

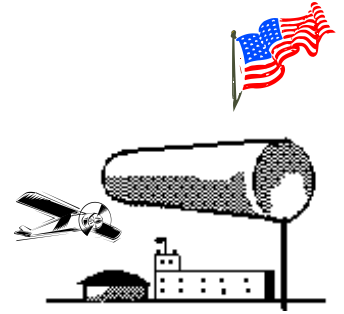
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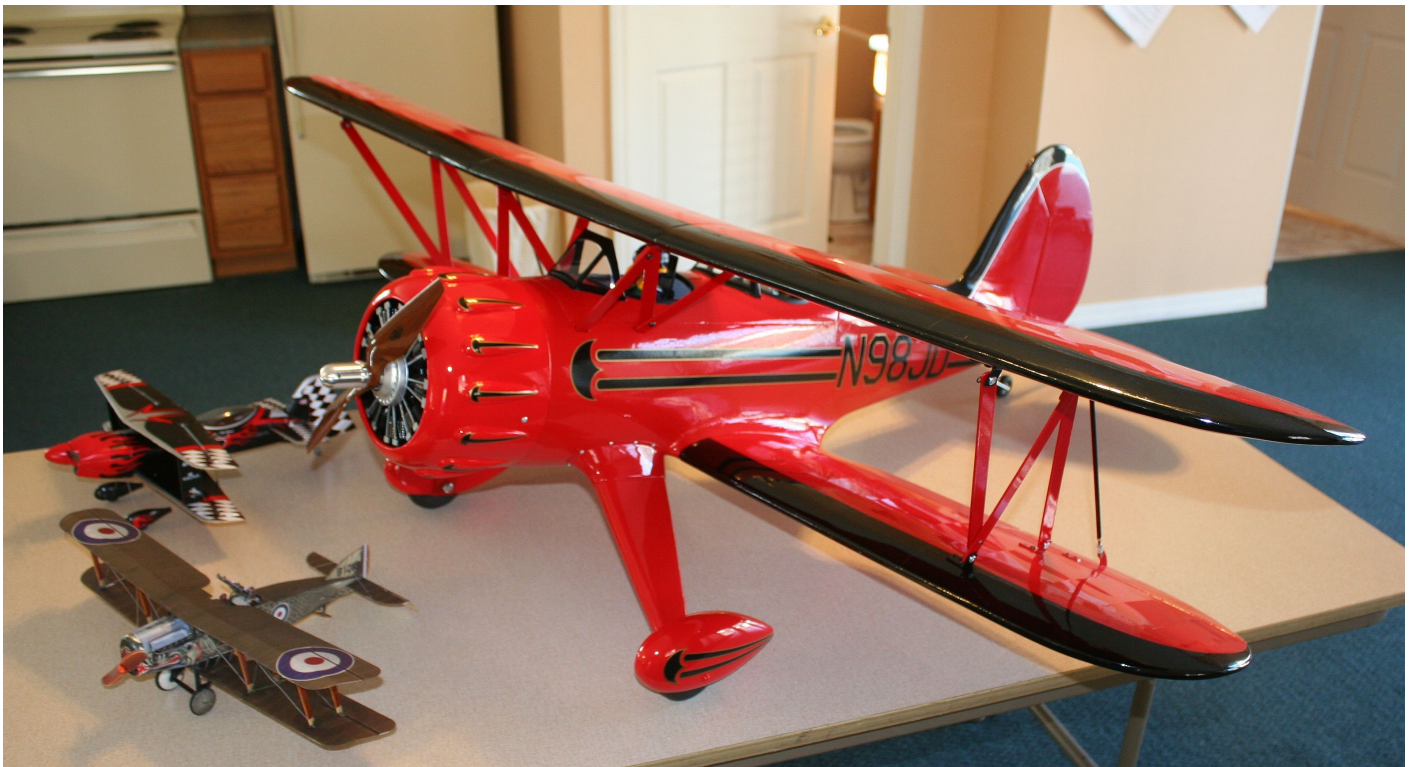
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## BI-PLANES ANYONE?



At the April meeting held at the South Port club house the show and tell was all about bi-planes, big and little. The big one was Gene Fuson's Waco F5C which was featured in last month's Newsletter and yet to be flown. The little one in the back is John Woods' P3 Revolution which he brought back from Florida. Says it flies well and it was pictured in the March Newsletter. And in the foreground is Don Johnson's little Bristol F.2b which was featured in the February Newsletter and is yet to be flown. Hope to see them all in the air soon!

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It's been kind of a windy month, like everyday. I guess it will help us enjoy flying in any weather conditions. Some of our smaller planes just blow down the field. Perhaps May will be better.

This month we will plan to have our Club meeting at the Flying Field. As usual we will determine the exact location probably the day before the meeting and I'll let everyone know.

