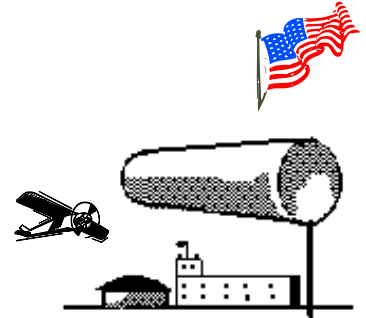


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## APRIL MEETING

APRIL 11 , 7:00 PM  
Meet at the Branson RecPlex, 1500  
Branson Hills Parkway.

## Program

Bring your current projects for "Show  
and Tell"

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hi flyers! Well Spring is at our door step, which means the field will be in need of mowing. If you have some spare time to help, please call Bud Austin.

We are having a Work Day at the field on Sat. April 1st at 9:00 a.m. We will be repairing the damage that the horses created over the winter months. Many hands make light work, so lets

have a good turn out.

I want to thank John Woods for keeping the ball rolling for the community projects that we plan to do this summer. Thanks to all who volunteered to help him.

We are still collecting recipes for our cookbook. Please be sure to get your favorite recipes to Annette as soon as possible.

I am always learning new things at our programs. This month I was very interested in Jack & Annette's method of using glass to help build a plane. Maybe they'd like to rebuild a plane for me! Ha ha! Come and see what we learn next month. Till then, see you at the field or next meeting. Safe landings.

Gary Acton

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## TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2006

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BALANCE 3/1/2006	\$ 1,214.69	\$ 1,177.43
INCOME-DUES -----	\$ 195.00	\$ 1,105.14
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS	\$ -	\$ 20.00
INCOME-FOOD -----	\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-50/50 -----	\$ 9.00	\$ 34.00
INCOME-MISC -----	\$ -	\$ 16.00
EXPENSE-FIELD -----	\$ 15.00	\$ 796.09
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER	\$ 7.80	\$ 16.34
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-AMA -----	\$ -	\$ 95.00
EXPENSE-Web -----	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-meeting room	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00
EXPENSE-MISC -----	\$ -	\$ 24.25
BALANCE 3/17/2006	\$ 1,370.89	\$ 1,370.89

# MEETING MINUTES

## TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

March 14, 2006

President Gary Acton opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Branson RecPlex. All officers were present. There were 17 members and member's wives Doris Rohde, Cheri Silva, Claudia Shire & Janet Woods present. The minutes from the December meeting were approved as published in the February newsletter. Treasurer Erv Rohde reported that the Treasury balance as of March 1<sup>st</sup> was \$1,214.69. The 50/50 raffle was won by Gene Fuson who received one half of \$18.00.

**Committee Reports:** Erv Rohde gave a breakdown of what the expenses for the month were and that we have 40 members at the present time.

There was a discussion regarding the condition of the field. It was decided that there will be a **WORKDAY** scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup>, alternate rain date of April 8<sup>th</sup>. Work to begin at 9:00 a.m.

The **Fun Fly** will be held April 15<sup>th</sup> and alternate rain date will be April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Safety officer John Woods showed the new signs that Annette McEvoy made that will be posted on the fences alerting everyone that the only people that are to be on the flight area are to be the pilots and helpers. All spectators, visitors, etc. are to remain behind the fence away from the flight line. He also reminded everyone to be sure their visitors, especially those with children, to be cautious when in the pits so as to not cause problems that could cause harm to themselves or to the planes.

**Announcements and Old Business:** Gary Acton said that he still hasn't had a chance to go over to Taney County to see if any land is available but he will do so as soon as he can. He also asked if anyone else could help in this project.

John Woods gave an update on the RecPlex sum-

mer exhibition plans and gave a list of people who will contact the flyers when they can actually practice. Everything is still in the planning phase and he will keep us posted as things develop. The exhibition will be in June and the tournament in July. Hopefully everyone will be interested in making this a good club event and create good will for us in the community.

Annette McEvoy said that DeeDee Anderson is working on the recipe book and asked that anyone that hasn't sent in their recipes yet please get them in as soon as possible to we can complete the project.

