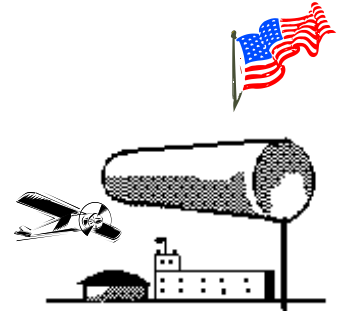


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OTHERWISE IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL DAY!



It was a great spring day, but Gene Fuson's Hanger 9, P-51 trainer decided it was tired, quit and went into the ground. Not exactly sure why it quit but made a pretty bad mess of the fuselage. Looks like the pilot actually did survive. Not sure if it is repairable but maybe with a new fuselage it could be put back in the air. Part of the plane could actually be made into a great wall decoration. First cut about the last foot of the fuselage off cleanly, then carefully glue it to a wall. Depending on your pilot skills you might choose a large wall and make it into kind of a trophy wall. Wives love these great decorator touches.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Pilots;

We need to get more of our members out for our next meeting as we have a lot of business to discuss and some things to vote on.

1. I have set the date for the Cub Scouts as Saturday, June 5, 2010. We will do as always; these are all new boys and have not been to the field before. A little safety briefing, open aircraft so they can see inside the planes and at least a 15 minute flight. We can have 10 to 15 boys. They will bring food for everyone.
2. The LUC Boys Ranch will be out on June 26, 2010. The same as last year, they will have their own food and drink. Plan like we did last year.

Below are changes and additions That I feel should be made to the Club's bylaws. Some of the changes were never incorporated in the by-

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2010

		APR	Y T D
BALANCE	4/1/2010	\$ 1,994.77	\$ 2,507.94
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ 240.00	\$ 775.02
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ 46.00	\$ 46.00
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ 4.00	\$ 10.00
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ 17.75
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 40.16	\$ 515.16
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ 8.80
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ 34.87	\$ 34.87
EXPENSE-AMA -----			\$ 105.00
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ 25.00	\$ 75.00
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ 433.14
BALANCE	5/1//2010	\$ 2,184.74	\$ 2,184.74

laws.

Under Article III a : Membership. I would suggest the following:

4. Youth Membership: Youth members will be categorized as an individual who is 18 years of age or younger. Youth membership will be \$15.00 per year and the individual will have full membership rights.
5. Guest: Guest who want to fly at our field must be accompanied by a Club member. The Guest Flyer will be limited to two visits, and then they must apply for a Guest membership and pay a membership fee of \$7.00 per month. Guest flyers must be a current AMA member. Guest Flyers who are not a member of AMA may only fly with an Instructor Pilot with an Intro Pilot status using a buddy box.

In checking with other Clubs I have found that most of the suggested changes are included in their bylaws. We have not reviewed or changed our bylaws since 1998 therefore I feel they need a thorough review and revision. At the next meeting I would like to open up discussion of the above revisions and changes. If the Club feels the changes should be made bylaws, I will appoint an individual to alter the bylaws and present the changes to the Club for approval.

That's All.

DAVE

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB APRIL 9, 2010

President Dave Medley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Branson Rec-Plex. All officers were present. There were 10 members present including the officers. One guest, Wes Kistler, was present. Homer Zobel rejoined the Club. The 50/50 (split the pot) raffle was won Gene Fuson. He received \$4.00, half of the \$8.00 pot.

Committee Reports:

Erv Rohde reported that we have a balance of \$1994.77 in the bank account. Minutes of the March meeting were approved as published in the Newsletter.

Announcements and Old Business:

Erv Rohde reported that he had incurred a \$400 debt filing the incorporation papers. He also stated that he had sent the money in but hadn't received any word back.

Dave Medley reported that he was still working on getting something for the opening of the Branson West airport. He also stated that he had received a reply from the AMA on the TAG program.

New Business:

Howard Shire reported that we had received a request from the U.S. Scale Team for support for their trip to Poland. After some discussion it was decided that we couldn't afford to support them this year.

John Woods suggested that we have a float fly. He was appointed to head up the event. John also said that he was working on getting a class at Gibson Vo-tec on the art of building and flying radio controlled aircraft. He requested that if the class materializes that he would like some members to come and share some of their knowledge.

The first fun fly of the year will be Saturday the 17th. Hot dogs at 12:00 and pilot's meeting at 12:30.

Program:

Meeting adjourned at 6:52p.m. The next meeting will be May 11 at the field starting at 6:00 P.M.



The April Meeting guest, Wes Kistler, is an electric flyer and among other things uses his planes to take aerial real estate photos. He brought an inexpensive Chinese ARF biplane to the meeting. After the meeting he went out in the parking lot and did an impressive demonstration of flying it around at dusk and among the cars in the parking lot. The plane is fairly small and used an E-flite 400 size electric motor and would fly fairly slow. In the lower photo it can be seen flying over one of the lights in the parking lot. Wes is a prospective Club member



THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Although mentioned a couple of times elsewhere in this Newsletter, be advised that the May 11th meeting will be held at the Club field, weather permitting. The meeting starts at 6:00 PM and President Dave Medley has some changes in the Club Bylaws that he would like the Club to take action on. So give a good read to his column on page 2 and come prepared to contribute.

As the weather warms up, there seems to be more Club members showing up at the field. Unfortunately spring also brings wind so nice days don't always mean good flying days. Even so a windy day does allow the members to get together, show off new projects and tell stories—true or otherwise.

