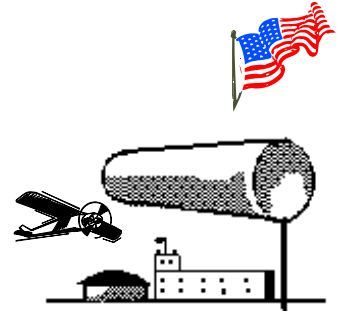


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WHAT'S UP



John Woods, second from left, with some time to spare, thought it would be a good idea to offer two hours of flight instruction and flight training as a prize to be awarded at the Branson Hospices Volunteer Banquet in April. John received an enthusiastic approval from the Club membership at the March meeting and he then sent the above photo and a certificate good for two hours of flight training to the Volunteer Coordinator, Fran Miller. Fran was delighted to receive the certificate and it will be awarded to one of the Hospices volunteers at the banquet. A copy of the certificate is on page four. In the Photo from the left is Dave Medley, John Woods, Bob Pilecki, Homer Zobel and Bill Walker.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello pilots

We had a super meeting in March, somewhere around 30 members and guests!!! Nice work. I understand that we have 31 members, 29 that are paid and one lifetime member.

The picture below was taken at the Cub Scout meeting, Den #7 at Reeds Spring, Wednesday night, 26 March 2008. I attended the meeting and discussed a number of items concerned with flying. I showed them all of the controls, the radio and receiver. The scouts and their leaders were very interested in learning more about flying and it would be a great way encourage them to have them out to the field. It was a fun evening and I found that the questions from these young scouts were very interesting and insightful.

See you in April.

Cheers Dave



THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Here it is April and there hasn't been very many good flying days yet this year. It seems to be cold, windy or wet or all three conditions. Hopefully the good flying weather is just around the corner.

On a positive note, we now have 31 current Club members as compared to 29 at this time last year. Maybe we will be able to make a good increase in our membership this year. Even though members that have not paid their 2008 dues have officially been dropped from the Club Roster you can rejoin the Club at any time during the year and we encourage you to do so.

The combinations on the Club field gate and shed have been changed. The new combinations were given out at the March meeting and John Woods notified most members by email that the locks had been changed. If you didn't get the combinations or forgot them just call any of the Club Officers, John Woods or myself and we'll be happy to give them to you.

Want to thank John Woods for the picture and info on the two hour flight training certificate donated to the Branson Hospices organization to be awarded to one of their volunteers at their annual banquet. Hospices is a great organization and concept and fills a real need in our aging society. Many of us will eventually have need for their service. Great idea John!

Scheduled for April 12th is the Club's first Fun Fly of the year. Don Livermore had volunteered to give the Club a demo of his new turbine jet plane during lunch at the Fun Fly. However I received an email from Don that he had to order more parts for his plane and wouldn't be ready by April 12th. He did say he would be ready by the June Fun Fly and plans to put on a show for us. Even though we will miss Don, our show will go on and af-

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TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2008

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BALANCE	3/1/2008	\$ 3,021.20	\$ 2,351.20
INCOME-DUES	-----	\$ 413.75	\$ 1,143.75
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-FOOD	-----	\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-50/50	-----	\$ 8.00	\$ 13.00
INCOME-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FIELD	-----	\$ 420.00	\$ 460.00
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ 8.20	\$ 8.20
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD	-----	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-AMA	-----	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00
EXPENSE-Web	-----	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00
EXPENSE-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$ -
BALANCE	4/1/2008	\$ 2,884.75	\$ 2,884.75

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

March 11, 2008

President Dave Medley opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m. at the Branson RecPlex. All officers were present except Bob Pilecki. There were 19 members attending and the following guests: Erv Rohde's son-in-law & grandson from Germany-Brian & Gavin Myers; John Hantla; Mike Thorson; Linda Niebrzydowski and Janet Woods. The minutes from the January meeting were approved as published in the February Newsletter, as the February meeting was cancelled due to weather. Treasurer Erv Rohde reported that the current treasury balance was \$3021.20 as of March 1st with 29 paid members. The 50/50 raffle was won by Erv Rohde who received one half of \$16.

