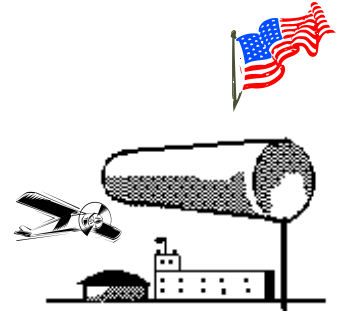


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## CLASSIC



This is Gene Fuson's newest project. It is a Phoenix Model WACO F5C. With a 63" wing span it will be a large model. It will be powered with an .80 Rim-fire electric motor, 5 or 6 cell LiPo battery, 80 amp speed control and a 15 X 8E prop. Gene expects it to weigh in at about 11 or 12 pounds. Even though this is an ARF, Gene had custom decals made by Callie Graphics. When finished it should be a show stopper. Expect there will be some tension in the air on its' maiden flight. There are a couple more photos on page 3.

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

March sure came in like a Lion but so did April! Twelve inches of rain so far. Table Rock Lake is about maxed out with a high of 934' almost breaking 2011's record high of 935'. Really incredible. Branson flooded again. Many, many people have been devastated within our state and throughout the country due to the weather. All this weather has been very serious and I don't want to make light of it but of course, it has affected our flying too.

We rescheduled our first Fun Fly due to the wind then the rains came and we wound up eventually canceling the event completely. The good news is all the contestants should have lots of time to practice the events for the Fun Fly on June 17th.

We were able to squeeze in the Fly-N-Eat get together between the rainy days. Bud and Fritz worked out at the field and were able to get the runway mowed so it was in great shape to get a few flights in. Around 5:00 we headed over to the Pizza restaurant for some food and refreshments. I think we had 11 people there. Gene was there too and feeling much better - little operation can't keep him down.

Jim Haney has sold all his airplanes and all the other stuff. After his neck surgery it's been a little to difficult for him to keep flying along with many other things in life that need attending to. I know we will all miss him and appreciate him being part of our Club. He's of course still around so will come out periodically to say hi to everyone.

Don't forget our next Club meeting - Tuesday, May 9th at 5:30 PM. We'll meet at the Flying Field unless ..... it's raining.

Happy Landings ..... John

## THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

The weather is not cooperating, wanted to go to the field this morning but the Kimberling City bridge was closed because of high water.

Due to the weather there was not that much new material to work with, so this Newsletter is a little short. But as the weather gets better, and it will, there should be more flying activity and more news to write about.

There should be some new planes at the field soon. Besides Gene's WACO, Bud Austin has a big Stearman biplane ready to go however it will not be in the yellow or yellow and blue military colors that you would expect. Your editor also has a new Bellanca C-27 Airbus ready to go. Not really a biplane but maybe a monoplane with a small v-wing under each wing. Not only the little v-wings, but the odd looking rudder kind of make it unique. Also not sure John has flown his two new planes that he obtained in Florida yet.

Sorry we had to cancel our April Fun Fly but we will use those events in June. Still looking for new and different events. Let me know if you have an idea of something unique. The event should be within the ability of most of our pilots and not too complicated for scoring.

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

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2017			
		APR	Y T D
BALANCE	4/1/2017	\$1,584.28	\$ 2,029.22
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ 80.00	\$ 240.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 76.66	\$ 561.60
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ 24.96	\$ 24.96
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ 120.00
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ -
BALANCE	5/1/2017	\$1,566.16	\$ 1,566.16

# MEETING MINUTES

## TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB APRIL 13, 2017

President John Woods opened the meeting at 5:33 PM, at the Rocky Top Field. There were 7 members present including all officers. There were no guests. Treasurer Fritz Corbin reported that there was \$1,584.28 in the Treasury as of April 1, 2017. The Treasurer's Report was approved. The Minutes of the December meeting were approved as written in the April Newsletter. The 50/50 raffle was won by Erv Rohde and he received \$3.50 of the \$7 pot.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Don Johnson reported that we had received the Club Charter and Insurance Certificate for 2017 from AMA.

Fritz Corbin reported our rent check for the field, for 2017, had been cashed by the Oswalds.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Bud Austin was awarded the monthly Crash Trophy for loudly crashing his plane just prior to the meeting.

Gene Fuson showed the Hobbico trainer that he had reconditioned, including new receiver, for the LUC Boys Ranch. It included a complete field box donated by T J Viola. John Woods took it for a test flight and it flew well, but had to dead stick it when the motor quit. Will have to get more info from Dave Medley to see where this project is headed.

John reminded those present of the Fun Fly on Saturday.

Fritz said the screws in the shelter keep loosening up. It was suggested that drilling the holes bigger and using nuts and bolts might be a fix. John said he would follow up on this.

John announced that the Fly-N-Eat event would start again April 27<sup>th</sup>. Fly on the fourth Thursday afternoon of each month then adjourn to the Pizza Co. in Reeds Spring for supper and socializing. Anyone is welcome.

**PROGRAM:** Gene Fuson passed out certificates for the New Year's Day Fun Fly. John Woods' Certificate featured a palm tree instead of the traditional snow man.

John gave a summary of his RC activities in Florida this winter. Also talked about how he acquired his two new planes.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM.



A couple more shots of Gene Fuson's WA-CO. Gene said he had to repaint the pilots because the flesh tone was not right. Below you see the custom decals he is applying to the wheel pants and motor cowling—one by one! Hopefully we will all get advance notice of when the maiden flight will occur. Nice job, Gene!



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When making adjustments to your transmitter, that requires power to your electric powered airplane, make sure to remove the propeller. Sometimes these adjustments can inadvertently apply power to the motor resulting in a SURPRISE motor start. Definitely not a good thing! Ask me how I know!

See you at the field,

Gene Fuson

Safety Officer

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING  
WILL BE MAY 9th, 5:30PM, AT  
THE CLUB FLYING FIELD.**

**IN CASE OF SEVERE WEATHER MEET  
AT THE SOUTH PORT CONDO CLUB-  
HOUSE.**