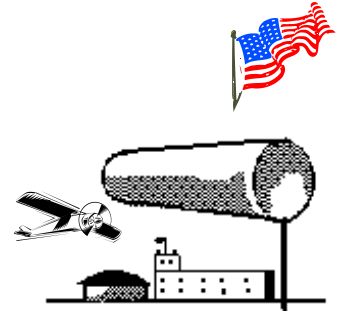


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FLYING SEASON IS HERE



Bud Austin is seen enjoying nice, but breezy, spring weather by flying his big electric job. He also brought out a wet fuel plane to fly but it would not run. There must be a lesson in that story.

FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR, APRIL 12TH, 5:30 PM. AT THE FIELD. THE FIRST FUN FLY OF THE YEAR WILL BE APRIL 16TH. HOPE EVERYONE WILL PLAN TO ATTEND.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As I write this Janet and I are still in Florida. Janet will have her last treatment March 28 then we will be heading back home the following day arriving home on April 4. Janet is doing really good. Her CA125 tests are in the normal range and seem to be stable. I'll keep you informed as we go through this.

I have joined two RC Clubs here. One Club is 14 miles away and has a huge field and no trees. The other Club is 4 miles away and has a small field with lots of trees. I fly my MX2 at the one without all the obstacles and my electrics at the smaller field. This year there has been a lot of wind so actually haven't flown much..... still enjoy being here though.

Last week, a friend here in the camp and I went to see an F3B AMA Sanctioned glider competition held at one of the Clubs I've joined. The F3B Gliders are made of carbon composite with a wing span of 114". This was an international event and consisted of three types of flying. Speed, Glide and Spot Landing and Duration. We watched the Speed event which starts with a winch launch up to around 600' elevation then the pilot would loop the planes straight down entering the course. They would enter around 110MPH, fly 4 laps over a 500' course and the best time won. Times range from 15 to 20 seconds - really fast. The event is not very popular for spectators so most of the people there were pilots and their support group. It is a very high pressure event and not for everyone. The planes are around \$1,000. We enjoyed seeing the event. Next weekend the Club will host an Aero-Tow event using the monster Gliders.

Last week end we went to a full scale air show held just across from our camp ground. It is sponsored by a local museum and airfield. The event, TICO Air Show, draws around 5,000 people and was really good. Lots of planes to see – aerobatic, war birds, jets and even F1F1, the B29 flew in from Texas and participated all week end. Sky divers and lots of bombs going off during the bombing exercise. It was pretty noisy at camp when about 4 of the old War Birds would fly over. Lots of fun.

Hope all of you are doing OK and were able to get a few days of flying over the last several months. Looking forward to flying again at our field.

John

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Some of us have been able to get to the field and do some flying this winter even though most of the time it has been chilly and very windy. But now is the time to get serious about flying--it is spring, our snow bird Prez is back in town and our first Fun Fly of the year will be April 16th.

As of April 1st we had 17 members current in their dues, one more than last year, \$1,662 in the bank, about \$190 more than last year, our AMA Charter is up to date and the rent on the flying field is paid. Looks like we are good to go so let's get flying.

For those that haven't flown in a Fun Fly it is not a big deal. The events are not that difficult and if you can take off and land you should be able to participate. You will not be expected to win, or even come close (but you might), just understand what you need to do for the event then just try to finish the event without worrying about your score. The more events you enter, the better your times or scores will get. Even though there are three events, you don't have to fly in all of them. You can fly only one or two events if that is all you are comfortable with. If you mess up, you may get a little friendly kidding but this is a Fun Fly and it is supposed to be fun. So, come join the fun.

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

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2016			
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BALANCE	3/1/2016	\$1,678.44	\$ 1,794.54
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ -	\$ 320.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ 5.00
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ 11.80	\$ 26.80
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 28.10	\$ 484.20
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ -
BALANCE	4/1/2016	\$1,662.14	\$ 1,662.14

MEETING MINUTES

The TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB did not have a meeting in March 2016.

2016 DUES

Club 2016 dues were due as of January 1, 2016. If you fly at Rocky Top Field on or after January 1, 2016 you will need a current (2016) AMA card.

If you are going to renew you Club membership at the April meeting, bring your 2016 AMA card. If you are paying by check, make the check out to "Tri-Lakes R/C Flying Club. You may also pay your dues in cash.

The dues schedule is as follows:

1. FULL MEMBERSHIP - \$80 per year.
2. ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS - \$5 each per year.
3. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP (non-voting) - \$15 per year.
4. STUDENTS - Free Club membership but must be a current AMA member.

If you joined the Club during 2015 talk to the Treasurer before paying as you may get a discount on you 2016 dues.

If paying by mail, send your dues to Fritz Corbin, 106 Neals Trail, Reeds Spring, MO, 65737-9786.

YOUR 2016 DUES ARE DUE!!

Below are the names of the 17 members that are current in their 2016 Club dues.

Lloyd Apprill, Bud Austin, Sid Beckham, Fritz Corbin, Gene Fuson, Jim Haney, Don Johnson, Gary Merseal, Dave Medley, Darrell Miers, Randy Needham, Craig Pullman, Phil Rogers, Erv Rohde, TJ Viola, John Woods and James Woodruff.

If you feel your 2016 Club dues are current but you are not on the above list contact Fritz Corbin for needed corrections.



Above is Fritz Corbin doing some early spring maintenance of the safety fence. Fritz, along with Bud Austin, do a lot of work keeping our flying field in great shape all year. So hats off to Fritz and Bud! Also have to mention that Jim Haney brings his tractor and mows the perimeter weeds a couple times a year. Three cheers for Jim, also!

APRIL 16TH FUN FLY

FIRST EVENT WILL START AT 11:00 AM

BBQ AFTER THE Fun Fly

There will be three events.

Event 1. TIME AND PLACE. From the square, take off and do a loop, land and stop in square (at least two wheels) in exactly 30 seconds. Then take off and do a roll, turn off the engine/motor (at least six feet above ground) and stop plane in the square. Restarts OK. One point for each second plus or minus 30 seconds and one point for each foot the plane stops from center of square. Low score wins.

Event 2. BUD'S LOOPS & ROLLS Take off from the marked area (circle or square) and do a loop and a roll. Do a touch and go and another loop and roll, another touch and go and loop and roll. Then land and stop with at least one wheel in the marked area. Total time in seconds is your score, lowest score wins. All takeoffs and landings must be in the same direction. 20 second penalty for each air maneuver missed. Disqualification for failure to do the required touch and goes. You may do the loop and roll in any order.

Event 3. BUMPER POOL. Take off from square, do a loop and land in same direction as takeoff, dislodge yellow cone from mark (with plane). Take off, do a roll and land in same direction as take off, dislodge red cone from mark and stop plane with at least one wheel in square. Low time wins. Restarts allowed with time continuing to run.

Pilots can fly any fixed wing aircraft in any event.

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JOHN WOODS 338-8419****SAFETY FIRST**

One way to avoid accidents is to never be in a hurry while you are preparing to get your plane into the air. Rushing to get in the air is a quick way to disaster.

Take the time to double check your equipment and settings. The airplane you save might be yours. (Or, it might be somebody else's).

See you at the field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING
WILL BE **APRIL 12TH**, 5:30PM, AT THE
CLUB FLYING FIELD. If there is severe
weather we will meet at the Southport
Clubhouse, 5:30 PM.
Fun Fly April 16th, 11 AM**