**New Business:** Gary Acton presented Gene Fuson with his Solo Certificate.

There wasn't any other new business.

**Program:** Gene Fuson showed his Watt Age 195 Cessna electric. He's just about completed it and is going to be using an AXI 2808/20 and 3 cell LiPoly setup. Gene thanked Don Johnson for all his help in setting up his first electric.

Jim Halbert brought his latest project which is a highly modified (from the original plans) Bipe featuring a swept top wing so the bottom wing will stall first. He'll be using an AXI 2814/12 with approximately ¼ HP. Some of the mods included extending the fuse about 3", a flat bottom wing, planked sides and Warren trusses. Says it is heavy but thinks that it will fly good.

Gary Acton said that he has access to a guy who has about 30 years experience working on radios and is getting rid of a bunch of stuff. Call him if you might be interested in picking up something.

Jack & Annette McEvoy gave a demonstration on their "pin-less" construction methods and some of the other tips they've picked up via the Dave Platt videos. Everything is assembled on a glass table top using shot filled bags to weight down the parts instead of pinning them to a building board. They use numerous tools to help ensure the straightness of the project at all times including clamps, machinist squares, jigs that they glue directly to the table top to hold the model, etc. Their demo included pictures showing their current project under construction. Anyone interested in seeing technique in person at their home only need to give them a call.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

## THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Due to a trip, your editor had to get the Newsletter ready early this month, but never fear arrangements have been made to get the Newsletter posted to our web site and the few snail mail Newsletters sent out on time. Because of this you will note that the Club Financial Statement only runs through March 17th. This will be brought up to date in the May Newsletter.

On page 5 are the Club SAFETY RULES & REGULATIONS. The rules are simple and there are only 18 of them. They are designed to prevent problems that have occurred in the past and provide a framework that allows all members to safely enjoy the activities of the Club. All newer Club members are urged to carefully read these rules and become familiar with them. Also long term members should review the rules at least once a year. These rules are posted at the flying field and are posted on the Club web site bransonrc.org. The Club By-Laws are also posted on the Club website and deserve a review by members every year or two.

One of our Club members ask me to mention that the wooden pilot stations were built by Club members for their use when they are at the field. I am sure if the builder is not present, it is Ok to use their station but if they show up, one should vacate their stand.

Below is another shot of John Woods and his



## SAFETY 1<sup>ST</sup>

**I've noticed several pilots flying near (if not over) the pit area. Although it is easier to see our plane, we should all be flying away and nowhere near the pit area. The pit area should be considered a safe place for those not flying and our guests – this isn't a suggestion it is one of our rules and should be taken very seriously.**

**Thank you all for your attentiveness.**

**John Woods  
Safety Officer**

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## CURRENT 2006 CLUB MEMBERS

The following 40 Club members are current in their 2006 dues.

Gary Acton, Erin Anderson, Mike Anderson, Denise Anderson, Bud Austin, Sid Beckham, Dave Carnahan, Fritz Corbin, Vernon Crabtree, Del D'Alessandro, Paul Denny, Phil Equi, Roscoe Fudge, Gene Fuson, Cody Garber, Dick Haan, Jim Halbert, Don Johnson, Reeder Jones, Curt Krause, Don Livermore, Evan McCartney, Mark McCartney, Annette McEvoy, Jack McEvoy, Tom Mckenzie, Joe Major, Dave Medley, Gary Metzger, Mark Niebrzydowski, Dick Peterson, Henry Racette, Erv Rohde, Craig Schmidt, Del Silva, Marsha Schmidt, Howard Shire, Roy Steinestel, John Woods and Homer Zobel.

If you are not on the above list but feel you are current in your 2006 Club dues contact Erv Rohde.

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big Gee Bee. Heard John say he might take it to Arkansas to fly it instead of bumpy Rocky Top Field. Hope that's not true as many of us want to see that mean bird fly. Maybe after the April 1st work day the field will be smooth enough for the plane's small wheels. Photo by Janet Woods.

