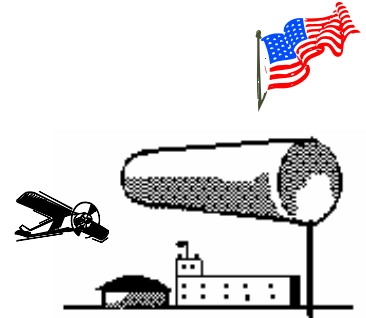


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## MAY MEETING

MAY 9 , 7:00 PM

Meet at Rocky Top Field. In case of severe weather meet at the Branson RecPlex.

## Program

Fly before the meeting. Bring your current projects for "Show and Tell"

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello once again to all flyers!

Our attendance was down a bit at our last meeting, but we discussed a lot of interesting topics. I have to admit that after being in the club for over 3 years, I finally took my first turn at mowing the field. With my hectic lifestyle, it was kind of nice just to get away and mow for 2 hours. If Bud Austin calls you about mowing, I hope you will be able to help out. If everyone would just take one turn, it wouldn't be a burden to anyone.

It was rather windy Saturday for about 15 mem-

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bers who came out for our Fun Fly. I was sorry to hear that a couple of members broke their planes. I can understand your pain! I did enjoy the Figure 8 event. I think I'll try that one myself, since I wouldn't have to get my plane off the ground, ha ha!

We will be meeting at the field for our meeting on May 9th. If you are able to come early and do some flying, that would be great. If it rains, we will meet at the RexPlex at 7:00 p.m.

Fly safe, Gary

### TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2006

		APR		Y T D	
BALANCE	3/17/2006	\$ 1,370.89	\$	1,177.43	
INCOME-DUES	-----	\$ 195.00	\$	1,300.14	
INCOME-SHIRTS & CAPS		\$ 30.00	\$	50.00	
INCOME-FOOD	-----	\$ 77.00	\$	77.00	
INCOME-50/50	-----	\$ 7.00	\$	41.00	
INCOME-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$	16.00	
EXPENSE-FIELD	-----	\$ 160.78	\$	956.87	
EXPENSE-NEW SLETTER		\$ -	\$	16.34	
EXPENSE-SHIRTS & CAPS		\$ -	\$	-	
EXPENSE-FOOD	-----	\$ 38.28	\$	38.28	
EXPENSE-AMA	-----	\$ 30.00	\$	125.00	
EXPENSE-Web	-----	\$ -	\$	-	
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ 25.00	\$	75.00	
EXPENSE-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$	24.25	
BALANCE	5/1/2006	\$ 1,425.83	\$	1,425.83	

# MEETING MINUTES

## TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

### April 11, 2006

President Gary Acton opened the meeting at 7:07 p.m. at the Branson RecPlex. All officers were present. There were 14 members and member's wife Janet Woods present. The minutes from the March meeting were approved as published in the April Newsletter. Treasurer Erv Rohde reported that the treasury balance as of March 17<sup>th</sup> was \$1,370.89. The 50/50 raffle was won by Jack McEvoy who received one half of \$14.00.

#### Committee Reports:

Bud Austin reported that Dave Carnahan had volunteered to help on the field next week and that he needs more members to step up and help with the mowing. Please call him to help out.

Roscoe Fudge announced that in addition to the two events published in the newsletter, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Fun Fly event will be an Easter egg drop.

John Woods said the RecPlex event is scheduled for July 9<sup>th</sup> and shaping up nicely. This will be the little league world series event and draw 2 to 3 thousand people. We will have one hour to put on a show and displays which will give us a nice exposure to the community. There is also a day camp for the kids in June & July and anyone interested in helping out and/or flying at these functions needs to contact John.

#### Announcements and Old Business:

Gary Acton said that he contacted Taney County for more information regarding finding a new location for the field. He says that Topography maps are available. There was discussion regarding this and other avenues to try to locate a new flying field.

One of the pilot stations was broken, Mark

Niebrzydowski said that he will see that it gets fixed.

Gary Acton read an announcement that D&D Hobbies is selling out their remaining fuel in bulk. Anyone interested should call them at 417-739-1425. They have 22 gal. that is 10% to 15% and they'll sell in bulk.

#### New Business:

The US Scale Team sent a letter and some raffle tickets trying to raise money for this year's event. Motion by Bud Austin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Johnson to send \$30.00 donation & purchase 9 tickets. If we win a prize, we will raffle it off for our own Club treasury.

