

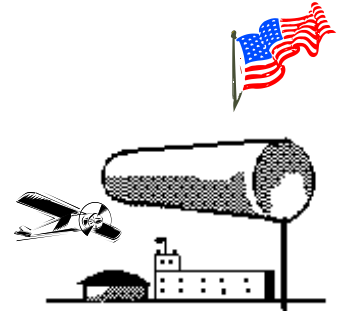
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MAKING THE BEST OF A BAD DAY



On March 27th our Club was invited by the Ozark Mountain Resort to put on a static aircraft display for the resort's guests. As part of their 30th anniversary they thought the display might be interesting to the guests and R/C might provide another activity in the area for them while they were staying at the resort. Unfortunately Mother Nature didn't cooperate and the crowd didn't brave the cold. But as they say "the show must go on"! As you can see above the crowd consisted of the guy in the red shirt watching Gene Fuson fly his electric helicopter and the guy's son, to the right, on the flight simulator with Homer Zobel helping. This may still be a good idea later on when the weather warms up.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well the cold is pretty much gone but the wind and rain don't seem to want to let us fly. Hopefully one of these days Mother Nature will get her act together and we will be able to enjoy our sport again.

This is the month of our first fun fly and I'm sure Don Johnson will have some pretty good events to fly. If you have any ideas on what kind of maneuvers will get more of the less experienced pilots to join in let Don know. The idea behind the fun fly is to get you to stretch your abilities, not necessarily to win a contest or get points. Finishing an event without crashing your plane can be just as gratifying. You may have observed that not all of the better fliers finish all of the events. They are called FUN FLYS so let's make them just that.

Bud Austin has agreed to be Field Martial again and Fritz Corbin said he would assist him. Thanks to both of you for filling this important position.

We had a good Club turnout for the static display at the Ozark Mountain Resort. It was to bad that the weather didn't co-operate. The crowd was sparse but I think they both enjoyed seeing the planes and playing with the simulator.

The weather has to break soon, doesn't it? Hope to see you at the field.

Howard

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Ah spring and the flying season begins! Got an email from John Woods saying he is back, so anyone wanting some flying instructions can give him a call. Thought John went to Florida for vacation but it appears he went as a migrant worker to earn a few bucks to support his R/C hobby. The caption for the picture below was suggested by Gene Fuson.

Don't forget to attend the Fun Fly on the 16th. Participants and spectator are both welcome.

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



John Woods picking the fruit of the Sukhoi Palm while in Florida for the winter.

Photo by Janet Woods

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2011

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BALANCE	3/1/2011	\$ 1,694.14	\$ 1,345.14
INCOME-DUES	-----	\$ 160.00	\$ 1,060.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS			\$ -
INCOME-FOOD	-----		\$ -
INCOME-50/50	-----	\$ 3.50	\$ 7.50
INCOME-MISC	-----		\$ -
EXPENSE-FIELD	-----	\$ 25.00	\$ 475.00
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER			\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS			\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD	-----		\$ -
EXPENSE-AMA	-----		\$ 105.00
EXPENSE-Web	-----		\$ -
EXPENSE-meeting room			\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC	-----	\$ 28.84	\$ 28.84
BALANCE	4/1//2011	\$ 1,803.80	\$ 1,803.80

NEW MEMBERS

The Club added a couple of new members during the last month. Randy Needham has renewed his membership for 2011. Also Roy Pepper, who was a Club member several years ago, has rejoined the Club.

We are very happy to see you both back in the Club and hope to see you at the flying field soon,

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB

MARCH 8, 2011

President Howard Shire opened the meeting at 6:00 PM, at the Coachlight Clubhouse. All Officers Except VP Gene Fuson were present. There were 7 members present including the officers. There were no guests at the meeting. Homer Zobel won the 50/50 split the pot. He received \$3.50 of the \$7 pot.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer Roy Steinestel reported that there was \$1,694.14 in the treasury.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved as printed in the March Newsletter.

Old Business:

Fritz Corbin brought up the need to replace the safety fence again and will check on costs of different materials for the posts. He will report back at the April meeting.

It was questioned whether the local Civil Air Patrol had contacted either Howard Shire or Don Johnson about having a flight demo and display at the Branson West airport. The answer was no contact had been made.

