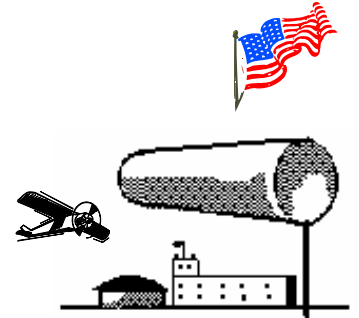


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APRIL FUN FLY WINNER



Erv Rohde pilots his Pro-Twister out of the box (square) in the April Fun Fly's last event. After taking off again, landing and stopping in the box the second time, Erv won his second event of the Fun Fly and captured First Place Overall. Good going Erv. A note of interest is that there were four Pro-Twisters entered in the Fun Fly although one was a 65% scale electric. Only three survived the Fun Fly as one seemed to receive a mortal wound and crashed.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings to all flyers!

Well, the warmer weather is here, which made our Fun Fly Day a real treat. While I was only able to come out for 30 minutes, I did get to meet with a Cub Scout leader who would like our Club to do a program for about 25 kids. This would probably be in late summer.

I appreciate the great job that our vice president, Dave, did at the last meeting, when I was absent. I was celebrating my 25th anniversary with my family.

My big news these days is that last week I was able to acquire 6 planes and one jet. I brought 2 of them out to the field, and I will be bringing some of the others to the next meeting for show and tell. I'll show, and hopefully some of you can tell me about what I've got!

Our next meeting will be held at the field, weather permitting, May 8th at 7:00 p.m. I look forward to seeing you then.

Gary

SAFETY FIRST

Always inspect your propeller before first use, and after each flight, for splits, cracks, or other wear or damage. This is especially important after a not so perfect landing. Most of us look at the ends of the prop, but how many look closely at the hub area? Discard that prop if it is less than perfect. Consider painting the tips for better visibility when the prop is turning..

See you at the field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Don't forget the Ladies Day Flight Training on May 19th. Last year we had about 22 ladies take the training and hopefully this year we will have as many or more. Should be a fun day.

Need to do some thinking about the June Fun Fly. Your Fun Fly Director will not be around on June 16th, our normal date. Was thinking about June 23rd but John Woods won't be available. Also Erv Rohde will be absent throughout June and July. Possibilities are have someone else run the Fun Fly on the 16th, run it on the 23rd without John and Erv or run it on June 30th—still without Erv. Or we could try to run two Fun Flys in August or any one of many other options. Check your schedules and bring your thoughts to the May meeting.

Time to land for this month.

| TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2007 | | | |
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| | | APR | Y T D |
| BALANCE | 4/1/2007 | \$ 2,148.60 | \$ 2,139.03 |
| INCOME-DUES ----- | | \$ - | \$ 805.00 |
| INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS | | \$ 55.00 | \$ 160.00 |
| INCOME-FOOD ----- | | \$ 29.25 | \$ 29.25 |
| INCOME-50/50 ----- | | \$ 5.50 | \$ 26.00 |
| INCOME-MISC ----- | | \$ - | \$ - |
| EXPENSE-FIELD ----- | | \$ 83.95 | \$ 543.95 |
| EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER | | \$ - | \$ 7.80 |
| EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS | | \$ - | \$ 270.52 |
| EXPENSE-FOOD ----- | | \$ 46.62 | \$ 46.62 |
| EXPENSE-AMA ----- | | \$ - | \$ 105.00 |
| EXPENSE-Web ----- | | \$ - | \$ - |
| EXPENSE-meeting room | | \$ 25.00 | \$ 100.00 |
| EXPENSE-MISC ----- | | \$ - | \$ 2.61 |
| BALANCE | 5/1/2007 | \$ 2,082.78 | \$ 2,082.78 |

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

April 10, 2007

Vice President Dave Medley opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. at the Branson Rec Plex. All officers were present except Gary Acton. There were 12 members present, no new members or guests attended. The minutes from the March meeting were approved as published in the April Newsletter. Treasurer Erv Rohde reported that the treasury balance as of April 1st was \$2148.60. The 50/50 raffle was won by John Woods who received one half of \$11.00.

Committee Reports:

Fritz Corbin advised that the armadillos have been active again and asked that everyone try to fill in any holes they notice on the landing strip. There is dirt by the shed.

Fritz also announced that he will be sending out a revised ops plan for the upcoming Ladies Fun Fly. John, Erv, Bud and Joe will each be doing a 3 to 4 minute demo during the lunch break.

Announcements and Old Business:

Concerns regarding the weather for this weekend's Fun Fly were discussed. It was decided that CD Don Johnson and Safety Officer Gene Fuson will make a determination by Friday and notify members via email if the event will be postponed until the following weekend, April 21st. John Woods will be getting the food for the event, Dave Medley and Bob Pilecki will handle the cooking chores.

New Business:

Bud Austin advised that his church has a group interested in flying and asked if we were interested in hosting a flying event or some sort of demonstration for them. Dave Medley said that he also had the same ques-

tion regarding the boys ranch "Lives Under Construction Ranch". After general discussion both Bud and Dave will coordinate with each organization as to what future dates may be mutually agreeable to have an event and advise at the next meeting.

Erv Rohde announced that we have a new one year lease with Brenda Oswald. There is a clause that allows for a 90 day notice of cancellation by either party. The lease is effective from 3/1/07 through 2/28/08.