John Woods volunteered to get the hot dogs, buns & soft drinks for the April 15<sup>th</sup> fun fly.

There wasn't any other new business.

#### Program:

Joe Major brought his Dave Patrick ¼ scale 88" clipped wing Cub (picture below). It has over 1300 sq. in. of wing area on this nicely built ARC with functional wing struts. Joe's using a 2.4 Brison motor and a J&A Peace-keeper muffler, the engine weighs in at 44 oz without the muffler. He plans on using 21<sup>st</sup> Century Coverite and it should weigh in around 16 lbs when complete.

Next meeting will be May 9<sup>th</sup> at Rocky Top Field.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.



## THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

On April 1st the Club had a work day. A dozen members showed up and picked up rocks, filled holes and did anything else needed to get Rocky Top Field in shape for the summer flying season. Many thanks guys—good job.

We finally got in the March Fun Fly, even though the wind was a little problem. We had a good crowd, a good lunch but the participation in the flying was a little disappointing with only five participants. A quick check of our 43 member Club Roster shows at least 20 or more members that are capable of participating in these events. If any one has any ideas on how to make the Fun Flies more interesting to more members, the Club Officers or those involved with the Fun Flies would like to hear them. Also you don't have to fly in all three events. If a member only feels comfortable in flying in one or two of the three events this is perfectly acceptable.

On page 5 is an article "Is Your Club "Engaged" With The Local Community?", by AMA President Dave Brown, This article is from the March AMA Insider Newsletter and seemed appropriate as our Club prepares to put on some demonstrations at the Branson RecPlex this summer. Hope all members will take a few minutes to read this article.

Speaking of the RecPlex demonstrations the Club plans to have, safety has to be at the top of any flying priority list. For those that plan to fly in these demos it is important to get some practice in at the RecPlex so you are comfortable with the area we have to fly in. Extra effort should be made to insure the planes are very reliable. All planes should be range checked and receiver and transmitter batteries should be fully charged and able to hold 85 to 90% of their nominal value. If they can't, they should be replaced. Also choose a suitable plane for the flying area. Safety rule number one — when in doubt, don't!

Time to land for this month....ed

## SAFETY FIRST

Prior to taxing out on the runway for takeoff, make sure any planes in the air are not going to land – landing aircraft have the right of way. In addition, a "dead stick" aircraft has the right of way over all other aircraft.

Thanks to all our flyers for showing their respect for safety and being conscientious in seeking a safe flying environment.

John Woods  
Safety Officer

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## NEW MEMBER

The Club's membership is now 43 for 2006.

Dennis Sinning has become a Club member. He and his wife Carol live in Olathe, Kansas

Welcome to the Club Dennis, we are glad to have you join us.

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Above is a picture of the crew that showed up for the workday on April 1st. Missing and assumed taking this picture is Annette McEvoy

# APRIL FUN FLY

It was a windy day but the April Fun Fly had already been delayed a week due to bad weather. While Erv Rohde was burning the hot dogs that John Woods had procured, there was much discussion on whether or not to proceed with the events. Finally Fun Fly Director, Roscoe Fudge, made the decision to fly regardless of the wind and went home to get another aircraft to replace the one he damaged in practice. So after the fine lunch, five brave pilots got ready to battle each other and the wind.

The first event was a Timed Flight. Draw a random number of seconds to fly and fly that number of seconds exactly, wheels up to wheels down. One point penalty for each second above or below the specified time—lowest penalty time wins. Erv Rohde and Roscoe Fudge drew 70 and 90 seconds respectively and had zero penalty points to tie for First Place. Bud Austin had a six point penalty for Third Place and John Woods had seven penalty points for Fourth Place.

The second event was an Egg Drop. Take off and drop an egg (plastic and half filled with sand) on a target on the runway. Closest egg to the target wins. Bud Austin took First Place at 96 feet from the target, John Woods was Second at 171 feet and Roscoe Fudge was Third at 192 feet. Erv Rohde was Fourth and last with a drop way out in the woods some place. Maybe real eggs would stay in the cup better prior to intentionally being dropped!

