

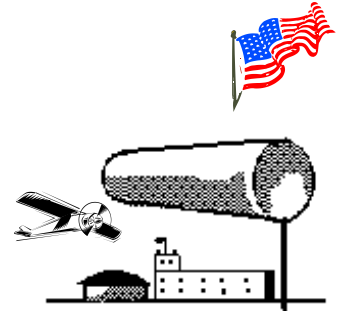
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MERRY CHRISTMAS



Above are the 19 Tri-Lakes Flying Club members and guests waiting for their annual Christmas dinner. Missing is your editor doing photo duty and Fritz who is to the left out of the photo counting money. President John is at the head of the table conducting a short meeting after which everyone headed for the food which was plentiful and delicious.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving with lots to eat and surrounded by friends and family. Turkey, Pie and Friends - what a great day!

We've had mixed weather conditions this month so not too many days of flying. A lot of wind and cold too. I've been burning a lot of wood. Winter is here so get ready.

At the upcoming December meeting the nominating committee for 2019 will nominate a slate of officers to be voted on. The floor will be open for any other nominees then a vote will be taken and the new officers will be voted into office. You still have time to grab one of the office positions so jump in and be counted.

We are all set for our Christmas dinner, Tuesday Dec. 4th. If you haven't received a bunch of information let me know and I'll send it to you. If you like to bring something for the Pot Luck, bring whatever you like. We're expecting around 24 for dinner. Don't forget to bring your own plates and silverware - this really helps with clean up. We will have paper and plastic ware for those who forgot to bring theirs.

I know all of our members thank all the officers for serving this year. Also, we thank and appreciate Bud, Fritz and Greg Armstrong (a new Club member) for their hard work in keeping our flying field and equipment in shape. It always looks great. In addition, we thank those members who are not able to get out and fly much but still remain members of our Club. This is such a great financial help in maintaining Tri-Lakes R/C.

Janet and I wish all our Club members and R/C friends a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Happy Landings in 2019 John

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Here we are at the end of another year. With our annual Christmas party and December meeting so early in the month it wasn't possible to get the December Newsletter to everyone before the meeting. In the January issue we'll bring everyone up to date on 2018 membership and money numbers.

The dues will remain the same for 2019, which is \$80. Remember that to fly at our field you need to be current in your Club dues AND be a current member of the AMA. You can renew your dues at any time but you must be current before you can fly during 2019. If paying by mail, send your dues to Fritz Corbin, 106 Neals Trail, Reeds Spring, MO, 65737-9786.

Don't forget our first Fun Fly of the year on January 1st at around 10 or 11. Pilots that brave the weather with a flight on January 1st get a certificate and bragging rights for the coming year. OK even snow birds can earn a certificate but it may be altered to reflect the severity of the weather.

Winter is usually not the end of our flying season. We will probably have several days that are actually good flying days. So if it looks nice, like sunshine and little wind, come on out and fly.

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

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2018

		NOV	Y T D
BALANCE	11/1/2018	\$1,492.98	\$ 1,928.49
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ -	\$ 520.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ 10.00
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ 96.00
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ 3.00	\$ 21.50
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ 0.05	\$ 160.05
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 31.00	\$ 913.44
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ 64.45
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ 120.00
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ 150.34
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ 22.78
BALANCE	12/1/2018	\$1,465.03	\$ 1,465.03

MEETING MINUTES

The October Club meeting was cancelled due to bad weather.

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB

NOVEMBER 13, 2018

President John Woods opened the meeting at 5:31 PM, at the South Port Condo. Clubhouse. There were 6 members present including all officers. There were no guests. Treasurer Fritz Corbin reported that there was \$1,492.98 in the Treasury as of November 1, 2018. The Treasurer's Report was approved. The Minutes of the September meeting were approved as written in the November Newsletter. There was no meeting in October due to bad weather. The 50/50 raffle was won by Bud Austin and he received \$3 of the \$6 pot.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Fritz reported the Club's bank account has been transferred to U S Bank and he, John and Don have access to the account.

John Woods reported that Greg Armstrong has moved to Nixa but will remain as a member of our Club.

John also reported the Dave Medley was back in the Cox Branson hospital.