New Business:

There was a discussion on the FAA's intention to regulate radio controlled unmanned aircraft. It was generally felt that the AMA was doing everything it could to lobby the FAA on our behalf. (Club members should read the article in the March 2011 issue of Model Aviation)

Fritz Corbin reported that the battery in the new mower had to be replaced at a cost of \$27.

Erv Rohde reported that the Club needed to

file a tax report with the IRS due to the Club's Incorporation. Erv said the IRS would not talk to him without having a Club Officer with him. Howard Shire and Roy Steinestel were to go to the IRS in Springfield the next morning to try to get the tax issue resolved.

Homer Zobel said the Ozark Mountain resort was having a 30th anniversary and were interested in our Club putting on a static display of our planes and possibly hooking up a flight simulator to their big screen TV. A tentative date of March 27th, from about 1 to 4 PM, was selected. Some Club members will check out the feasibility. If it is a go, they will contact other members to help.

It was brought up that the next Fun Fly would be April 16th. Don Johnson agreed to continue as the Fun Fly Director for 2011 and Dave Medley volunteered to procure the food for the Fun Fly lunches.

Program:

None

2011 CLUB MEMBERS

Below are the names of the 20 members that are current in their 2011 Club dues.

Pat Adams, Rick Almond, Bud Austin, Sid Beckham, Fritz Corbin, Gene Fuson, Jim Halbert, Don Johnson, Reeder Jones, Tom Mckenzie, Dave Medley, Randy Needham, Roy Pepper, Dick Peterson, Erv Rohde, Howard Shire, Roy Steinestel, James Woodruff, John Woods and Homer Zobel.

If you feel your 2011 Club dues are current but you are not on the above list contact Roy Steinestel for needed corrections.

OCTOBER 16th FUN FLY

FIRST EVENT WILL START AT 11:00 AM

BBQ AFTER THE Fun Fly

There will be three events.

Event 1. FLY AND DRIVE Start from plate, take off and land (minimum 20 foot flight). Then taxi to south end of pylons. Slalom north through the pylons, turn around and slalom south through the pylons, then have (taxi or carry) plane stop touching plate. 10 second penalty for knocking over each pylon and DQ for missing a slalom gate. Shortest time wins.

Event 2. PRECISION LANDING Take off and fly around the field and set up for landing pattern. Abort the landing over the end of the runway. Make one more flight around the pattern and set up for a landing. Touch down as close to the centerline on the runway and as close to the cross mark on the centerline as possible. Failure to complete both approaches equals disqualification.

Scoring 10 points for touching down on the spot.
-1 point for each foot off centerline measured from the fuselage.
-1 point for each foot off cross mark measured from the main landing gear.

Novice class scoring.

-1 point for each foot over 2 feet off centerline.
-1 point for each foot over 2 feet off cross mark.

Class standing is at the discretion of the judges.

Event 3. TWO MINUTE TRIP Take off from plate and do a loop and a roll and land. Take off and do a loop, a roll, a loop and a roll. Land and stop plane on plate in exactly two minutes without any timing help. One point penalty for each second over or under two minutes. OPTION: After landing the second time the pilot can stop his plane and say "STOP CLOCK" thereby ending the event and take an additional one point penalty for each foot the plane stopped away from the plate. Lowest penalty count wins.

Pilots can use any fixed wing aircraft they want in any event.

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SAFETY FIRST

Well, it is finally warming up, but as I write this it has been very windy every day for a week. That is really getting old too.

This is an old topic for some of our members, but it needs repeating to those of you who haven't been to a meeting in a while.

Those of you who haven't, or just don't, will need to put an identification label on every airplane that you are flying. This label will have your name and address, or your AMA number. I include my phone number as well. This label can be either internal, or external. Both would be better, but only one label is required by our Safety Rules. This will also help identify any lost aircraft that may be recovered by someone not in our club. This is an AMA safety rule as well as a Club safety rule.

Aircraft flown indoors are exempt from this rule.

See you at the field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING WILL BE
APRIL 12TH, 6:00PM, AT THE COACH-
LIGHT TRAILER PARK CLUB HOUSE**