### THE WINDSOCK PUBLICATION OF THE TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

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## **READY FOR A CHANGE?**



Shown is a Sig Senior Cadet that was built by past Club member Pat Adams and now owned and flown by Bud Austin. But airplanes being an air machine and not a ground machine, Bud figured he could do without the weight and complexity of steerable nose wheel. See page 3 for the results!

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### THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Several of our fliers have been enjoying the great flying weather at the field over the last several weeks. It has been a little hot. We really miss our carport canopy that got tornado-ed a few months ago. I think I'll be setting up my old 10x10 canopy to help get some relief from the sun. We've been respecting the safety guidelines recommended by doctors at WHO regarding the Corona virus safeguards. Keeping a safe distance of 6' or more and mask wearing if anyone would like 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 has completed his flight training and ready to officially Solo. Jim Haney has a new Tx on back order wants to start flying again. He may join the Club later. Gene is building a <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> scale Carbon Cub and I expect it to be completed very soon. Anxious to see it.

Homer was flying his Tribute last week and apparently the plane lost signal. The plane started flying in circles about 100 feet high. Homer had zero control on the transmitter. It flew level and the throttle went to a low rpm. We think it went into its Fail Safe mode. It did about 20 circles then crashed somewhere in the trees to the west of the field heading South. If you are ever in that area please keep your eyes pealed for it. The plane is mostly white with red and white trim.

As always thanks to Fritz and Bud for keeping the field perfect. Also, taking care of the mowers, the varmints and a bunch of other stuff.

Our next Club meeting will be Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM at the Flying field. Come out early afternoon and fly then stay for the meeting. See you then.

Happy Landings ...... John

### THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Our Club has not had a formal meeting this year due to weather and the corona virus. The next scheduled meeting is July 14th, 5PM, at the Club field. Hope everyone can attend. Also hope the weather will be good as we do not have an indoor venue available due to the virus.

Since Phil Rogers and Homer (Zip) Zobel renewed their Club memberships we now have eleven paid members. They are Bud Austin, Sid Beckham, Fritz Corbin, Gene Fuson, Don Johnson, Gary Merseal, Phil Rogers, Charlie Schenk, Fernando Valiente, John Woods and Homer Zobel. Maybe by the end of the year we will have a dozen or more members.

We now have \$1,780 in treasury which is the best June total since 2013. Not bad for a Club our size.

On page 4 is an invitation to all AMA members for a free day of flying at the Springfield Black Sheep field on July 18th. Some of our members may want to check it out. Your editor was at the Black Sheep field several years ago and it was very impressive.

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

			JUN	YTD
BALANCE	6/1/2020	\$1	,657.71	\$ 1,888.28
INCOME-DUES		\$	160.00	\$ 830.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS				\$ -
INCOME-FOOD				\$ -
INCOME-50/50				\$ -
INCOME-MISC		\$	150.00	\$ 200.44
EXPENSE-FIELD			67.11	\$ 898.12
EXPENSE-NE	WSLETTER			\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS				\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD				\$ -
EXPENSE-AMA				\$ 120.00
EXPENSE-Web		\$	120.00	\$ 120.00
EXPENSE-meeting room				\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC				\$ -
BALANCE	7/1/2020	¢1	.780.60	\$ 1.780.60

### TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB MEETING MINUTES

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

Bud Austin's Sig Senior Cadet is now converted to a tail dragger. He installed a tail wheel, removed the steerable front wheel and moved the main gear back several inches. Guess real pilots don't have to steer an airplane like an automobile!

A couple more of Bud's planes. One on the left is a Sig Senorita with no wing dihedral and added ailerons. Not sure of the name of the one on the right. It maybe a Bud special made of parts from several other crashed planes. Bud seems to be handy in recycling aircraft parts



Nice looking new foamie. Looks like it will be a good flyer! The Springfield RC Club (aka The Blacksheep Squadron) is opening our field up on the 18th of July for all AMA members in the area to come out and fly with us.

### No Landing fees, and lunch will be available for purchase.

If you are not familiar with our field, let me tell you a little bit about it.

1. Paved 300 foot by 30 foot runway. Aslo grass runways alongside paved runway.

2. Large pond to float fly off of.

3. Jets, Helicopters, float planes, and all other flying machines are welcome!

4. Electrical outlets on flight line.

5. Large open area to fly in.

6. Friendly staff and members.

# <u>Please let your members know about this event, it will be a great chance for all the regional clubs to get together and enjoy a day of fellowship and flying. Hope to see all of you on Saturday July 18th.</u>

The gate will open at 10:00 am and we will fly until dusk. Weather permitting.

The field is located north of Springfield Mo. Easiest way to locate the field is as follows.

1. Go north on Highway 65 at the Interstate 44 and 65 intersection.

2.Continue north to the intersection of KK then go west.

3. Continue West (approx. 2 miles) to the intersection of Farm Road 189 and KK. (volunteer fire station on South side of KK) Turn North and continue on approx. 1/4 mile field on the east side of the road.

### 4. GPS coordinates 37.334229 -96.203140

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### SAFETY FIRST

While at the field the other day, I witnessed a couple of flights that were very close to, or even a little over, our safety fence. Try to keep your airplanes closer toward the center of our runway. That way, if you do stray a little, you will have some margin for error. Our runway is fairly wide so use it to your advantage.

Try to avoid "tunnel vision" while flying. Don't take your eyes off of your airplane, but use your peripheral vision to help keep you away from objects and people around the field.

See you at the field, Gene Fuson Safety Officer

## THE NEXT CLUB MEETING WILL BE THE JULY 14 TH, 5:00PM, AT THE CLUB FLYING FIELD.