

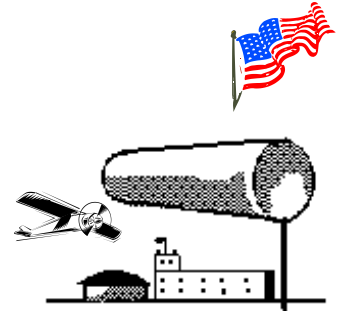
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## WHAT DID YOU DO THIS WINTER?



Well, at least a couple of our members spent time building some more airplanes. Fritz Corbin built a nice looking white and red Pro Twister. Notice that the rudder is not quite the same as the original design but it still seems to fly well. Fritz also did not incorporate the Rohde handle for the cockpit as several other builders have done. Seems this is the second, or maybe the third Pro Twister Fritz has made. Not sure where the others went but he must like the design. Don Johnson was also busy building. His new creation is a 47% Polaris XL. He calls it the Polaris XS. He had a small brushless motor and speed control and some 2 and 3 mm Depron laying around so he decided to reproduce his big Polaris in miniature. At this writing it is about ready for its maiden flight.

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

April was kind of weird as far as the weather goes. Not too many days of flying due to the rain and wind. May looks very promising and I expect we'll have nicer flying conditions this month. The field is in great shape.

I missed the Fun Fly but heard you all had a great day of flying after the rain stopped. Only a few mishaps. Also heard that Don Livermore won 1<sup>st</sup> place. Must of been a fluke or just lucky I suspect..... what else could it have been? Anyway I'm glad you were able to have the event.

The FAA will be evaluating the comments from the R/C community then finalizing their rules for R/C flight. Apparently this will take some time. I'm very thankful we are an AMA Club and support them and also thankful to the AMA for their ongoing battle with the FAA. The article I read said the three members from the AMA met with the FAA and their team consisting of nine government lawyers – wow!

This month's issue of Model Aviation has some really nice 50 inch size foam float planes you may consider. They are available in BNF or PNP versions and look great – cost around \$200. Check-em-out, May issue page 48.

Bud Austin has been helping Gary Samuelson build his Piper PA-18 1/4 scale kit plane. Gary is a veteran who was severely injured by a road side bomb and needed help building his dream plane. Bud said the build is coming along great and that Gary wants to electrify the plane rather than gas. Gary will try to make it to one of our meetings soon. Thanks Bud for helping.

Our meeting will be next Tuesday, May 12th , 6:00PM at the Flying Field. I usually go out around 3:00PM and fly then stay for the meeting – the sun is in the west so great visibility. Bring your new projects to share with everyone.

See you at the field.....John

## THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Things seem to be getting back to normal as we had 8 members at the field last Saturday. We now have 17 members current and will probably get a couple more renewals. If you haven't renewed yet, do it quickly as the Club Roster will be officially trimmed in the next few days. Really don't want to have to eliminate anyone!

Thinking of a drop event for the October Fun Fly. Something cumbersome, weighing about 2 or 3 ounces. Rig the plane to drop the object any way you want. May even incorporate the drop in a couple of events. It could be a bag of sand, block of wood, plastic container, balloon with water, rubber snake, etc. Any suggestions? Should have the object decided by the June Fun Fly which would give about four months to decide how to drop it.

Seems like our Crash Trophy is lost. For the last two or three months we have had deserving recipients of this Trophy and they have not been able to proudly display it in their living rooms. If you have it, please bring it back.

Some hunters delivered an RTF Apprentice to the Club thinking it belongs to one of us, which it probably does. It is in the shed. Nice to have honest, considerate neighbors!

