



The Flight Recorder

Tri County R/C Club



December 2016

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Editors notes

Pictured at right are a number of Tricounty R/C members that worked at the Santa Fly-in and the firemen with their sleigh full of gifts. The fly-in was a big success despite a rather slow start, the weather was perfect, and a very nice crowd showed up. We had pilots from several visiting clubs, Top O the World in Ocala, the Bay City flyers from the Land O Lakes area and several Gators from the Gainesville area were spotted, thanks for joining us guys and girls. We were able to end up with \$1600.00 in toys and cash to buy toys, a very good day. The Cafe crew did their usual fantastic job, our head chef Joe Dias and his wife Cinda whipped up another tasty special



for the menu, this time it was a barbecue chicken plate with potato salad, it was a big hit. We had the usual 50/50 drawings and a raffle for gift cards donated by Rob's Hobbies Ocala. Our hats off to Bruce Richardson our CD and his crew for a very well done event!

The next part of the operation is the gift wrapping and the party which are Wednesday the 14th and Thursday the 15th of this month, help is always appreciated for these nights, both are at the bingo hall in Dunnellon, just east of the tracks on 484 and starting at 5:30 or 6:00 P.M.

You will note on page three a couple of new names on the list, Wayne Briant has agreed to be our new field marshal as Ken Serikstad is retiring and Ray Forbes has taken on the Safety officers job with Andy Holtzman retiring, thank you Ken and Andy for your years in those positions, and of course good luck Wayne and Ray on your new responsibility's.

Don't forget your dues, the form is the last page of the newsletter, hard to believe the year only has about three weeks to go.

With that My wife Judie, our web master, and I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe, healthy and prosperous Happy New Year!

See ya at the field! Dave Small

**Next Meeting Saturday December 10th 9:00
AM at the field**

Minutes for the Tri-County R/C Club – November 5, 2016

The monthly Tri-County R/C Club meeting was convened at 9:03 AM , on Saturday, Nov.5 2016, with Norman Albert, our President, presiding. There were 33 members and guests present. A motion was made by Wayne Briant, and seconded by Steve Tibbetts, to accept the previous month's minutes as was written. Minutes were voted on and unanimously accepted by membership.

- John Kettgen is changing the minutes format to streamline and conserve space.
- John made mention that Terry Austin was dropping out due to health reasons.
- Tom Gorth reported the treasurers report, see him for details.
- Norman mentioned that the money given to the American Legion Post #648, will be used solely for our veterans.
- Ken Serikstad reported that the field looks good, we could use some rain
- Tom Gorth introduced a new mower, very high end machine, that he had for display and use for the weekend--19 MPH and cost under 10K, made in Minn.--food for thought
- Santa Fly-in coming up explained Bruce Richardson--he needs help
- Andy Holzman reported that things were very quiet with respect to Safety
- Andy would not put in to be the Safety Chairman for 2017---big hole, we need someone, very soon, (This is an AMA requirement).
- New member was introduced, Chris Ragsdale, from Indiana. I fly in "no wind" conditions she explained
- Ralph and Norm said nothing was new in the area of Pilot Training
- Norman presented cup awards to Dave Small (who was not in attendance), Ken Serikstad, John Kettgen, and Tom Gorth all for service to our club. The cups were hand engraved by Norm
- Joe Dias mentioned that we will have Barbecue Chicken and Potato Salad for the Santa Fly-in with Burgers and dogs, as usual.
- Vote for B.O.D. for 2017. A vote was taken and the following positions were filled for the year 2017: President; Dave Rallens, Vice President; Norman Albert, Secretary; John Kettgen, Treasurer; Tom Gorth, and Member at Large, will continue to be; Walt Graves (with his permission).
- Doc Rogers mentioned that a fellow named Jerry, is getting out of the hobby and has equipment--who is Jerry, no last name was known ??? If you know who this is, please let us know.
- Please pick up your shirt after the meeting otherwise make arrangements with Wayne Briant. His number is (352) 812-3780
- Tom Gorth mentioned that the supplier will add a logo to any shirt you supply.
- Wayne said January 2017 will be another time to order.
- Tom mentioned that Perry Tables are due now! Please see Dave Small.
- Turn in Christmas Dinner reservation sheets to Tom Gorth with Money by December 3rd.
- Important Please note: Next meeting is the week after the Santa Fly-In , Saturday December 10th.
- 50/50 won by Keith Young, Door Prize won by Dave Farrar
- Meeting adjourned at 9:38 AM

John Kettgen, Secy for Tri-County R/C 11/14/16

Interesting sidebar from the Santa fly-in. The Gators brought a friend to the fly-in a fellow from Great Briton that was visiting the area. He misplaced a pair of prescription lens sunglasses at the field, they apparently noticed they were missing well down the road to Gainesville and got word back to several people including our CD Bruce Richardson who had just left the field and remembered seeing the glasses earlier in the day so he turned around and went back and sure enough he found them, now here is where it gets really weird, he got in touch with Lyman and Tim the Brit to arrange to return them. Tim was leaving Monday the 5th for Great Briton, and Bruce works in Gainesville so they set up a meet in Gainesville on Bruce's route to work! Don't you love it when a plan comes together.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA 2016 R/C & SPECIAL EVENTS

Dec 17 7th Cool Deals Swap Meet H.A.M. Brooksville

Corrections/Additions to

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Area Hobby Shops

Lee's Hobbies Pine
Spring Plaza 750 W.
Hampshire
Citrus Springs 34434
(352) 527-1500

ROB'S HOBBY WORLD
8585 S.W. S.R. 200 Ste.
N Steeplechase Plaza
Ocala, FL 34474 352-
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NOELL'S HOBBIES
113 N. Main Street
Wildwood, FL 34785
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**Check the web site for upcoming events,
pictures of events that have happened,
and all the newsletters for the last year**

Dues Are Due

When you pay your AMA dues, they must be paid to renew your membership, bring or send your AMA number, or a copy of your card, with this form to renew your club dues.

They must be renewed by December 31st 2016 or your flying privileges and your club membership will be terminated January 1st 2017, you will have to pay your initiation fees again!!

Dues can be mailed to the following address, they are \$75.

To receive your membership card by mail enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with membership renewal application that has been completely filled out in a legible manner.

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