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Being short on photos this month, camera shy, President John Woods, agreed to pose with his recently acquired Ultra Stick 60. The Ultra Stick is one of a series of Stick designs and they all fly very well and are stable in the air. John likes his new plane and flies it often.

M.I.A. Banana Republic General Anton Hernandez of the Rooster Squadron, known as chicken A.H. to his men, recently went missing in action. He was last seen flying east from the runway then turning south behind the tree line. A recovery crew was unable to find any trace of the plane or it's crew. Actually the plane is an original electric design based on a 4 Star 40 plan by Don Johnson. It will probably never be seen again.



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#### THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Our community celebrated the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in style. Lots of fireworks, parades, BBQs and families getting together here at the Lake. You can tell it's Independence Day by the steady flow of cars crossing Kimberling City bridge and 1,000 boats floating off shore in anticipation of the fireworks to come after sundown. A guy named Joey Chestnut won \$10,000 by winning the Nathan's Hot Dog eating contest - 70 Hot Dogs in 10 minutes, a new world record! Only in America. Our American flag and "The land of the free and home of the brave" brings to mind and our hearts all those who served for this freedom for the past 240 years, we give thanks to them all.

We had our Fun Fly and everyone did pretty good – no crashes...... that's a first. We had our traditional three events then Janet cooked the Hot Dogs. Desert was Janet's Killer Lemon Cake and there wasn't much left to take home. The wind was rather brisk so there were lots of airplanes all over the sky in their attempts at landings. Very exciting. We'll get the results at our next meeting.

Thanks to Bud and Fritz for grooming the field to look like a giant putting green. Also, thanks to Phil for brush hogging all the area around the flying field. This really helps when we happen to set a plane down off the run way, which occurs many times. Wonder what's causing that to happen.

The FAA Re-authorization Bill is kind of on hold. The House and Senate agreed to extend their review and approval time again. They did change their requirement that all commercial operated UAVs had to be operated by a person with a pilots license. You can read all about the FAA and UAVs at the AMA's web site.

I had to cancel our 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Fly-N-Eat get together again due to extreme temperatures. We'll try again this month, July 28<sup>th</sup>. I'll send a reminder later.

See you at the field and happy landings ..... John

### THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

The Club's second Fun Fly of the year was a success with fun being had by all that attended but there were only four pilots. The next Fun Fly is scheduled for August 13th so put it on your calendar. Probably have a raw egg bomb drop with the only rules being it must drop at least 10 feet from the flying plane and the egg must break. Our last Fun Fly of the year is scheduled for October 15th and will include the bomb drop with the hose and block so get your plane rigged for this event.

Your editor's bomb drop plane is no more. Or more accurately it is lost somewhere to the east and south of our flying field. This is the last of three planes built from drawing a PT-19 looking plan on top of a 4 Star 40 plan. The first was finished in November 2000 with a geared electric motor using 24 NiCads and the lost (last) one has a Brushless motor with 4 Li-Po's. All three looked a little different but all flew well. Their demise was due to pilot error or inability-the last one just got out past my ability to see it well enough to control it. Don't think I will build another one but I do have a 6 foot Telefoam which I should be able to rig for dropping a couple of bombs. The Telefoam is based on the Telemaster design and made with quarter inch fan fold blue foam.

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

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2016			
	JUN		YTD
BALANCE 6/1/2016	\$1,596.15	\$	1,794.54
INCOME-DUES	\$ -	\$	590.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS	\$ -	\$	5.00
INCOME-FOOD	\$ 13.00	\$	29.00
INCOME-50/50	\$ 5.00	\$	11.00
INCOME-MISC	\$ -	\$	76.80
EXPENSE-FIELD	\$ 139.69	\$	987.45
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER	\$ -	\$	-
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS	\$ -	\$	-
EXPENSE-FOOD	\$ 8.40	\$	31.58
EXPENSE-AMA	\$ -	\$	-
EXPENSE-Web	\$ 120.00	\$	120.00
EXPENSE-meeting room	\$ -	\$	-
EXPENSE-MISC	<del>\$</del> -	\$	21.25
BALANCE 7/1/2016	\$1,346.06	\$	1,346.06

# **MEETING MINUTES**

#### TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB JUNE 14, 2016

President John Woods opened the meeting at 5:30 PM, held at the Club Flying Field. There were 7 members present including the officers. Secretary, Don Johnson, was absent. There were no guests. There was one new member, Jimmy Cardenzana, present who shared a little about himself and his airplanes. Treasurer Fritz Corbin reported that there was \$1596.15 in the Treasury as of June 1, 2016. the Minutes of the May meeting were approved as written in the Newsletter. The 50/50 raffle was won by Jimmy Cardenzana and he received \$5 of a \$10 pot. Due to a mistake during the ticket preparation, Gene Fuson and Gary Merseal should receive a free ticket at the Club's next meeting. They had purchased two tickets each but only received credit for one ticket.

John thanked everyone for their concerns and delight in the good news that his wife Janet received at her last doctor's appointment. The CT scan was clear.

**COMMITTEE REPORT:** There were no Committee reports.

**OLD BUSINESS:** John, on behalf of all the members thanked Gary Merseal for his effort in building the Flight Stations. Gary will make two additional wheels and install them on one of the old Flight Stations. John had cut up the old Flight Stations to use as fire wood during the winter. He ask if anyone had an old trash can with a lid they would donate to store the firewood in. The request is under consideration by the members.