John Woods said that he picked up the 36" 11 HP Hydrostatic Drive Craftsman mower and asked that Annette McEvoy send a thank you card. John also has information on an upcoming June 2nd and 3rd Float Fly. Anyone interested should contact him.

Program:

Don Johnson gave a very informative presentation on the "Care and Feeding of Batteries & Other Stuff". His handout had a lot of information including definitions, recommendations as to what tools you really need to properly check your equipment and comparisons of Nicads, Nickel Metal Hydrides, Li-pos and Lithium-ion batteries. He also had detailed information on chargers and charging rates to use. Along with the "rules of thumb" he had on the handouts he fielded many questions from the members. It was not only interesting but very enlightening presentation.

Gene Fuson brought his latest addition, an Electrify Fokker D7 complete with Snoopy. It features a Berg 7 channel receiver and Castle ESC. It's covered in an attractive red and white color scheme.

Next meeting will be May 8th at Rocky Top.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

APRIL FUN FLY

It was very windy but the April Fun Fly had been postponed the week before due to wind and rain, so no one even thought of canceling out. After a lunch of hot dogs, sodas, chips, beans and several other high calorie goodies, it was on with the pilots meeting and into the first event.

The first event was a Timed Flight With Loops and Rolls. Take off, do as many loop roll combinations as you can and land in exactly 90 seconds. Five points for every acceptable loop-roll combination and minus 1 point for each second off the 90 second required flight time. Minus 20 points for stopping off the field. Time starts when the plane moves and stops when the plane stops. Highest score wins. Bud Austin was first with 11 loop-roll combos and an 18 second penalty for a score of 37 (55-18). Erv Rohde was second with a score of 32 (45-13) and Fritz Corbin was third with 9 (45-16-20). Fritz took a little trip into the weeds on landing but still would have been in third place without the -20 penalty. Don Johnson was fourth with a 0 (20-0-20). Fifth place was Dave Medley with -15 (15-29) and John Woods was sixth with -52 (10-42-20). John did a couple of combos and then it looked like his Russian pilot had been shot as the plane staggered around then dove into the trees. Howard Shire had a DNF when his plane quit before completing any combos. His plane had a hard landing so he was out for the day.

The next event was Erv Rohde's Three Loop event. Take off, do three perfect consecutive loops, then land. The loops were judged by 5 non flying judges (mostly wives) with each judge scoring the three loops from 1 to 10. The pilot with the highest combined score of the judges wins. Erv Rohde was first with a score of 39. John Woods was second with 36 and Bud Austin was third with 30. Fritz Corbin was fourth with 21. Don Johnson was

fifth but didn't complete the event because his wing collapsed. No other planes attempted the event.

The last event was the Box Event. Place or taxi the plane into a marked square on the field. Take off, fly a 360 around the field, land and taxi into the square and stop with at least two wheels in the square. Take off again, do a 360 and land and stop in the square with at least two wheels inside the square. Time starts when the plane moves out of the square the first time and stops when the plane stops in the square the second time. Maximum time allowed is 4 minutes. Low score wins. Erv Rohde was first with 56 seconds. Second place went to Bud Austin with 58 second and third was John Woods at 60 seconds. Fourth place was Fritz Corbin with 140 second and fifth was Don Johnson with 142 seconds.

Overall results were First Place, Erve Rohde with 270 Top Gun 2007 points. Second Place was Bud Austin with 220 points and John Woods was Third with 130 points. Fourth Place went to Fritz Corbin with 110 points and Fifth to Don Johnson with 70 points. The wind was a problem with all events and probably did have some effect on some of the results—at least it made each event more difficult.

Many thanks to John Woods for providing the hot dogs, sodas and chips and Dave Medley for being the chef for the day. Also thanks to those that brought the extras—bean soup, cookies, cobbler, brownies and donut holes, etc. Also thanks to Erv Rohde for providing a unique Fun Fly event and for everyone else that helped with scoring and putting on the events.

The date for the June Fun Fly is not certain at this point because of some conflicting schedules but should be determined at the May Meeting.

LADIES DAY FLIGHT TRAINING

All ladies associated with the Tri-Lakes R/C Flying Club are invited to attend a FLIGHT TRAINING SCHOOL on May 19, 2007.

This would include wives, girl friends, daughters, grand-daughters and other invited ladies.

The event will start at 10 AM with a ground school followed by instructions on a computer flight simulator and then “hands on” training of flying an R/C trainer aircraft.

At noon there will be a lunch at the field which will be free to participating ladies.

At the end of the school a certificate will be awarded to those ladies completing the program.



Above left, John Woods is seen maneuvering to park in the square on the last event of the April Fun Fly. This is John's second plane as his first one mysteriously fell out of the sky during the first event. To the right is Bud Austin's plane as it also maneuvers to park in the square on the last event of the Fun Fly. John and Bud placed third and second respectively in the overall points count of the April Fun Fly. Good Going guys!

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MAY MEETING

MAY 8 , 7:00 PM

Meet at ROCKY TOP FIELD

Program

Bring your current projects for "Show and Tell"



A couple of new planes at the field. Left is Dave Medley's P-40 on its maiden flight with test pilot John Woods at the controls. Dave will soon have the cowl on and the retracts working. Above is Paul Denney's Funtanna also on its maiden flight, again with John Woods at the controls. Both planes landed without incident. With a few minor trim adjustments they should be great flyers.

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