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

### TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2015

		APR	YTD
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>4/1/2015</b>	<b>\$1,478.64</b>	<b>\$ 1,668.23</b>
<b>INCOME-DUES</b> -----		<b>\$ 80.00</b>	<b>\$ 495.00</b>
<b>INCOME-SHIRTS&amp;CAPS</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>INCOME-FOOD</b> -----		<b>\$ 16.00</b>	<b>\$ 16.00</b>
<b>INCOME-50/50</b> -----		<b>\$ 2.50</b>	<b>\$ 5.00</b>
<b>INCOME-MISC</b> -----		<b>\$ 1.37</b>	<b>\$ 1.37</b>
<b>EXPENSE-FIELD</b> -----		<b>\$ 44.29</b>	<b>\$ 540.68</b>
<b>EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>EXPENSE-SHIRTS&amp;CAPS</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>EXPENSE-FOOD</b> -----		<b>\$ 27.00</b>	<b>\$ 27.00</b>
<b>EXPENSE-AMA</b> -----		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 90.00</b>
<b>EXPENSE-Web</b> -----		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>EXPENSE-meeting room</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>EXPENSE-MISC</b> -----		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 20.70</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>5/1/2015</b>	<b>\$1,507.22</b>	<b>\$ 1,507.22</b>

## MEETING MINUTES

### TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB APRIL 14, 2015

Vice-President Gene Fusion opened the meeting at 6:05 PM, at the South Port Clubhouse. There were 5 members present including the officers. President John Woods was absent. Treasurer, Fritz Corbin, reported that the Club had \$1,478.64 in the bank as of April 1<sup>st</sup>. The Minutes of the March Meeting were approved as written in the April Newsletter. There were no guests or new members present. The 50/50 raffle was won by Erv Rohde and he received \$2.50 of the \$5 pot.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Don Johnson reported that the Club Chartering has been done.

Fritz Corbin reported that the check for the Club field lease has been cashed.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Fritz reported that Jim Haney and Howard Shire had welded the broken gate post and he (Fritz) had redone the barbed wire between the post and tree.

Fritz asked where his crash trophy was. Everyone felt that Gary Merseal still had it.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Gene Fusion read an email from John Woods explaining that he would miss the meeting because he had pneumonia, but he felt he may be able to be at the Fun Fly on Saturday.

Howard Shire said there was an error in a caption in the April Newsletter. Seems the Four-Star 60 with the black patch, he was standing behind, was not his but probably belonged to Gary Merseal. Sorry about that.

Don said he had a call from Mike Anderson. As most members know, Mike was a Club member for several years until he moved to Springfield. He was the originator of the Club web site and has continued to keep it up, make any changes necessary and post the

monthly Newsletters. He does this for no cost to the Club other than out of pocket web fees. Mike, and wife Denice are into bike riding and wondered if the Club or individual members would donate to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in his name. Check out his biking website at <http://www.10gears.com>. After some discussion it was felt that after all Mike had and is doing for the Club for no profit, and the fact that this is important to him, a donation in his name would be very appropriate. It was moved and seconded that the Club make a donation to the MS fund in Mike's name. The vote will be held next month since there was so few members at the April meeting. Also individual members would be encouraged to add to the Club's donation.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

#### PROGRAM:

Don Johnson showed his progress on his 47% Polaris XL. At 18 inches he hopes to have a flying weight of about 5 ounces. He had some left over 2 and 3 mm Depron and a small brushless motor he won in a raffle so he felt this would be a good project.

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## YOUR 2015 DUES ARE DUE!!

Below are the names of the 17 members that are current in their 2015 Club dues.

**Lloyd Apprill, Bud Austin, Sid Beckham, Fritz Corbin, Wayne Edson, Gene Fusion, Jim Halbert, Don Johnson, Don Livermore, Dave Medley, Gary Merseal, Randy Needham, Dick Peterson, Erv Rohde, Howard Shire, James Woodruff, and John Woods.**

**If you feel your 2015 Club dues are current but you are not on the above list contact Fritz Corbin for needed corrections.**

# APRIL FUN FLY

It was the first Fun Fly of the year and things were not looking too good. The weather looked like it could rain, the President was home sick, Gene the chief official was at a sports event and Howard was taking care of some chickens at his son's farm. And it did rain. However, on the bright side, the rains did stop about 11AM and we had five eager contestants ready to fly. Our member from Springfield joined us to give us a lesson in contest flying and we had an enthusiastic spectator, Brian Vander Velden, from New Zealand. After a short pilot's meeting it was off to the first event.