On behalf of the Club, John thanked Phil Rogers (absent) for brush hogging around the perimeter of the flying field. John stated that the Club may consider a flat fee to pay for the service. Jim Haney was present and stated that \$80 to \$90 was acceptable to him. A discussion followed and a motion was made by Bud and seconded by Gene to pay \$90 for brush hogging. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. Fritz will write a check and give it to Phil. **NEW BUSINESS:** John mention that Bob Pilecki had donated an Alpha trainer airplane and transmitter with Buddy Box to the Club. John ask if anyone would like to prepare the trainer for flight, it would be appreciated. The request is under consideration by the members.

John said this month's Fly-N-Eat event is on and will be held at the Flying Field June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Fly at the field then eat at Reeds Spring Pizza. He will email the details to all members.

FAA and Drones. Regarding the FAA and pending Drone Laws, John will send a link put out by the AMA that explains the process for a bill to go through Congress and become law. John reviewed an article that tells of many FAA fines that have been issued to pilots of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS). The fines range from \$400 to \$5,500 with one still not settled for \$1.9 million.

John said that Don Johnson, last month, had ask for feed back from the members about doing a Bomb Drop event again. The request was discussed and everyone was okay with what ever Don proposes. Redoing the Hose & Block drop was favored over a new idea but new ideas are okay too.

Saturday's Fun Fly was discussed with several questions about the "Mail Run" event. Since Don was absent we will find out about the event on Saturday. Contest starts at 11:00 AM and BBQ to follow. John will bring the food and drinks.

The Crash Trophy was awarded to Bud Austin for wrecking his CAP 21 on take off. There were several contenders.

**PROGRAM / SHARING:** Jimmy Cardenzana brought his Chip Monk that is one of many planes that his Grandfather has given him. It has a .61 engine and he will be using a 2.4 Lemon receiver in it. He also showed pictures of his flying STOP SIGN, flying LAWN MOWER and told about the FLYING WITCH he also has. Can't wait to see them.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.

Minutes submitted by John Woods June 14, 2016

# JUNE FUN FLY

Eleven AM arrived and it was a nice day with a few wind gusts but only four pilots showed up! OK it was the day before Fathers Day but as they say, the show must go on. After a short pilots meeting it was on to the first event.

Event 1. 2 MINUTE LANDINGS. Take off and do an acceptable 'loop' (judges decision), land and stop. Repeat as many times as possible in exactly two minutes. 2 points for each completed maneuver and 1 point if loop is completed but time runs out before maneuver is completed. 2 point penalty if plane does not stop after each maneuver. Most points win. Restarts OK with clock running. John Woods led off with a First place flight of 4 complete maneuvers plus a loop for 9 points and 100 Top Gun 2016 points. Bud Austin took Second with 4 complete maneuvers for 8 points and 70 Top Gun points. Coming in Third was Don Johnson with 3 complete maneuvers plus a loop worth 7 points and 50 Top Gun points and Fritz Corbin placed Fourth with 3 complete maneuvers for 6 points and 30 Top Gun points. There were no penalties in any of the four flights.

Event 2. John Woods' LOOP IT – ROLL IT – LAND IT. Take the plane off and Loop it - Roll it -Land it. Taxi around 2 pylons making a complete figure 8. Take off Loop it - Roll it - Land it. Taxi & stop Plane in the box. Only one wheel needs to be in the box. Time starts when Plane moves and time stops when Plane stops in the box. Lowest time wins. Again John takes First place with a flight if 103 seconds and receives 100 Top Gun 2016 points. Again Bud was Second with 143 seconds and 70 Top Gun points. Fritz moved up to Third place with a flight of 237 seconds and 50 points and Don had trim problems with his plane and had to get John to rescue the plane. He DQ'ed but got 10 Top Gun points for entering the event.

Event 3. MAIL RUN. Take off, do a loop and land and receive a letter from the Postal Clerk. Take off with letter in/on plane and do a loop. Land and get another letter from the Postal Clerk. Take off with both letters, do a loop, land and deliver the letters to the Postal Clerk. Time starts when the plane first moves and stops when the letters are given to the Clerk, unfolded. 50 second penalty for each letter lost and a 25 second penalty for a damaged (torn) letter. Low score wins. Letters can be folded and the Postal Clerk will have tape available. All flying and taxiing must be done from the pilot station. Restarts OK with clock running. Things change with Don taking First place with 167 seconds and earned 100 Top Gun points. Bud took another Second place with 212 seconds and another 70 Top Gun points. Alas, John was Third with 229 seconds and 50 Top Gun points. Fritz was Forth with 265 seconds and 30 Top Gun points. There were no penalties during this event.

Overall, John was First with 250 Top Gun 2016 points, Bud was Second with 210 points, Don was Third with 160 points and Fritz was Fourth with 110 points.

Howard Shire showed up but did not feel like flying so he was elected chief timer and scorer for the day. Also Janet Woods arrived with her signature lemon cake, which everyone looks forward to and then she proceeded to cook the dogs and prepare the table for our noon meal. Many thanks to Howard and Janet and to everyone else that pitched in to make the Fun Fly a Success.

The next Fun Fly is scheduled for August 13th. Mark your calendars.

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## **SAFETY FIRST**

One of our club members brought to my attention that some of our flyers are not observing good safety practices when tuning their gas motors. This includes reaching over a spinning propeller to adjust a needle valve. I can't think of a better way to get your hand cut than doing that. Please go around the plane and adjust it from behind the engine. If you need help adjusting your engine properly, ask someone to assist you. Prop strikes are #1 in the injury category, don't let it happen to you.

For you electric flyers, if you have a "throttle cut" feature on your transmitter, figure out how to use it to prevent unexpected motor start-ups. I have it set up on every electric airplane that I own.

See you at the field, Gene Fuson Safety Officer

# THE NEXT CLUB MEETING WILL BE JULY 12, 5:30PM, AT THE CLUB FLYING FIELD.