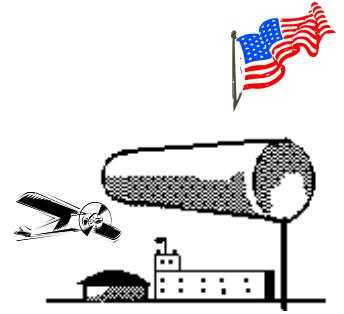


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BIG, AND ELECTRIC, IS BEAUTIFUL



Bud Austin is the proud owner of the biggest and baddest electric in the Club. It is a Nitro Katana 140 and weighs in at about 10 1/2 pounds. It is powered with a Turnigy 6364-280 electric outrunner motor and Turnigy 6 cell 5000 mAH Li-Po battery. It uses a Hobby King Super Simple SS 90/100 speed control without BEC as it has a separate battery to power the receiver and servos. Bud says the Katana will go vertical on a fresh battery and that under normal flight conditions it will fly for about 10 minutes. It is a little surprising to see this big plane fly by without the sound of a big gas or glo engine. Well done Bud!

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Pilots All;

Not much news to write about unless you call me passing out with hardly any pulse. So back into the hospital I went. This time I had a pacemaker installed so it should take care of many of my problems.

I will see you all at the meeting next week. As for flying since the last meeting there were some of us out a couple of weeks ago; however this crazy weather has taken its' toll this spring.

Bring your projects to the meeting and let's see what's going on.

Also bring someone to the meeting with you!!!

Dave

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2010

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BALANCE	3/1/2010	\$ 2,377.16	\$ 2,507.94
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ 160.00	\$ 535.02
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ 3.00	\$ 6.00
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ 17.75	\$ 17.75
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 25.00	\$ 475.00
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ 8.80
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ 408.14	\$ 433.14
BALANCE	4/2/2010	\$ 1,994.77	\$ 1,994.77

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Time for a few statistics. The Club now has 20 members, two less than this time last year. There are 19 regular members, 18 of which reside in Stone county and one member resides in Taney county. We have one Associate member in Marionville, no family members and no student members. Seems as though the Club base has moved west in the last few years. During 2009 we had 23 members that attended at least one meeting and six members that attended no meetings. The lowest attendance was in June with seven members present and highest attendance was in December (Christmas party) with 18 members present. The average meeting attendance was 11.4 members or about 39%. In the four Fun Flys during 2009, eight total members competed, two competed in one Fun Fly, one in one Fun Fly, three in two Fun Flys and two competed in all four Fun Flys. We had an average of 5.25 members competing for Top Gun 2009 in each Fun Fly. The Club presently has a healthy treasury. The flying field is in great shape due to some dedicated members. It is a good flying site, albeit a little less flat and treeless than some would like, but still a good place to fly. We also have a current and professional web site and a long running monthly newsletter. But we have the same problem as most other clubs do today and that is keeping their membership at a healthy level. So, it is in every members' best interest to put forth the effort to find and recruit new members.

A couple of weeks ago President Dave Medley called and said the AMA had responded to his request for TAG funds and awarded the Club \$300. This should help us in our recruiting efforts. Atta way to go Dave!

Don't forget the April meeting on the 13th and the first Fun Fly of the year on Saturday the 17th.

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

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB MARCH 9, 2010

President Dave Medley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Branson Rec-Plex. All officers were present. There were 8 members present including the officers. No guests or new members were present. The 50/50 (split the pot) raffle was won by Fritz Corbin. He received \$3.00, half of the \$6.00 pot.

Committee Reports:

Erv Rohde reported that we have a balance of \$2,377.16 in the bank account. Minutes of the January meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. There was no meeting in February due to bad weather.

Announcements and Old Business:

Erv Rohde reported that he had completed two sections of the incorporation papers and was sending in the third section. He also stated that he had received the lease document for the 2010 year.

Dave Medley reported that he was still working on getting something for the opening of the Branson West airport. He also stated that he had not received a reply from the AMA on the TAG program.

Fritz Corbin brought up the topic proposed by Keith Oxby at the December meeting about protection for the pit area. It was felt that any meaningful protection would be too elaborate and costly.

New Business:

The Intro-pilots for the 2010 flying season will be John Woods, Erv. Rohde, and Howard Shire.

