

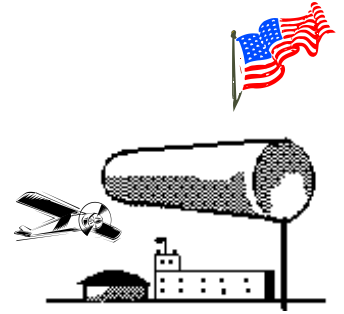
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FULL SCALE VISITOR TO THE FIELD



On April 16th, after the Club Fun Fly, the Mercy Medivac helicopter from Branson West stopped at our field while on a training flight to a hospital in Arkansas. It was piloted by Phil Rogers, one of our Club members, and had a full crew aboard and they all joined us for lunch. This was quite impressive but it was not the first full scale aircraft to visit our field. Several years ago a J3 Cub landed and took off from our runway and a couple of ultralights have paid us a visit. With many of our members getting up in age, it is nice to know that the medivac crew knows where to come if we call them.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Our flying season began last month but with the rain and wind we didn't have many nice days at the field. Hopefully May will be better. I wanted to thank Don Johnson for publishing the abbreviated newsletter over the winter months – sure helped to keep everyone informed.

We were able to get April's Fun Fly in even though the weather was a mite windy and cold too. The fire was great to get warmed-up prior to flying. A nice turnout and no crashes – very, very unusual ! There were three new events and everyone did pretty good with the wind problem. We all enjoyed a nice BBQ after the event. It was nice seeing everyone after being gone for so long. Phil and his paramedic friends, Steve and Gary, flew over and dropped in for a couple of hot dogs. We were hoping for some free rides but no luck of course. Thanks for joining us. If anyone has an idea for a new event, let Don know so we may include it in one of our next Fun Fly's.

According to information from AMA, the FAA re-authorization bill that has passed the Senate, contains a provision which would require all UAS, including model aircraft, to meet new FAA design and production standards. This of course imposes unnecessary regulations on hobbyists who often build their own models. Another requirement states that AMA members would be required to take an online FAA safety test and carry proof of passing the test when flying. There are several other requirements also. I don't know exactly what all this means or how these new proposed regulations could be implemented but hopefully our AMA reps can get it straightened out.

This month I would like to continue the "4th Thursday Fly & Eat" get together. Everyone seems to like getting together to fly a little then enjoy some pizza and refreshments. For those new members, on the 4th Thursday of each month we head out to the field around 3:00 in the afternoon, fly until around 5:30 or so then head over to Reeds Spring Pizza about 6 miles away for a little dinner and get together. Everyone is welcome – singles, wives, honorary members, guests etc. Mark your calendar for May 26th. I will send out a reminder notice a couple of days prior to "Fly & Eat"

Look out for the magnetic TREES! Happy Landings – John 2016

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Seems like we are off to a good start for the year. We have had our first meeting (April) and first Fun Fly (not counting New Year's Day). We now have 20 members current in their dues, 3 more than last year at this time, and even have \$250 more in the bank than last year. Things are looking up!

Been thinking about Fun Fly events and will probably repeat the two bomb drop event as it seemed quite popular. May also have a second bomb drop event like two raw eggs on separate bomb runs. Maybe allow plane to land and load second egg with a time limit for the event. Would schedule one event in August and one in October. Let me know your thoughts on this and any other events you might think we should include.

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

NEW MEMBER

Gary Samuelson has joined the Club as an Associate Member, making our 20th member current in their 2016 dues.

Gary, and wife Linda, live in Crane, MO. Many will remember that Gary had contacted the Club for help in building a Cub that he had started. Bud Austin volunteered and they successfully made a maiden flight several months ago.

Welcome to the Club Gary, we are pleased to have you join us.

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2016			
		APR	Y T D
BALANCE	4/1/2016	\$1,662.14	\$ 1,794.54
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ 190.00	\$ 510.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ 5.00
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ 16.00	\$ 16.00
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ 26.80
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 76.10	\$ 560.30
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ 23.18	\$ 23.18
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
BALANCE	5/1/2016	\$1,761.86	\$ 1,761.86

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB APRIL 12, 2016

President John Woods opened the meeting at 5:30 PM, at the Club Flying Field. There were 7 members present including the officers. There were no guests or new members. Treasurer Fritz Corbin reported that there was \$1,662.14 in the Treasury as of April 1, 2016. The Minutes of the December meeting were approved as written in the January Newsletter (There were no Club meetings in January, February and March). The 50/50 raffle was won by Phil Rogers and he received \$3 of the \$6 dollar pot.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The members were reminded of the Fun Fly scheduled for this Saturday, the 16th.

John Woods reported that there had been no progress on the new flight stations but would get with Jim Haney and get the project moving again.

John also mentioned that all members should have their FAA number on all their planes. It seems there are big fines if caught flying without the FAA number.

OLD BUSINESS:

John said that the 4th Thursday Fly and Eat feature would be continued as of April 28th. That is Fly at the field Thursday afternoon and then adjourn and meet at the Reeds Spring Pizza Co for dinner.