The first event was **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. First up was Don Livermore and he took first place with a score of 15 (10 seconds off and 5 feet away). Coming in second was Don Johnson with a 32 (17+15) and third place went to Fritz Corbin with 72 (6+66). Erv Rohde came in fourth with a score of 102 (54+48) and Bud Austin was fifth with a 149 (17+132).

The second event was **JOHNS FUNTANGO**. Take off from the box, do a loop and land the aircraft. Taxi around the 2 pylons making a complete figure 8. Take off, do a roll and land and stop with at least 2 wheels in the box. Low time wins. Time starts when the plane moves and the time stops when the plane stops in the box. Penalties are an additional 10 seconds for moving a pylon and 25 seconds for being airborne during the taxi. Again, Don Livermore had the best time of 77

seconds for first place. Fritz Corbin was second with 91 seconds and Don Johnson was third with 116 seconds. Bud Austin decided to park his airplane in a tree and did not finish. Erv Rohde attempted to fly through a pylon on takeoff, damaged the pylon and his plane, so he also did not finish.

The last event was **TIMED AEROBATICS**. Take off from square and do a loop, then a roll, then a hammerhead stall (all must be acceptable to the judge(s)). Then land and stop with at least two wheels in the square. Shortest time wins. Again Don Livermore was the class of the field with a time of 34 seconds and first place. Bud Austin, with his backup plane, came in second with 54 seconds and Fritz Corbin was third with a 58. Don Johnson was fourth with 59 and Erv Rohde, after doing some repairs to his plane, was fifth with 62 seconds.

Overall winners with Top Gun 2015 points was First Place, Don Livermore at 300 points. Second Place went to Fritz Corbin with 170 points and in Third Place was Don Johnson with 150 points. In Fourth Place was Bud Austin at 100 points and Fifth place went to Erv Rohde with 60 points.

As always thanks to everyone that helped with the events. Even our guest, Brian, helped with the timing. A special thanks to Fritz for procuring the food and drinks for lunch and was our chef. Also thanks to Marge Johnson for sending some cookies and brownies, most of which were consumed before the events began. And don't forget the field was in great shape due to the efforts of Fritz and Bud.

With a gloomy start, it actually turned into a very nice day and everyone had a good time. Our next Fun Fly is scheduled for June 13th. May have to workup some sort of handicap for Don Livermore so a first place is attainable for the rest of us. Good flying Don! Great to have you come down and join us.

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**SAFETY FIRST**

So, you bought a Ready To Fly Airplane. But wait a minute. Is this RTF really ready-to-fly? This airplane was assembled in a distant factory by mass production methods. Even though today's model manufacturers' quality control everything while producing fine products, mistakes can sometimes happen. Plus, during its journey to you, the plane was rattled around in its box and endured large temperature and humidity changes.

Once it is airborne, you can't park the plane on the side of the road to make any adjustments or fix a problem. Whatever problem you take off with, you will have until you land. It's better to spend a little time and check that beauty over before launching it against gravity.

What to check? A lot, but it is all easy to check and you may learn something in the process. Start with the parts inside the fuselage. Get a small flashlight, put the plane on the workbench and look inside. Check all the fasteners, screws, bolts and connectors. Then, check the outside, make sure that the things that are supposed to move do so smoothly, and things that aren't supposed to move, well, don't move. Then do a pre-flight check, including a range check. Now you are ready to fly safely.

See You At The Field,  
 Gene Fuson  
 Safety Officer

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING**  
**WILL BE MAY 12TH, 6:00PM,**  
**AT THE CLUB FLYING FIELD.**