

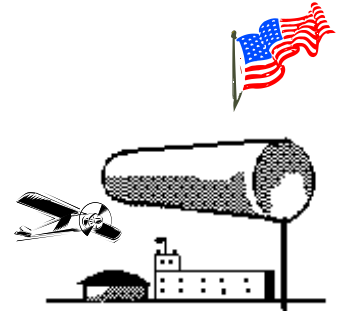
# THE WINDSOCK

PUBLICATION OF THE TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

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## “LITE” FLYS BETTER



Well your editor hopes LITE does fly better. The first 65% Pro-Twister flies well but is a little quick for my skill level. This one is the same size but should weigh almost 30% less and still have vertical flight capability. Even though it has two additional servos for flaps, the LITE should fly about 6 ounces lighter due to a smaller motor, smaller battery, lighter landing gear and some structural weight reduction. The smaller battery will reduce flight times somewhat but that should not be a problem in a fun fly. It will be interesting to see how the three position flaps will effect the take offs and landings, slower I hope. More info to follow after its' first test flight!

## THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Well, well, well! Seems as spring is here. Snuck in just after the end of fall. Winter must have gotten lost up in the artic somewhere this year. So finish up the building projects and get out and fly.

Saturday the 24th looked great but a little breezy, still a few members were out enjoying some flying as the pictures to the right will attest. At top Greg Moody had an antique '40 Ford pickup to haul his trainer and Cub to the field and back. He screwed the plastic pipe frame to the pickup bed and uses bungee cord to hold the wings and fuselage in. In the center Bud Austin is flying his Bud-Can-Do and having very little problem with the wind. At bottom West Kistler's Multiplex Fun Cub made of foam seemed to be handling the wind well. West had the functional flaps set up with his Spektrum 8 radio and they seemed to be very effective.

A few dates to remember. The April meeting will be at the Club field, weather permitting, on the 10th. The Club will hold a flight demo for the Civil Air Patrol on April 14th and the April Fun Fly will be held on the 21st. Hope everyone will be able to attend these events.

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



TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2012			
		MAR	Y T D
BALANCE	3/1/2012	\$1,862.05	\$ 1,566.05
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ 95.00	\$ 925.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ 4.00	\$ 12.50
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ 5.60
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 43.25	\$ 493.25
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ 15.00	\$ 105.00
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ 8.10
BALANCE	4/1//2012	\$1,902.80	\$ 1,902.80

## NEW MEMBER

Charles "West" Kistler joined the Club in March and is the 20th active member for 2012.

West is actually rejoining the Club after more than a years absence. He and wife Toni live in Lampe.

Welcome back to the Club West, it's a pleasures to see you at the field again.

# MEETING MINUTES

## TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB

MARCH 13, 2012

Vice-President Gene Fuson opened the meeting at 6:00 PM, at The Coachlight Village Clubhouse. All Officers were present except President Jim Haney. There were 9 members present including the Officers. Don Johnson won the 50/50 split the pot. He received \$4 of the \$8 pot.

**Committee Reports:** Treasurer Roy Steinestel reported that there was \$1,162.05 in the bank as of February 1<sup>st</sup>.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved as printed in the March Newsletter.

**Old Business:** John Woods reported on the second class that he presented to the local CAP cadets. There were about 20 cadets and family in attendance and the program seemed to go very well. Currently there is one meeting left and it will be held at the field and be very similar to flight demos we have had in the past. John suggested that it be held on April 14<sup>th</sup>. This was agreeable to all members present. John then went over a laundry list of items that should be done prior to the demo.

Nothing has developed with the Boys and Girls Club of Branson as what they would like doesn't seem to be a fit with our Club. John Woods said he would contact Rusty Meyers and see if they would be interested in a flight demo at our field.

**New Business:** Due to the flight demo for the CAP on April 14<sup>th</sup> the Club Fun Fly has been moved to April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Fritz Corbin reported the door to the storage shed was deteriorating and needed replace-

ment. It was suggested that the membership be polled to see if a used door could be located to save money. Fritz said he would follow up on that.

Bud Austin said the canvas cover on the rear of the mower trailer is ripped and should be replaced and suggested using a cheap blue plastic tarp and replacing it every two or three years. Bud also said he would look into using plywood instead.

Howard Shire suggested the Club brochure be updated to include the new Club Officers. Don Johnson said he would do it.

**Program:** Gene Fuson showed some JIS type screwdrivers that he said fit the Asian type cross head screws better than the regular Phillips screw drivers. They can be obtained from Moody Tools on the internet or from one of their dealers. They are made in USA and seem to be of high quality.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 PM.

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## YOUR 2012 DUES ARE DUE!!

**Below are the names of the 20 members that are current in their 2012 Club dues.**

**Bud Austin, Sid Beckham, Fritz Corbin, Gene Fuson, Jim Halbert, Reeder Jones, Don Johnson, West Kistler, Craig Mckenzie, Tom Mckenzie, Dave Medley, Greg Moody, Randy Needham, Dick Peterson, Erv Rohde, Howard Shire, Roy Steinestel, Bill Walker James Woodruff and John Woods.**

**If you feel your 2012 Club dues are current but you are not on the above list contact Roy Steinestel for needed corrections.**

**APRIL 21st FUN FLY**  
**FIRST EVENT WILL START AT 11:00 AM**  
**BBQ AFTER THE Fun Fly**

There will be three events.

**Event 1. SIMPLE THREE HOP** Place plane stopped with all three wheels in the box. When pilot is ready the timer will say START and the clock starts. Take off and do a roll and stop with all three wheels in box, do a loop and stop with all 3 wheels in box, then do a stall turn and stop with all three wheels in the box. Time stops. Lowest time wins. All maneuvers must be easily recognizable.

**Event 2. Erv's Ground Event . 6 TARGET FUN FLY**

Time starts when you touch starting line between 2 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.

Penalty 5 seconds if you break a stick. 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 rules.

**ONE WITH THE LEAST SECONDS WINS**

**Event 3. 30 SECOND DEADSTICK SPOT LANDING** Take off and climb to altitude and cut the throttle (time starts). Time will stop when plane stops. Glide plane to a stop on the target. Pilot will receive one point for each second over or under 30 seconds plus one point for each foot away from the target the plane stops. Low points wins.

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

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## **SAFETY FIRST**

We haven't had this happen for quite awhile, but it has happened, and that is why I am doing this as a reminder.

Most of us have a new style "computer" transmitter that will store multiple settings for multiple aircraft. This means that all you have to do is select which airplane you are going to fly and the transmitter settings will be correct for that airplane.

Here is the problem.

If you select the wrong airplane on the transmitter, you are probably going to crash.

Certain JR & Spektrum radios will not let the airplane controls activate if you select the wrong airplane. This is called "binding the transmitter to a particular receiver". And this is only true on the 2.4 GHZ JR & Spektrum radios.

So, make sure you absolutely have the transmitter matching the airplane that you are going to fly. Then double check it.

See you at the field,  
Gene Fuson  
Safety Officer

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING WILL BE  
APRIL 10TH, 6:00PM, AT THE CLUB  
FLYING FIELD. IN CASE OF SEVERE  
WEATHER MEET AT THE COACH-  
LIGHT VILLAGE CLUBHOUSE.**