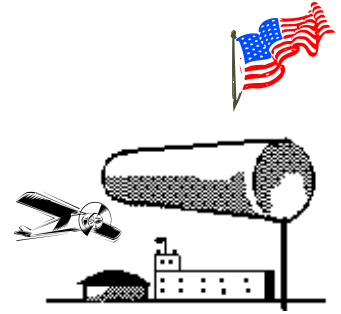


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STUFF HAPPENS !



Arrived at the field Saturday, there was another car there but no one seemed to be about. Looked across the runway and there was a large white object in the trees. Walking out on the runway I found Fritz Corbin at the base of the trees with a long collapsible pole trying to get his brand new Polaris XL down. First flight. Not even any markings on it yet. He did get it down as seen in the insert, and as luck had it, Model Aero had a 12 hour sale going so a replacement is now in the mail to Fritz. Fritz thinks it could have been an antenna problem but it would be a good idea to really check all batteries and connections. Anyway building is sometimes as much fun as flying!

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Again, no Club meeting this month (March) but there will be a Club meeting next month, April 14th, at the flying field.

Not too much happening with all the wind lately but we do have our flying field for another year, the rent check was cashed. Also have received our Club Charter and Certificate of Insurance for the coming year. The land owner has also been sent the Certificate of Insurance by the AMA.

Some of the members have been able to get a few flights in this winter. Cold, rain or snow hasn't been much of a problem but the wind has blown us off the field at times. There is sure to be some good flying weather ahead, maybe all the snowbirds will bring warm, light breezes with them when they return to the area.

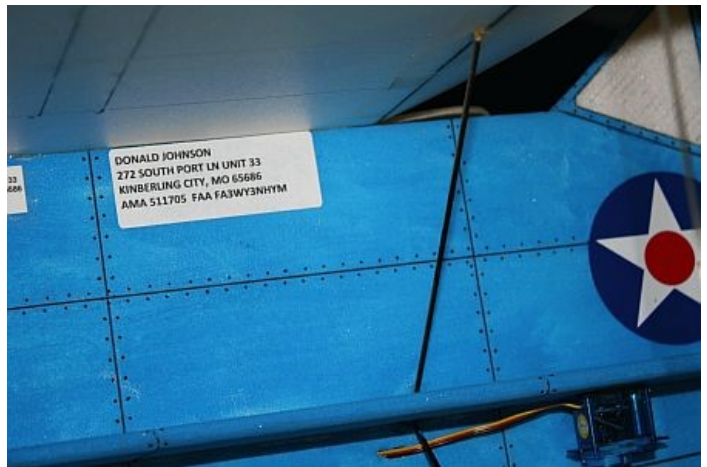
Drone registration is definitely a pain but seems to be the law of the land. Have heard there are web sites that will help you register—for a price! Beware of scams. The next page has the official web site and it is not too hard to get registered and receive your 10 digit number for \$5.

We now have 16 members current in their dues. Good start for the year!

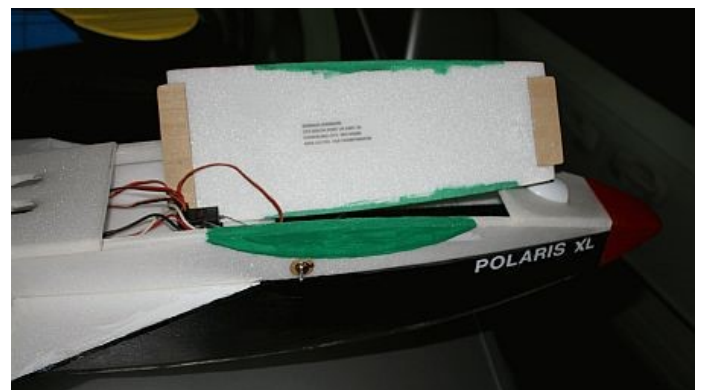
Time to land for this month.....ed.



Above are a couple of Avery label pages, one white and one clear, set up with all the information needed on your drones. They are 30 address labels each so they should last a long time. Just stick one on when you get a new plane. Legally you could also use a magic marker. I sprayed the labels with Krylon Crystal Clear to waterproof the ink.



A couple of examples of where you can put the labels. Top is on the side of the plane and bottom is on the under side of the battery hatch.



| TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2016 | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------|------------|-------------|
| | | FEB | YTD |
| BALANCE | 1/1/2016 | \$1,866.54 | \$ 1,794.54 |
| INCOME-DUES | ----- | \$ 240.00 | \$ 320.00 |
| INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS | | \$ - | \$ 5.00 |
| INCOME-FOOD | ----- | \$ - | \$ - |
| INCOME-50/50 | ----- | \$ - | \$ - |
| INCOME-MISC | ----- | \$ - | \$ 15.00 |
| EXPENSE-FIELD | ----- | \$ 428.10 | \$ 456.10 |
| EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER | | \$ - | \$ - |
| EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS | | \$ - | \$ - |
| EXPENSE-FOOD | ----- | \$ - | \$ - |
| EXPENSE-AMA | ----- | \$ - | \$ - |
| EXPENSE-Web | ----- | \$ - | \$ - |
| EXPENSE-meeting room | | \$ - | \$ - |
| EXPENSE-MISC | ----- | \$ - | \$ - |
| BALANCE | 2/1/2016 | \$1,678.44 | \$ 1,678.44 |

MEETING MINUTES

The TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB did not have a meeting in February 2016.

2016 DUES

Club 2016 dues were due as of January 1, 2016. If you fly at Rocky Top Field on or after January 1, 2016 you will need a current (2016) AMA card.

If you are going to renew your Club membership at the April meeting, bring your 2016 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 2015 talk to the Treasurer before paying as you may get a discount on your 2016 dues.

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

YOUR 2016 DUES ARE DUE!!

Below are the names of the 16 members that are current in their 2016 Club dues.

Lloyd Apprill, Bud Austin, Sid Beckham, Fritz Corbin, Jim Haney, Don Johnson, Gary Merseal, Dave Medley, Darrell Miers, Randy Needham, Craig Pullman, Phil Rogers, Erv Rohde, TJ Viola, John Woods and James Woodruff.

If you feel your 2016 Club dues are current but you are not on the above list contact Fritz Corbin for needed corrections.

(Reprinted from last month's Newsletter)

The AMA has not won over the FAA to let us use our AMA number as a registration number (yet) for our drones, i.e. any remote controlled aircraft weighing more than two sticks of butter. That's the FAA's words, not mine. Actually it is over 0.55 pounds. So get your credit card handy, it will cost you \$5, and go to the web site below and register. It is kind of a pain, but not too bad.

<https://registermyuas.faa.gov/verify?sptoken=1B6ywuNtQ2Ke244QntxQrG>

You will be given an FAA number 10 digits long which you must put in a fairly accessible spot. Not doing this, if you fly, is breaking federal law. A good way to do this is to make stick-on labels with the FAA and AMA numbers, your name and address and stick it to each model—then go fly.

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SAFETY FIRST**SAFETY RULES & REGULATIONS**

Hopefully we will have some warmer weather soon, and maybe a little bit less wind.

I assume that all of you have registered your airplanes with the FAA.

ALL aircraft over .5 lbs. are required to have an FAA number attached in an easily accessible area on the aircraft.

This number is in addition to the AMA number and name label you are required to display on the aircraft.

See you at the field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING
WILL BE APRIL 14TH,
5:30PM, AT THE CLUB FLY-
ING FIELD.**