Committee Reports: Field Marshal Dick Peterson reported that armadillos are continuing to be a problem for us and he is looking into some additional information that other members have been providing to him regarding this problem. He mentioned that we will be needing to have a Club work day soon to repair damage.

Announcements and Old Business: Dave Medley announced that the combinations to the gate and shed will be changed effective this coming Saturday, March 15th. John Woods gave out the new numbers to members in attendance and Annette McEvoy will notify those who missed the meeting.

Annette read several flyers regarding other clubs upcoming events and information on AMA's new Park Flyer program. There were several questions from the membership asking how the insurance works in relation to our coverage. She will contact AMA and report back at the April meeting. She also presented Fritz Corbin with his #8 Armadillo kill badge.

John Woods announced that he has been working with Fran Miller, Volunteer Coordinator for Community Hospices of America and has volunteered to donate two hours of his time for instruction to the winner of a certificate that is being presented in our Club name at their upcoming dinner. He also asked if members are interested in putting on a presentation at Point Lookout similar to

the one that we did for the Table Rock Nursing facility.

John announced that anyone interested can get current weather info from www.wunderground.com. He also asked if someone will take over buying the hotdogs, etc. for the fun fly's as it would free him up for more instruction time at the field. He then demo'd a "Havoc" heli that is between 5-6" long. He let anyone interested fly it after the meeting.

Fritz Corbin asked if anyone had heard of any locations to have the Futaba 2.4 radios checked out locally. Discussion regarding the potential problem ended with only one known case in the US at the present time.

New Business: Dave Medley said that he was again approached about having a presentation for 8-10 year old scouts at our field. He will be attending one of their meetings in a couple of weeks and will report on results. He was also approached by Ross Anderson who has a large amount of R/C stuff for sale. Contact him for more info.

Don Johnson said that the April Fun Fly events will be posted in the next Newsletter. Erv will be putting on one of the events. Also there will be a jet flying demo at lunch time by Don Livermore.

There was an incident at the field that could have required response from 911. Fortunately it turned out that they did not need to be called however it did bring up the fact that all members should be reminded that in the event 911 is needed, our address is posted on the shelter, **780 Dayton Rd**, and we are in **Taney County**.

Program: Jim Halbert brought his current project in which he decided to use some of the parts that he made in his January foam cutter presentation. This plane features a carbon fiber arrow shaft with foam cones from the January demo that wrap around an Axi 2208 motor. The batteries are Dewalt ½ size 12 volt. Jim will use fiberglass spray over the cloth and it should weigh about 18 oz when complete.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m. Next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. April 8th, at the Branson

The following certificate will be awarded to a Hospices volunteer at their April banquet

Tri-Lakes Radio Control Flying Club

"Guests are always welcome at Tri-Lakes R/C"

The Tri-lakes R/C Flying Club is pleased to donate 2 hours of flight training to one of the Volunteers at "Community Hospices of America". This gift is in appreciation for the wonderful care that is provided by all the volunteers to so many people and their families. Tri-Lakes R/C extends this gift to one Hospice Care Volunteer and their family.

DETAILS:

Using the Club's airplane, a qualified instructor will provide two hours of instructions. Flying will not (of course) include taking off or landing the aircraft. The student will have full control of the airplane while in flight and experience general flying then hopefully progress to attempting various aerobatic maneuvers – loops and rolls etc.

Two radio transmitters, one for the student and one for the instructor, will be used to eliminate the possibility of damaging the aircraft.

Instruction will begin with the proper model preparation and setup, then a complete "Ground School" for learning the correct input from the control radio to the aircraft, followed by flying the model airplane.

