



Photo by G. Fuson



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Top to bottom ** Howard Shire's SuperSport had a rough landing and is now used as kindling in the fire pit. ** A glimpse of Howard as he watches Bud Austin fly his quad copter at the November Club meeting. ** Charlie Schenk and John Woods getting ready for another buddy box flight. ** John Woods getting his very light, electric CAP 232 setup for a leisurely but aerobic flight. ** Don Johnson's PVT. B. Cool 3-D electric had a little trouble with the motor falling off the front of his plane while in the air. No problem, a little glue and it is ready to go again. ** Last but not least is Gene Fuson's Taylorcraft with a 70 inch wing, weight of 7.5 pounds, .60 size electric motor, 6 cell 5,000 mAH battery and a 16 XD 10 prop. Looks great and flies well. A nice big electric!

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

A couple of weeks ago I brought my new T-Clips to the field for its maiden flight. I asked John Woods to check it all over and check the balance for me. I also did a range check to test the radio system. While checking the controls John happened to notice that the rudder was moving in the opposite direction. I sure missed that one! That is why you always have another person check your airplane prior to the first flight, or after repairs from a crash.

Stay warm!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Have a great Christmas.

See you all at the party.

Gene Fuson

Safety Officer

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING
WILL BE DECEMBER 13,
5:30PM, AT THE SOUTHPORT
CONDOMINIUM CLUBHOUSE**