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OK! HOW'S THIS WORK?



In the old days when someone needed help learning to fly or in checking out a new plane, we just passed the transmitter back and forth. Pretty simple and worked good most of the time. But did lose a plane now and then. Then they made transmitters that could be joined with a trainer cord. Better, no more dropped transmitters at the wrong time. Then they went high tec. Wireless, no more tripping over the cord. Above we see Fernando with his new Four Star 120, John Woods with the slave transmitter and Gary Merseal as technical assistant trying to figure out how to get the prime transmitter and slave transmitter moving all the controls in the same direction. Rumor has it that they got it all figured out about an hour later and had a successful flight. But can they reverse the process and re-setup for Fernando's trainer plane? See page three.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Many of our Club Members have been enjoying the wonderful flying weather at the field over the last several weeks. We've been respecting the guidelines recommended for the Corona virus presently infecting people throughout the entire world. Keeping a safe distance of 6' or more and if anyone wants to wear a mask, of course they are welcome to. It's going to be a long time until our country is back to any state of normalcy so come on out to the field and enjoy life.

Fernando is doing well in his pursuit of his solo certificate. I expect he will finish his training in the next two weeks. He has been collecting additional airplanes in order to be ready for anything after he graduates from R/C Flight school. His present trainer is a Hobbistar 60 and has performed very well. He bought a gorgeous SIG 4 Star 120 with a 120 4 stroke ready to go. Frank from Branson Hobby built it and did a great job. He's not able to fly it until he feels more comfortable with larger planes so of course, I have to fly it — very labor intensive. In addition, Fernando just acquired a Timber 1.5 Meter, electric powered foamy that he will be bringing to the field soon.

Jim Haney visited the field last week. He bought an E-flite Turbo Timber 1.5m that I helped him set up. We both flew it and the plane did excellent. The new electric foamies are incredible. Fantastic engineering in all areas. They work very well for the beginner and lots of fun for those advanced fliers too. Jim installed the STOL kit (short take off and landing) and later will be trying out the Floats that come with the Timber.

Gene is building a ¼ scale Carbon Cub and I expect it to be 1st class. I think he is finishing it up and will bring it out for its first flight real soon anxious to see it.

Many were asking if I had heard from Erv. I had called him several times but no answer and no way to leave a message. If any one has heard from Erv, please let me know.

Our next Club meeting will be June 9th at 5:00 PM at the Flying field. Come out early and fly then stay for the meeting. See you then.

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Meeting, meeting, meeting! Haven't had a Club meeting since October last year but we will on June 9th, we hope. Weather permitting we will. However if we have severe weather on that day it will be cancelled or postponed since the South Port clubhouse is closed for the duration of the pandemic.

Have had a couple of members renew their membership since the last newsletter Fernando Valiente and Phil Rogers. Glad to see you guys out at the field and flying again.

Wondered what to do with the clutter of airplanes hanging in the garage. Think I solved the problem, just go fly them and they will go away. Below is a free flight probably designed 70 or 80 years ago built from plans 11 years ago. The design was converted to RC. It flew well but the pilot (me) had a problem on landing a couple of weeks ago which created more room in the garage.

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



TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2020					
		MAY		YTD	
BALANCE	5/1/2020	\$1	,658.68	\$	1,888.28
INCOME-DUES		\$	30.00	\$	670.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS				\$	-
INCOME-FOOD				\$	-
INCOME-50/50				\$	-
INCOME-MISC		\$	0.13	\$	50.44
EXPENSE-FIELD		\$	31.10	\$	831.01
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER				\$	-
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS				\$	-
EXPENSE-FOOD				\$	-
EXPENSE-AMA				\$	120.00
EXPENSE-Web				\$	-
EXPENSE-meeting room				\$	-
EXPENSE-MISC				\$	
BALANCE	6/1/2020	\$1	,657.71	\$	1,657.71



TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB MEETING MINUTES

There were no Club meetings for January, February, March, April and May.

Fernando, you have to reverse that switch for the trainer. No John this is the way it should be. OK try it and see if it works.

A couple of Jim Habert's planes in action. Above the Aqua Cat built by Don Johnson and nicely flown by John Woods and below his Shtick flown by Bud Austin. Both good flyers.



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SAFETY FIRST

We have had a few crashes out at our field recently. If you suffer an unplanned gravity encounter, you should take the time to find out what caused the airplane to crash.

Not doing that could be dangerous to other fliers or spectators. Sometimes it is just pilot error but often times it is not.

Do your homework, find out what really caused your crash.

See you at the field, Gene Fuson Safety Officer

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