For those that haven't been to the field lately, it is in great shape. According to Fritz Corbin, he thinks the severe cold this last winter may have helped to control the armadillo population. Anyway between Fritz's fence and the past cold weather the armadillos don't seem to be a problem now. Good job Fritz.

Looks like we are going to host the Cub Scouts on June 5th. Unfortunately this is also the date that the Halberts and Johnsons attend the annual SMALL Fun Fly in Little Rock (Wrightsville). This is the 20th anniversary of SMALL and was enlarged to 4 days with two nights of indoor flying.

Had our first Fun Fly of the year last month and had the most members participate that we've had in the last several years. Would still like to encourage other members to join in the fun. It is not as difficult as it may seem. Just understand what the event requires and then do the best you can while flying within your own ability. Just remember winning isn't everything, if it were several of us wouldn't be participating.

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



Homer "Zip" Zobel rejoined the Club after a year off due to health issues. His first flight after his layoff didn't turn out as well as he had hoped and he did some damage to his Four Star-60. But a week later he was back out flying again and had no more problems. Welcome back Zip!

CURRENT 2010 CLUB MEMBERS

Below are the names of the 21 members that are current in their 2010 Club dues. Bob Pilecki became current during the last month.

Rick Almond, Bud Austin, Sid Beckham, Fritz Corbin, Gene Fuson, Jim Halbert, Jim Haney, Don Johnson, Reader Jones, Tom Mckenzie, Dave Medley, Randy Needham, Mark Niebrzydowski, Keith Oxby, Dick Peterson, Bob Pilecki, Erv Rohde, Howard Shire, Roy Steinstel, John Woods and Homer Zobel.

If you feel your 2010 Club dues are current but you are not on the above list contact Erv Rohde for needed corrections.

APRIL 2010 FUN FLY

It was a good looking day with the the temperature in the high 60s. The breeze was a little stiff at times but not enough to bother the eager pilots.

Erv Rohde was the chef of the day cooking up the usual hot dogs with chips and sodas. The ladies also put on the finishing touch with a lemon cake, chocolate pie and chocolate chip cookies. It doesn't get any better than that.

After lunch there was a pilot's meeting at 12:30 where eight anxious pilots got their instructions on the events to follow. This was one more participant than at any Fun Fly last year.

The first event was TIMED FLIGHT WITH LOOPS AND ROLLS. Take off and do as many loops and rolls as possible and land in exactly 60 seconds. Receive 5 points for each loop and roll and a 1 point penalty for each second over or under 60 seconds. Also a 20 second penalty for landing off the runway. Time starts when plane starts to move and stops when plane stops. High score wins. Bud Austin had the best flight of the day by doing 7 loops and rolls with only a 4 second time penalty for 31 total points. Howard Shire took second place with 10 loops and rolls and a 25 second penalty for 25 points and John Woods was third with 6 loops and rolls with a 6 second penalty for 24 points. Erv Rohde was forth with 23 points and Fritz Corbin was fifth with 18 points. President, Dave Medley, added some excitement to the event by going full power into the safety fence and did not finish the event.

The next event was ERV'S GROUND TARGETS. Time starts when you touch starting line between two 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. Penalties: 5 seconds if you break a piece into 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 the rules.
ONE WITH LEAST SECONDS WINS.

First place was again Bud Austin with a time of 51 seconds and no penalties. Second went to John Woods with a run of 59 seconds and one 5 second penalty for a net 64 seconds and third was Homer Zobel with a 72 second run and 10 second penalty for a net 82 seconds. Forth was Howard Shire with a net 89 seconds and fifth was Erv Rohde with a 102.

The last event was TIMED TOUCH AND GO LANDINGS. Make five touch and go landings in the shortest possible time. All take-offs and landings will be made into the wind or in a direction indicated by the event director. At least one main landing gear wheel must touch the runway to be counted as a landing. Only one landing per pass. Timing will start when the throttle is opened for take-off and will stop at touch down after the fifth take-off has been completed. The shortest time will determine the winner. A four-minute time limit is placed on the event. Engine restarts are allowed. Bud Austin was again the hot pilot with a time of 77 seconds with Fritz Corbin second at 89 seconds and in third place was Homer Zobel with 102 seconds. Forth place went to Don Johnson with 118 seconds and fifth was Erv Rohde with 119 seconds. John Woods looked like he had a good flight going but lost his muffler causing a power loss and did not finish the event.

The Overall Winner was obviously Bud Austin in winning all three events and receiving 300 Top Gun 2010 points. Second overall went to John Woods with 130 Top Gun points and in third place was Howard Shire with 110 pints. Fourth place was a tie between Fritz Corbin and Homer Zobel with 100 points each.

Many thanks to all that helped and contributed to the success of the Fun Fly.

The next scheduled Fun Fly will be June 13th.

MAYMEETING

MAY 11, 6:00 PM

**Meet at ROCKY TOP FIELD.
In case of severe weather,
meet at the Branson Rec-
Plex.**

Program

**BRING YOUR PROJECTS FOR
SHOW AND TELL.**

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SAFETY FIRST

For the next few months we will be reviewing the club safety rules and regulations as adopted by the Club on October 1997 and revised on 5-12-98.

1. All members are expected to know and adhere to the SAFETY RULES set down by the TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB and the ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS (AMA) and to use common sense when operating or observing any R/C aircraft.

2. Pilots must be insured by the AMA and have in their possession their current AMA identification card.

3. Guests of Club members must be AMA members and may use the flying field for a period of two weeks. If guests exceed the two-week period they will be required to purchase an Associate Membership.

See You at the Field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

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