We finally were able to have our Fun Fly. Just four contestants but everyone did exceptionally well. No broken planes - is that a first? The only mishap was when Don landed his F22 foamy about 6 inches from Gary Merseal's new Dodge pickup. Gary looked a little faint but he managed to keep his cool. No damage. Thank you Janet for cooking the Hot Dogs and the delicious LEMON CAKE. We celebrated Isaac's 14th Birthday with candles and a huge fanfare, kinda - too bad the wind blew out the candles. Happy Birthday Isaac.

I think almost everyone has met our new member Greg Armstrong from Branson. He has been at the field several times and is re-familiarizing himself with his Apprentice foamy. If you haven't met Greg, introduce yourself to him the next time at the field. At our last meeting, Greg shared a web site that you may like to check out ..... FliteTest.com.

Branson Hobby Center (Formerly TPA Hobbies) has a new owner. Rusty who most of you know bought the store from Mike Wenig's family after Mike passed away. Frank is also back working at the store so you'll see him there too. The store looks great - everything is somewhat rearranged and it seems like there is a lot more room. Very well stocked. Having a hobby store in our area is a luxury so stop in and buy something - they need out support.

Hope to see you all at the Field .....  
John

## THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Looks like the weather has finally gotten warmer although might be a little windy at times. Don't forget the Club meeting on May 8th at the field unless otherwise notified. Come on out early and get some flying in before the meeting.

As of now the Club has 15 current members (paid up or student). Unfortunately we must notify AMA of any Club members that are not current in their Club dues and drop them from our roster. However we will be very happy to add any past member back on the roster if he/she becomes current in their Club dues.

We have one Fun Fly behind us and looking forward to the next one in June. Anyone have any ideas on new events?

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

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2018			
		APR	Y T D
BALANCE	4/1/2018	\$1,475.49	\$ 1,928.49
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ 280.00	\$ 440.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS -----			\$ -
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ 14.50	\$ 14.50
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ 4.50	\$ 4.50
INCOME-MISC -----			\$ -
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 43.00	\$ 536.00
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER -----			\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS -----			\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ 14.50	\$ 14.50
EXPENSE-AMA -----			\$ 120.00
EXPENSE-Web -----			\$ -
EXPENSE-meeting room -----			\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ -
BALANCE	5/1/2018	\$1,716.99	\$ 1,716.99

## NEW MEMBER

The Club gained a new member during the March meeting bringing our current Club membership to 15.

Greg Armstrong lives in Branson with wife, Kris. Greg has been a full scale pilot and is now getting into RC. Although he has flown some RC, he doesn't consider himself a full fledged pilot yet. Before moving to Branson, Greg lived in Oshkosh.

Welcome to the Club, Greg. We are very pleased to have you join us.



## MEETING MINUTES

### TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB

APRIL 10, 2018

President John Woods opened the meeting at 5:37 PM, at the South Port Condo Clubhouse. There were 6 members present including all officers. Guest Greg Armstrong joined the Club during the meeting and was one of the 6 members. Treasurer Fritz Corbin reported that there was \$1,444.49 in the Treasury as of March 1, 2018. The Treasurer's Report was approved. The Minutes of the December meeting were approved as written in the January Newsletter. There were no Club Meetings in January, February and March of 2018. The 50/50 raffle was won by John Woods and he received \$4.50 of the \$9 pot.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** President John Woods talked about the Club's need to gain more members. He said some of the Nixa flyers could join our Club if they lose their field due to housing developments. He also has talked to all members that are behind in the dues and feels Jimmy Cardenzana and Gary Merseal will re-up as the weather gets better and maybe Howard Shire will rejoin if he gets feeling better.

**OLD BUSINESS:** When leaving the field and locking up, the combination lock (the club combination lock) should connect the last empty link of the chain and the lock on the other end of the chain. See pictures in the April Newsletter.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Club picked up a new member during the March meeting. He is Greg Armstrong from Oshkosh now living in Branson.

John reminded the members that there is a Fun Fly this Saturday (4/14).

Also there is Fly N Eat on March 27. Meet at the field about 3 PM and fly until about 5:30 then go to Reeds Spring Pizza for dinner. Weather permitting this is done on the fourth Thursday of the month.

There was no Crash Trophy award at this meeting but Fritz Corbin had said he had possession of the trophy and would keep it awhile longer due to his mishap with his Polaris XL.

**PROGRAM:** Gene Fuson passed out the certificates to the Club's New Year's Day Fun Fly participants, Fritz Corbin, Don Johnson and John Woods. Of course John's was the tropical style

certificate.

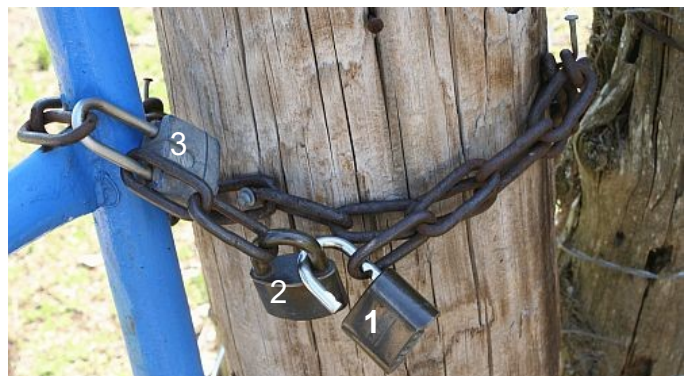
It was bi-plane show and tell night. Gene Fuson, Don Johnson and John Woods each brought a bi-plane to show off. All three had been described in previous Newsletters.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM.