The last event was a Taxi Event. Start through a gate and around a figure eight course, break the balloon and return along the course back through the starting gate. Shortest time wins. Five second penalty for hitting each course marker. Roscoe Fudge was First with 37 seconds and novice Evan McCartney second at 47 seconds. Atta way to go Evan! Third Place went to John Woods with 48 seconds, Fourth place to Bud Austin with 60 seconds (including a 20 second penalty) and Fifth Place went to Erv Rohde with 64 seconds.

Based on a point system of 100 for First, 70 for second, 50 for Third, 30 for Fourth, 20 for Fifth and 10 for all others that enter for each event, the Overall winners and Top Gun points are as follows:

First Place	Roscoe Fudge	235 points
Second Place	Bud Austin	180 points
Third Place	John Woods	150 points
Fourth Place	Erv Rohde	135 points
Fifth Place	Evan McCartney	70 points

Many thanks to Fun Fly Director, Roscoe Fudge, and his crew for a successful Fun Fly—even with the wind, no crashes. Also thanks to John Woods and Erv Rohde and their crew for lunch. The next Fun Fly is scheduled for June 17th.



Above is John Woods' Gee Bee just before touch down in his fourth place finish in the Timed Flight.

Below is novice Evan McCartney's plane in the Taxi Event just prior to breaking the balloon. Evan took second place in this, his first ever Fun Fly event!



# Is Your Club “Engaged” with the Local Community?

by Dave Brown, AMA President

I’m not referring to being prepared to marry—although in many ways the relationship is similar. What I have in mind is the relationship between your club and the community in which you reside.

When was the last time your club did a community project to raise its positive visibility within the society in which you exist? If your answer is “I can’t remember,” “I’m not sure we have,” or any similar response, then this is a good time to start thinking about what you can do to enhance the stature of your club within your community.

A number of clubs seem to think the secret to survival is to remain “hidden” from public view. I suppose that works for a short time, but in the long run, it will never be the answer. Clubs who try to remain hidden are the ones that are suddenly surprised to find themselves without a flying site and with no options on the table.

Think about it. Many of the organizations which thrive in the community do so not because of what the organization does for its members, but for what it does for the community. It doesn’t take much effort to reap a great reward. If your club is willing to give a little to the community, its people will pay you back with increased levels of respect, support, and most importantly, tolerance when you need them to help you through a difficult time.

What can you do? Many things! How about conducting a charity fun-fly? Invite local people and modelers from neighboring clubs over for an event and dedicate the proceeds to a community charity. It doesn’t hurt if the charity you select happens to be the mayor’s favorite. Surprisingly, it doesn’t seem to make much difference how much money you raise! This is one area where it really is the thought that counts.

Have you ever thought about sponsoring a scholarship at a local school? I don’t think there is any way that your club can get more positive publicity per unit dollar than this. Think about it! The scholarship gets publicity when it is announced, when it is awarded, when the recipient starts school, and any other time the club draws attention to it. That is a publicist’s dream and it’s all positive publicity. It’s also one of the few times that making the front page of the paper is a good thing! It doesn’t have to be a large dollar amount: \$250 or \$500 will help a lot.

Does your town have an annual parade on Veterans’ Day, Independence Day, Easter, or another holiday? Why not consider putting together a float with many model airplanes on it and get the club involved! Believe me, this can be a lot of fun and the public response to your club will be far different than if you try to “hide” your existence.

I’m sure you can put yourself into the shoes of the mayor, sheriff, police chief, or councilman who must deal with a person who constantly complains about the model airplane flying field. It doesn’t matter that his or her complaints are unfounded or unreasonable.

Those people have to deal with the constant complainer and unless there is some good reason for them to go to bat for you, it’s far easier to simply shut you down than it is to deal with chronic complaints.

On the other hand, if your club has become a positive contributor to the community through local projects, it’s much more likely neighbors will be more tolerant of your club its activities and that officials will support you and have some ammunition with which to convince anyone who does complain that you should be allowed to continue to fly your model airplanes.

Hmmm ... the longer I think about it, this is beginning to sound more like a marriage to the community!



Above is a couple of pictures of John Woods, Vernon Crabtree and Roscoe Fudge getting ready to practice flying on the Branson RecPlex soccer fields. On the right, Vernon's plane has just landed. This is a nice, flat, open area but does have some very substantial light poles that will be very unforgiving if a plane happens to come in contact with one of them. Six of us did some practice flying on this day and none of us had problems getting up or down in the area between the light poles. But more practice is needed to become very comfortable with the area that we are to fly in.

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