The Wounded Warrior situation was discussed and everyone was very disappointed that only about half of the donations go to those that deserve it.

NEW BUSINESS:

President John inquired about the whereabouts of the crash trophy. Fritz Corbin said that he had it and that he deserved to keep it for this month.

Bud Austin talked about going to a local Fun Fly and having a wood prop on a large plane explode and that pieces were sticking in the ground in front of him and to the side of him. Somehow Bud seems to get close up and personal with props. Fortunately this time there was no blood.

Former member Dick Peterson will be moving to the Retired Member group this year.

John Woods mentioned that Darrell Miers had moved but would probably renew his Club dues in May.

PROGRAM:

Don Johnson passed out New Year's Day certificates to those members present that had flown in the New Year's Day Fun Fly.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.

2016 DUES ARE DUE!!

Below are the names of the 20 members that are current in their 2016 Club dues.

Lloyd Apprill, Bud Austin, Sid Beckham, Fritz Corbin, Gene Fuson, Jim Haney, Don Johnson, Don Livermore, Dave Medley, Gary Merseal, Darrell Miers, Randy Needham, Craig Pullman, Phil Rogers, Erv Rohde, Gary Samuelson, Howard Shire, TJ Viola, John Woods and James Woodruff.

If you feel your 2016 Club dues are current but you are not on the above list contact Fritz Corbin for needed corrections.

APRIL 16TH FUN FLY

At 11 AM it was time for the pilots meeting. The weather was nice but gusty which could definitely affect the events.

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. Don Livermore, our trophy hound from Springfield, showed the way with a First place time of 67 seconds. John Woods placed Second with a time of 90 seconds, Bud Austin was Third with a 125 and Fritz Corbin was Fourth with a 176. Erv Rohde and Don Johnson had DNF's. Don decided, after taking off, that the wind was a little much for his plane and dropped out of the competition.

The second event was **BUD'S LOOPS & ROLLS**. Take off from the marked area (circle or square) and do a loop and a roll. Do a touch and go and another loop and roll, another touch and go and loop and roll. Then land and stop with at least one wheel in the marked area. Total time in seconds is your score, lowest score wins. All take-offs and landings must be in the same direction. 20 second penalty for each air maneuver missed. Disqualification for failure to do the required touch and goes. You may do the loop and roll in any order. John got back in the winning

way with a First place time of 77 seconds. Don L was close behind with a Second place 83 seconds, Bud was Third with a 122 and Fritz was Fourth with a 133. Erv again had a DNF.

The third event was **BUMPER POOL**. Take off from square, do a loop and land in same direction as takeoff, dislodge yellow cone from mark (with plane). Take off, do a roll and land in same direction as take off, dislodge red cone from mark and stop plane with at least one wheel in square. Low time wins. Restarts allowed with time continuing to run. Again John was in First place with a 24 (1 sec + 23 ft). In Second place was Don L with a 47 (39 sec + 8 ft), Third went to Fritz with a 57 (33 + 24) and Bud was Fourth with a 70 (37 + 33). Erv was Fifth.

Overall John Woods was in First place, earning 270 Top Gun 2016 points. Second place went to Don Livermore with 240 points and Third place went to Bud Austin with a 130. Fourth place went to Fritz Corbin with 110 points, Fifth place was Erv Rohde with 30 points and Sixth went to Don Johnson with 10.

Once again many thanks to all that helped with the Fun Fly—from preparing the field, scoring and timing the events to putting on the lunch. A special thanks to Janet Woods who not only brought a lemon cake but also brought brownies and then cooked the hot dogs.

The Club's next Fun Fly is scheduled for June 18th. Mark your Calendar!



Bud Austin landing his large electric on a cool, windy day.



Fritz doing a little maintenance on the fence.



PHIL Rogers flying his vintage RC Sturdy Birdy.



A chilly group standing around chatting after the Club's April Fun Fly. Note the visiting chopper in the background.

Photo by Janet Woods



Bud Austin demonstrating how to land.

LANDING !



AH! SAFELY DOWN

TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB**PRESIDENT****JOHN WOODS 338-8419****VICE-PRESIDENT****GENE FUSON 538- 9346****SECRETARY****DON JOHNSON 779-5340****TREASURER****FRITZ CORBIN 272-1106****SAFETY OFFICER****GENE FUSON 538- 9346****CO-FIELD MARSHAL****BUD AUSTIN 561-4466****FRITZ CORBIN 272-1106****INSTRUCTORS****ERV ROHDE 538-2439****HOWARD SHIRE 779-5069****JOHN WOODS 338-8419****SAFETY FIRST**

If you are replacing your propeller with a new nylon type, make sure it is balanced, especially on all electric powered aircraft. Also take the time to scrape or sand the sharp edges off of the trailing edge of the prop. Consider painting the tips of the blades with a highly visible paint. Painted tips are much easier to see than just a plain blade.

See you at the field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING
WILL BE MAY 10TH, 5:30PM,
AT THE CLUB FLYING FIELD.**