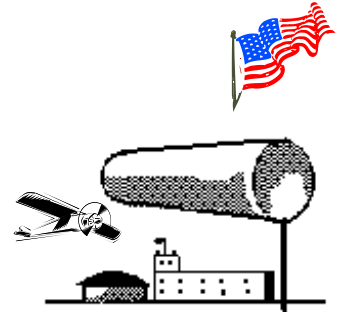


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A BIG JOB WELL DONE



On Saturday, March 7th, thirteen Club members showed up to help repair the damage done to the field by a rampaging gang of armadillos. After hauling several loads of dirt out to the field and a few hours of filling holes, everyone was amazed at how much damage these critters can do. The crew pictured above from left to right are Fritz Corbin, Erv Rohde, Don Johnson, Annette McEvoy, Howard Shire, Bob Pilecki, John Woods, Gene Fuson, Dick Peterson, Jack McEvoy and Bud Austin. Not pictured but doing their share and escaping before the camera came out were Sid Beckham and Tom Mckenzie. Taking the picture was Claudia Shire. Great Job people!

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello fellow pilots, or perhaps I should say grounded pilots.

It seems like the weather is not cooperating very much especially on the days we normally fly. I got out there on Wed. and Fri. last week and saw three of you on Friday. Maybe it will be nice for our first Fun Fly.

I have a couple of new planes that I traded some of my old ones for and would like to sell them. One is a Hanger 9 T-34 Mentor AFR put together but never flown. The other is a Top Flight Cessna 182 1/5 scale kit partly built. I'll try to bring one to the meeting Tuesday night.

See you then.

Bud

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2009

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BALANCE	3/1/2009	\$ 2,760.93	\$ 2,524.58
INCOME-DUES	-----	\$ 20.01	\$ 708.36
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS			\$ -
INCOME-FOOD	-----		\$ -
INCOME-50/50	-----	\$ 5.50	\$ 15.00
INCOME-MISC	-----		\$ -
EXPENSE-FIELD	-----	\$ 63.20	\$ 508.20
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER			\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS			\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD	-----		\$ -
EXPENSE-AMA	-----	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00
EXPENSE-Web	-----		\$ -
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
EXPENSE-MISC	-----	\$ 55.36	\$ 71.86
BALANCE	4/1/2009	\$ 2,537.88	\$ 2,537.88

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

We lost another member on March 29 as Paul Denney lost his battle with cancer. Paul was a pleasant, easy going guy and we will miss him at the flying field. Our heart felt condolences go out to Paul's family.

There is a MEMBERS ONLY section that Mike Anderson has added to the Club's web page at BransonRC.org. It has current members names, addresses, AMA numbers and other member information. Only Club members that are current in their Club dues are authorized to enter this section. To enter you will need to click on the MEMBERS ONLY tab and enter the "user name" and "password". If you are a paid up current member and did not get the user name and password at the March meeting, you can get it at the April meeting on the 14th, or call one of the Club officers.

If anyone is curious the Lightening Volt and the Spitwire (page 3) are two different models and only share the same spinner.

Don't forget the Club Fun Fly on April 18th!

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

CURRENT 2009 CLUB MEMBERS

Below are the names of the 23 members that are current in their 2009 Club dues.

Rick Almond, Bud Austin, Sid Beckham, Friz Corbin, Gene Fuson, Jim Halbert, Don Johnson, Reader Jones, Joe Major, Annette McEvoy, Jack McEvoy, Dave Medley, Tom Mckenzie, Keith Oxby, Richard Peterson, Robert Pilecki, Henry Racette, Erv Rohde, Howard Shire, Gary Smith, Robert Smith, Roy Steinstel and John Woods.

If you feel your 2009 Club dues are current but you are not on the above list contact Erv Rohde for needed corrections.

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB MARCH 10, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Bud Austin at 5:59 P.M. at the Branson RecPlex.

All officers were present. There were 12 members present including the Officers. There were also two guests, Claudia Shire and Janet Woods.

Committee Reports

Erv. Rhode reported that we had \$2,727.58 on hand. Reeder Jones won the 50/50 raffle. He collected \$5.50, half of the \$11.00 collected.

Old Business

Howard Shire reported that there was nothing in the minutes over the last 5 years that said we would change the combination on the gate each year. Annette McEvoy made a motion that the combination on the gate be changed every year. Seconded by Don Johnson. The motion was amended to read "the combination of the lock on the main gate should be changed on or about the first of March each year". Motion carried. John Woods reported that the combination had not been changed because the lock was stuck and couldn't be changed at this time. He is to look into the matter and see if the lock can be freed up. (combination is now changed...ed,)

New Business

Fritz Corbin gave a presentation on possible methods of controlling the Armadillos. He compared the cost of trying to control the grub population to installing an electric fence around the field. He also discussed the pros and cons of the electric fence.