Program:

Certificates were passed out to those who participated in the New Years Fun Fly.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m. The next meeting will be April 13 at the **Branson Rec-Plex** starting at 6:00 P.M.



Ah! It's a beautiful spring day and the flyers were out. John Woods has returned from wintering in Florida and back teaching new pilots to fly. This one is Dick Schaler. In the background is Bud Austin flying one of his large planes, maybe a square winged Extra.

NEW MEMBERS

Although not really new members, a couple more have rejoined our Club. Homer "Zip" Zobel has rejoined after over a year's absence due to health issues and Rick Almond has also rejoined the Club.

Welcome back guys, it's great to have you back with us.

YOUR 2010 DUES ARE PAST DUE!!

Below are the names of the 20 members that are current in their 2010 Club dues.

Rick Almond, Bud Austin, Sid Beckham, Fritz Corbin, Gene Fuson, Jim Halbert, Jim Haney, Don Johnson, Reader Jones, Tom Mckenzie, Dave Medley, Randy Needham, Mark Niebrzydowski, Keith Oxby, Dick Peterson, Erv Rohde, Howard Shire, Roy Steinstel, John Woods and Homer Zobel.

If you feel your 2010 Club dues are current but you are not on the above list contact Erv Rohde for needed corrections.

John Woods has gotten a bug to be a teacher and below is his proposal to the Gibson Tech Center to teach a class on building and flying model airplanes. Hopefully with the Tech Center's advertising he will get several students to sign up. This may turn out to be a great Club recruiting tool. With 18 hours of instruction John will probably appreciate help from other Club members either on particular topics or showing different types of aircraft.....ed.

Radio Control Model Airplane Class

By John Woods

This coming fall, around October, I'll be teaching a class at the Gibson Tech Center about R/C Airplanes. I enjoy teaching (and making a few bucks too) and through this class, we as a Club may pick up a few members. The class is geared for the beginner as an introduction to our hobby. Selecting the correct plane, motors and engines, various characteristics for a variety of planes, building opportunities (Kits, ARFs, RTFs, BNFs), proper set-up, and safety concerns along with general costs associated with R/C will be covered.

New vs. Old Radio technologies available as well as Fueled and Electric models will be discussed. I'll have my Flight Simulator available at each class so students may try their hand at flying. I'll invite them to come to our field to watch us fly but will not offer to let them fly – possibly later.

Gibson Tech Center is in Reeds Spring near the corner of 76 & 413. I ask about using the gymnasium next door and the director said we could use the gym if it is available. This would be helpful to be able to demo some indoor planes. I'll have use of a projector and be able to go on-line to check out some of the more popular sites for supplies, training help and information. The High School football field is also available and Gibson owns the air strip across the street that some of you flew at many years ago - lots of possibilities.

The class will be 6 weeks, one 3 hour class per

week. If the class seems successful I can do another class in the spring. I plan on having those who would like to participate to bring in one or two models for about an hour discussion at each class. That way the class can see the variety of planes that are available and be able to ask questions. I'll talk to the local hobby stores and contact some of the vendors to get brochures for hand outs as well as the AMA.

If you have any ideas, let me know. I have talked to Mike Anderson and Keith Oxby who have taught at Gibson and appreciate their help and suggestions. Of course all this is pending students signing up so it all may not happen – just have to go for it.



Above. Even on a nice day bad things happen. Jim Haney was flying his T-28 and all of a sudden it nosed over and went straight in. Jim said the throttle would respond but nothing else did. Bad radio? Below. Want to eliminate tip stalling? Do what Bud Austin did, change the wing from tapered to square. That big, empty canopy just begs for a pilot.



When? April 17th
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. Engine restarts 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 13 6:00 PM

Meet at **THE BRANSON REC-PLEX**

Program

BRING YOUR PROJECTS FOR SHOW AND TELL.

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SAFETY FIRST

Hi everyone, well we finally got some warmer weather and flying has resumed at our field.

I just want to caution every body to please check your airplanes out BEFORE you make the trip to the field. Check things like...the prop nut being tight...are all the nuts and bolts tight...check the control horns and arms....check the control directions and deflections... test those batteries that have been idle and finally, do a radio range check on that radio that has been sitting around all winter. If you are not sure of something, get an opinion or ask another member to help you out.

Be safe, not sorry.

See You at the Field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

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