Time to land for this month



Above is Gene Fuson, one or two flights after he soloed on his "trainer P-51", getting in a little more practice as his Instructor, John Woods, watches. At right you see his P-51 landing albeit a little ungraciously. Below are two of Don Johnson's planes. To the left is Don's Hellcat with gobrushless.com kit brushless motor in it. With less power but 3 oz. less weight it actually flies better than before. To the right is Don's 65% Pro twister landing on one of its' initial flights. It's starting to get dialed in. On both flights Test Pilot John Woods was on the controls. Don hopes to have the confidence to take over the controls on the next flights.



Below left is Gene Fusion's first entry into electrics. The plane is a Watt Age Cessna 195 with an AXi motor and three cell Li-Poly battery. Looks like it is about ready for its maiden flight and looking pretty neat with its finishing trim.

Below right is Jim Halbert's biplane. It had a name but knowing it would be misleading since Jim threw the parts away and only used the plan outlines to develop a new plane. Even then he made the fuselage 3 inches longer and changed the wing airfoil from symmetrical to flat bottom. He'll use an AXi 2814/12 brushless motor and 3 cell Li-Poly battery. He has had this plane in development for over a year so the maiden flight may still be awhile in the future. Looking good Jim!



# **SAFETY RULES & REGULATIONS**

The following SAFETY RULES have been adopted by the TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB Membership at the October 1997 meeting and revised 5/12/98.

- 1. All members are expected to know and adhere to the SAFETY RULES set down by the TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB and the ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS (AMA) and to use common sense when operating or observing any R/C aircraft.**
- 2. Pilots must be insured by the AMA and have in their possession their current AMA identification card.**
- 3. Guests of Club members must be AMA members and may use the flying field for a period of two weeks. If guests exceed the two-week period they will be required to purchase an Associate Membership.**
- 4. All models must be identified with the owner's name and address or their AMA number on or in the aircraft.**
- 5. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed at the flying field nor may they be consumed prior to participation in any model operation.**
- 6. All radio equipment should be ground range checked before the first flight of a new or repaired model.**
- 7. Vehicle parking is restricted to the area behind the shelter.**
- 8. All pilots must have the proper frequency pin, from the frequency board, in their possession before turning on their transmitter. They should also have a pin with their name and/or AMA number on it and clip it to the frequency board, where the frequency pin was. The frequency pin is to be returned to the board when the pilot is through flying. You must surrender the frequency pin at the end of your flight if other pilots are waiting to use that channel.**
- 9. No aircraft may be taxied in the pit area. All aircraft must be carried onto the flying field.**
- 10. When flying, pilots should stand on or near one of the designated flying spots located adjacent to the safety fence.**
- 11. Flying over the pit or spectator area is prohibited unless beyond the control of the pilot. Aerobatic maneuvers that are directly towards the pit or spectator area are prohibited.**
- 12. When several aircraft are flying a spotter should be used to warn the pilot of possible collision with other aircraft, other aircraft landing or other field mishaps that may endanger the pilot.**
- 13. Pilots must announce that they are going to be landing and taking off to the other pilots on the field.**
- 14. Spectators must remain behind the pit area.**
- 15. It shall be each member's responsibility to police the flying field at the end of each flying session. If you brought it to the field with you take it home with you.**
- 16. All rules of the owner of the flying field shall be strictly adhered to.**
- 17. All new members and guests must be checked out by a club Instructor or Club officer before being allowed to fly.**
- 18. All radio transmitters will conform to current AMA requirements. It is the pilot's responsibility to show that the transmitter meets AMA requirements.**

# FUN FLY

**When? APRIL 15th (rain date April 22)  
BBQ starts at noon—pilot's meeting at 1 PM  
Where? Rocky Top Field**

**There will be three events.**

**One event will be timed TAXI event (good for novices, another event will be a TIMED FLIGHT with maybe a SPOT LANDING event and the third event will remain a MYSTERY until the day of the Fun Fly.**

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

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**CLUB WORK DAY APRIL 1ST, 9 AM. (RAIN DATE APRIL 8TH)**

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