LOCATION:

Instruction will take place at the Club's flying field located at 780 Dayton Road, Branson, MO. Dayton Road is located off Hwy 248, 8 miles from Hwy 65/248 in Branson and 9 miles from Hwy 13/76 in Branson West. Turn North on Dayton Road and drive ½ mile. The flying field is on the Right.

CONTACT:

To arrange for a convenient time and further details, call John Woods (417) 338-8419.

"Bring a Hat, Sunglasses and a little Nerve!"

CURRENT 2008 CLUB MEMBERS

The following 31 Club members are current in their 2008 Club dues.

Gary Acton, Bud Austin, Sid Beckham, Fritz Corbin, Del D'Alessandro, Ray Dixson, Vicky Dixson, Paul Denney, Gene Fuson, Cody Garber, Jim Halbert, Don Johnson, Reeder Jones, Annette McEvoy, Jack McEvoy, Craig Mckenzie, Tom Mckenzie, Joe Major, Dave Medley, Mark Niebrzydowski, Kieth Oxby, Dick Peterson, Robert Pilecki, Henry Racette, Erv Rohde, Dick Ross, Howard Shire, Roy Steinestel, Bill Walker, John Woods and Homer Zobel.

If you are not on the above list but feel you are current in your 2008 Club dues contact Erv Rohde.

When? April 12th
BBQ starts at noon
Pilot's meeting at 1 PM
There will be three events.

Event 1. TIMED FLIGHT with LOOPS Take off and do as many loops as possible in the first 60 seconds after lift off and land (stop) on the runway in exactly 90 seconds after lift off. Pilot will receive 5 points for each decent loop (judges decision) and 1 point penalty for each second off the 90 second mark. There will also be a 10 point penalty if the plane stops off the runway. Pilot will be told when the 60 second mark is met but will get no further timing information. A novice pilot will be awarded 5 bonus points. High score wins.

Event 2. ERV'S GROUND TARGETS NEED A PLANE WITH STEERABLE WHEEL. TIME STARTS WHEN PLANE TOUCHES STARTING LINE. OBJECT: KNOCK DOWN 5 TARGETS WITH WING, THEN TIME STOPS WHEN YOU TOUCH FINISH LINE. SHORTEST TIME WINS. PENALTYS; 1 BREAK A TARGET, 5 SECONDS. 2 WHEELS LEAVE GROUND, 10 SECONDS. 3 DESTROY A TARGET WITH PROP, 20 SECONDS.

Event 3. PRECISION DEAD STICK LANDING Take off and gain sufficient altitude to land dead stick on the target in exactly 30 seconds. When ready tell the timer "NOW" and simultaneously turn off the engine/motor. Glide to and stop on the target. There will be a 1 point penalty for each foot the plane stops away from the target and a 1 point penalty for each second more or less than the allowed 30 seconds. Time starts at "NOW" and ends when the plane stops. Low score wins. .

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

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ter a hot dog lunch with all the trimmings we will have a three event Fun Fly. This will result in points being awarded for the Club Top Gun 2008 Award. A coveted hard fought for title, at least by some. Others of us just hope to do fairly well and improve our flying skills a little. Checking out the events above, you will note they are simple events and if you can taxi, take off, land and do a loop or two you are qualified to enter. Back by popular demand is Erv's Ground Targets. He will have many more targets this year so if you like to splinter balsa sticks, here's your chance. Hope to see everyone there either as a participant or a spectator.

Tine to land for this month.....ed.

APRIL MEETING

APRIL 8th at 6:30 P.M.

Meet at the Branson RecPlex

Program

Bring your current projects
for show and tell

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SAFETY FIRST

Transmitter Safety

Always check the frequency board before operating any transmitter.

Prior to turning on any transmitter you must ensure that no one else is operating on your transmitter channel. The frequency board is located in the shelter building next to the runway. There is a pin for each authorized transmitter channel. If your transmitter channel is being used by someone else, do not turn on your transmitter!

See you at the field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

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