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Question? How good will a Sig Kadet LT-40 fly when half the covering on the top of the wing folds back? Well Bud Austin found out that it did create some control problems on the maiden flight of his new plane. However with his vast flying experience he was able to get it headed back toward the field and crash landed in the weeds across from the pits. Seems the only damage was the loose fabric covering and a broken motor mount. Might want to check the sealing iron temperature or do some pull tests on unfamiliar covering materials. See the Kadet's take off run on page 3.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Spring is here and so are the Spring rains even a little hail yesterday. Not sure when we'll be able to fly, so as they say, just be patient.

Janet and I returned home from our winter stay in Harlingen Texas. The wind blows most of the time and actually the weather this year was mostly overcast. Of course it never got close to freezing. I did fly New Year's day - went out early with Jim Haney and we flew a little. I flew the Beaver that Pat Adams gave me (after I got it out of the tree) and my little P3 Revolution. The Beaver was flying along just fine and then started a nice gentle 45 degree dive into the ground from about 75 feet up. Of course it wasn't my fault and of course I haven't figured out what happened either. It knocked the motor loose and broke a couple of the wing spars. Also the crash took a couple of chunks out of the "unbreakable" foam fuselage. I think a wheel broke off too. Other than that it seems OK.

This month we will have our 1st Club meeting of the year, April 9, at 5:30PM. If the weather is OK we will meet at the Flying Field, if not, meet at the South Port Club House. We will determine the exact location probably the day before the meeting and I'll let everyone know. Also, our 1st Fun Fly will be the following Saturday at 11:00AM. Check out the flying events in this Newsletter so you can practice prior to the event like I do.

I spoke to Jack McEvoy to see how he was doing after Annette passed away and he said he was doing OK. He and his family had a nice memorial for her. I invited Jack to come out to the field whenever he likes and he said he would like to do that. We'll keep Jack on our Clubs' Honorary Members list so he will continue to get the Newsletter and other notices.

It is nice to be home. I need to get busy on my repair jobs that are piling up. I'll see you all at the field or at the next meeting. Thanks to Don for keeping the Newsletter active through the winter - we all appreciate it very much.

See you at the Field John

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

The snow birds have arrived up north and the weather people predict warmer weather ahead (after a few April frosts), so it is time to seriously get ready for some RC flying. Check out your equipment and charge your batteries.

Our next meeting is April 9th . Hopefully the weather will allow us to meet at the field. Also the Club's first Fun Fly of the year is April 13th. Unfortunately your Editor has a neighborhood obligation that day so will need a volunteer to run the Fun Fly or maybe postpone it for a week.

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

YOUR 2019 DUES ARE DUE!!

Below are the names of the 12 members that are current in their 2019 Club dues.

Pat Adams, Bud Austin, Sid Beckham, Fritz Corbin, Don Johnson, Gary Merseal, Randy Needham, Erv Rohde, Charley Schenk, Hunter Smith, Isaac Thomas, and John Woods.

If you feel your 2019 Club dues are current but you are not on the above list contact Fritz

	TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2019						
			MAR		YTD		
	BALANCE	3/1/2019	\$1,6	673.25	\$	2,015.19	
	INCOME-DUES		\$	80.00	\$	320.00	
	INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$	-	\$	-	
	INCOME-FOOD		\$		\$	-	
	INCOME-50/50		\$	-	\$	-	
	INCOME-MISC		\$	25.13	\$	25.29	
	EXPENSE-FIEL	D	\$	31.00	\$	493.10	
	EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$	-	\$	-	
2	EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS			-	\$	-	
ł.	EXPENSE-FOOD		\$	-	\$	-	
Ļ	EXPENSE-AMA		\$	-	\$	120.00	
i.	EXPENSE-Web		\$	-	\$	-	
5	EXPENSE-meeting room		\$	-	\$	-	
	EXPENSE-MISC		\$	-	\$	-	
	BALANCE	4/1/2019	\$ '	1,747.38	\$	1,747.38	

MEETING MINUTES TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB

There was no March Club meeting.



Bud's new Kadet LT-40 on it's ill fated maiden take off. It didn't fly well when half the right wing covering came loose and folded back. Never fear! Bud will soon have it back in the air.



The Club decided to help junior member, Hunter Smith, after he crashed his trainer. With the Club having bits and pieces of several trainers, Bud volunteered to get a trainer together and the Club would sell it to Hunter for a very reasonable price. This has turned out to be a tall task, Every time Bud got to the point of test flying the assembled trainer, something bad happened, The Tower trainer couldn't make it to flying status but Bud finally got an Avistar trainer together for Hunter's use. Good job, Bud.





APRIL 9TH FUN FLY FIRST EVENT WILL START AT 11:00 AM BBQ AFTER THE Fun Fly

There will be three events.

Event 1. THREE TRICKS. From the circle, Take off (Clock starts when plane moves) and do a loop and land stopping with at least one wheel in the circle. Repeat, this time doing a roll. Repeat, this time doing a touch-and-go. Land and stop with at least one wheel in the circle. Time stops when plane stops. Low time wins.

Event 2. GRAND PRIX, From the circle go north around the pylon, (time starts when plane moves) come back going through the circle and go south around the pylon, then back through the circle. Repeat three more times. Time stops when plane has at least one wheel in the circle. At least one wheel <u>MUSt</u> go through the circle on each pass. Low time wins. Penalties—+10 seconds for each time a pylon is moved and or the plane becomes airborne. The pilot may be asked to demonstrate the plane is airworthy.

Event 3. PRECISION From the circle you have exactly two minutes to fly as many times as possible in front of the judges. The judges will count only passes while looking directly east. To count as a point the plane must be flying flat and level, headed directly north or south, over the runway and be within 5 to 50 feet in the air. Time starts when the plane starts to move and stops in 120 seconds. Most points wins. It is the judges decision if a point is counted or not and whining will result in a 5 point penalty.

Pilots can fly any fixed wing aircraft in any event.

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SAFETY FIRST

Hi everyone. Well we are finally getting some warmer weather and flying will be resuming at our field.

I just want to caution everybody to please check your airplanes out BEFORE you make the trip out 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

THE NEXT CLUB MEETING WILL BE THE APRIL 9, 5:30PM, AT THE SOUTH PORT CONDO CLUBHOUSE.