## GATE ETIQUETTE



When opening the Club field gate swing it all the way open and place it on the concrete block. This will take the strain off the gate post and help it from sagging. Also when opening the lock, change the numbers so the combination is not visible when it is unlocked.



When you are the last to leave the field you need to lock the gate. The Club's lock is lock 1. Lock 2 belongs to the power company so they can get in to read the meter. Not sure about lock 3, maybe the owners. Lock 1 goes through the last link in the chain and lock 2. In this way opening either lock 1 or lock 2 will open the gate. If the lock does not snap closed, twirl the combination and try again. **Do not leave the gate unlocked!**





John Woods and Greg Armstrong getting Greg's foam board plane checked out.



Test Pilot, John Woods, checking out Greg's plane on its' maiden flight. This foam board plane was made from Flite-Test.com plans.



Here is the results of Fritz Corbin trying to trim the tree on the far side of the runway.



Oops, forgot something, Fritz!



Janet Woods, our special cook and cake maker working while the men play with there toys.

Photo by J Woods



Club member Isaac Thomas with his cake on his fourteenth birthday.

Photo by J Woods



## APRIL 2018 FUN FLY

The first FUN Fly of 2018 got off to a late start, one week late, due to bad weather. It was still a little windy but there were four pilots ready to give it a go.

The first event was **TOUCH AND GOES**. Take off. Time starts when plane moves. Do as many touch and goes as possible in exactly 2 minutes. All touches must be on the runway in front of the judges and in the same direction. Only one touch per approach counts. Most touches wins. First place was a tie with six touches each by Bud Austin and John Woods. In third place was Don Johnson with five touches and Fritz Corbin with four touches.

The second event was **BUD'S Maximum loops in exactly 2 minutes**. Take off and do as many loops as you can in 2 minutes. Time starts when the plane moves and stops when the plane stops. 10 points for each loop. Minus 1 point for each second you are over or under 2 minutes. No timing help. The rules for this event allowed a little unexpected strategy. Fritz was first up and made nine loops in 164 seconds receiving a 44 second penalty and net score of 46 and finished fourth. John was up next and did 30 loops in 127 seconds getting a 7 second penalty and a net score of 293 and third place. Next was Bud and he did 37 loops in 175 seconds earning a 55 second penalty resulting in a net score of 315 and third place. Last up was Don and he made 46 loops in 211 seconds getting a 91 second penalty but a net score of 369 and a first place. If this event is run again maybe counting loops should stop at 120 seconds.

The last event was **TENNIS ANYONE?** There will be three unrestrained tennis balls in the 6 foot circle. Take off from the circle (time starts when plane moves) and land in the same direction as take off and park the plane in the circle (two wheels must be in the circle or if plane has no wheels, 50% of the plane must be in the circle). The transmitter must be in the pilot station any time it is used to move the aircraft. The pilot must go to the circle and retrieve one tennis ball and place it in the pilot station. Repeat sequence for each of the two remaining tennis balls. Time stops when the third tennis ball is on the ground in the pilot station. There will be a 10 second penalty for each tennis ball blown or kicked out of the circle. Pilot may place tennis balls any place in the circle before take off. Pilot must place any tennis ball outside of the circle back in the circle before takeoff or before picking it up and placing it in the pilot station. Low net time wins. Even reducing the parking area from a 10 foot square last October to a 6 foot circle didn't result in any penalties from any tennis balls being blown out or kicked out of the area. John was back on his game with a time of 169 seconds and a first place. Bud was in second place with 212 seconds and Fritz was third with 242 seconds. Don was a DNF. Without a steerable tail wheel the wind did not allow his foamy to turn into the circle.

The Overall winner was John with 235 Top Gun 2018 points and a First place. Second Overall went to Bud with 225 Top Gun points. Don was Third with 160 points and Fritz was Fourth with 110 points.

Many thanks to everyone that helped with this Fun Fly, especially Janet Woods, who cooked the dogs and brought a special cake to celebrate Isaac Thomas' birthday.

Our next Fun Fly is scheduled for June 16th.

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**SAFETY FIRST**

This is for those of us still running nitro methane based fuel. It can be absorbed into your skin, so simply stated..... "That isn't good for you." Inhaling fumes from these fuels or ingesting the fuel, is also dangerous to your health. It won't kill you right away but try to minimize your exposure to these hazards.

Maybe try an electric powered airplane soon.

See You at the Field,  
Gene Fuson  
Safety Officer

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING**  
**WILL BE MAY 8TH, 5:30PM,**  
**AT THE CLUB FIELD.**

**IN CASE OF SEVERE WEATHER MEET AT THE**  
**SOUTHPORT CLUBHOUSE.**