He also reported that the Club's Nominating Committee had been formed consisting of the current Club Officers. The committee named the current officers as nominees for the 2019 Club officers. Nominations to Club Officers will be closed at the December meeting and the election will be held at that time.

John also announced that we will all have to take mandatory aeronautical test to continue flying our non-manned aircraft. Looks like AMA will administer the test.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: The Club Christmas party will be held December 4th at the South Port Condominium Clubhouse. The cost will be \$10 per person and will start at 5:30 PM. Janet Woods will cook the meat and John will send out email notices coordinating the pot-luck menu.

After a short discussion it was decided that the club would not donate stuffed toys to the hospital this year. It seems the hospital showed no desire to accept them last year.

Don Johnson will receive the Crash Trophy for crashing his pussycat into the trees. The plane went through the trees and was recovered but the airframe was destroyed.

It was reported that John Woods lost control of his newly acquired Beaver and its crashed. It luckily sustained minor damage. The cause seems to be a weak battery. Will he be awarded the Crash Trophy for the following month?

Gene Fuson passed out Fun Fly Certificates for winners of the October Fun Fly.

PROGRAM: Don Johnson showed the wing under construction that will replace the late Pussycat. It will be fan fold construction and use most of the electronic of the Pussycat.

The meeting was adjourned at 630 PM.

TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB

DECEMBER 4, 2018

President John Woods opened the meeting at 5:30 PM, at the South Port Condo. Clubhouse. There were 10 members present including all officers. There were 9 guests. Treasurer Fritz Corbin reported that there was \$1,465.03 in the Treasury as of December 1, 2018. The Treasurer's Report was approved. The Minutes of the September meeting were approved as written in the November Newsletter. There was no raffle held at the December meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: none

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: President John Woods opened the nominations for anyone that wished to nominate another Club member other than those nominated by the nominating committee. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed and the Committee's slate of John Woods—President, Gene Fuson—Vice-president, Don Johnson—Secretary and Fritz Corbin—Treasurer were elected by acclamation.

The Club did vote to keep the dues the same for 2019.

John gave a special thanks to all the Officers for all their efforts this past year and to Bud, Fritz and Greg for keeping our field in such great shape.

There was no awarding of the crash trophy this month.

John announced the winners of the Top Gun 2018 Fun Flies. First Place John Woods with 1015 points. Second Place Bud Austin with 785 points and Third Place was Fritz Corbin with 640 Points.

PROGRAM: The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM and everyone lined up for a great looking Christmas dinner of turkey, ham, side dishes and deserts.

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. May want to bring 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.

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING
WILL BE APRIL 9TH, 5:30PM,
AT THE SOUTH PORT CON-
DO CLUBHOUSE.**

SAFETY FIRST

As we approach winter in the Ozarks, we have the possibility of some measurable snowfall or ice. That means we will more than likely be doing a little driving on the white stuff, or..... you can stay home and let it melt in a couple of days.

A lot of us are from the North of here and have plenty of practice driving in slick road conditions. The problem is.....a lot of us are out of practice. So, make sure you give yourself plenty of room from the driver in front of you.

Try to avoid hitting your brakes in an emergency situation. Even with anti-lock brakes it is a different scenario on snow or ice. Try to steer your way out of trouble. Don't panic, easy to say, hard to do. Never use cruise control in rain, snow or ice,..... never. Get a run at hills so you don't try to accelerate, you will probably lose a little speed, but that is O.K. Look far ahead at the traffic, if you come upon a sea of red taillights, start preparing to avoid whatever is happening up ahead. If it is really slick and you are approaching an uphill stop sign, slow down, but don't come to a complete stop, you probably won't get started again if you stop. Four wheel drive is handy for starting up, but is of negligible value stopping.

Learn to down shift your automatic, but try to match the RPM when you do. Don't just yank the lever to a new gear, especially on a front wheel drive vehicle. Front wheel drive vehicles are different on snow and ice, they have a tendency to swap ends if you brake hard, or even down shift suddenly.

Drive with your lights on in rain, snow or foggy conditions.

Have a great Christmas holiday.
You guys are the best!

See you at the field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

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