Don Johnson explained that Mike Anderson keeps his Adobe program updated and that if you don't keep your Adobe Reader updated you may not be able to open the Newsletter.

The first fun fly of 2009 will be April 18, 2009.

Program

Don Johnson showed his Lightening Volt, John Woods showed the plane he purchased at the Shawnee Mission Swap meet, and Tom Mckenzie displayed two planes he wanted to get rid of before he moved. The planes were taken by Bud Austin.

Meeting adjourned 7:10 P.M.



As a follow up to last month's blockbuster front page story of the U.S. Lightening Volt and its role in the D-Day invasion, the British also developed a parallel electric attack aircraft code named the Spitwire. It too was seen by some as it silently flashed along the beaches of Normandy wreaking havoc on the Axis lines. The six plane squadron of Spitwires were carried aloft and released over the beaches by a trio of Hampton bombers. They were armed with six .303 machine guns. Unfortunately they all met the same fate as their American allies and fell into the water just short of the White Cliffs of Dover, never to be heard about again-till now. A sad end to an effective secret weapon!



Here is a couple more shots of the field work day. At left everyone is taking a break. The lady in red was very important as she showed up with chocolate cookies, coffee and water to keep everyone going. Thanks Claudia. At right is a shot of some of the crew and a view of the field that looked like someone had dropped a bunch of cluster bombs on the runway.

Photos by Annette McEvoy



Above is Jack McEvoy's scratch built Browning .30 caliber machine gun for a Douglas O-47A. The gun looks about 10 inches long but the plane will have about a 110 inch wing span!



Above is John Woods' Kantana 3D he purchased at the Shawnee Mission Swap-n-Shop in December. It has a 58 inch span and Thunder Tiger .46 engine. After he adds a few things like receiver and servos it should be ready to go.



Spotted this picture in some pictures that John Woods e-mailed about his and Janet's recent trip to Florida. The signs may be something we might want to copy at our field.



Will it fly? Darn tootin' it will fly! Above is Don Johnson's scratch designed and built 1/12 scale Ballanca Aircruiser, on its maiden flight with Chief Test Pilot John Woods on the sticks. At just under 3 pounds and with a 65 inch span, it proved to be a fairly gentle flyer.

When? April 18th
BBQ starts at noon
Pilot's meeting at 1 PM
There will be three events.

Event 1. TIMED FLIGHT with LOOPS & ROLLS(2) Take off and do a loop followed by a roll as many times as possible in a 60 second flight. Timing starts when plane moves and stops when plane stops. Pilot will receive 5 points for each decent loop & roll (judges decision) and 1 point penalty for each second off the 60 second mark. There will also be a 20 point penalty if the plane stops totally off the runway. Pilot CAN NOT receive timing help. High score wins.

Event 2. ERV'S 6 GROUND TARGETS Time starts when you touch starting line between two targets. Knock over 2 targets, come back and knock over one starting line target. Continue to knock over 2 more targets, then back to the starting line. Knock over remaining starting line target and clock stops.

Penalties:

5 seconds if you break a piece. 2 pieces.

10 seconds if you get airborne.

15 seconds if you destroy a stick; more than 2 pieces.

20 seconds if you don't follow the rules.

ONE WITH LEAST SECONDS WINS.

Event 3. TIMED TOUCH & GO LANDINGS Make five touch and go landings in the shortest possible time. All take-offs and landings will be made into the wind or as indicated by the event director. One landing per pass. At least one main landing gear wheel must touch the runway to be counted as a landing. Wing tip touches will not be counted as landings. Timing will start when the throttle is opened for take-off and will stop at touch down after the fifth take-off has been completed. The shortest time will determine the winner. A four-minute time limit is placed on the event. No engine re-starts are allowed. Novices will be required to do only 3 touch and go landings.

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

APRIL MEETING

APRIL 14, 2009 6:00 PM

Meet at the **BRANSON
REX-PLEX**

Program

**Bring your current projects
for show and tell**

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SAFETY FIRST

Saturday the 7th of March was a workday at the field for some of us. I was appalled at the damage that the armadillos have done to our field. We managed to fill several hundred holes on the main part of the runway, but there are several places where you will want to watch your step while walking around the field. There are still places where someone could turn or twist an ankle. Please watch the ground in front of you, don't get hurt by stepping in a hole.

See You at the Field,

Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

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