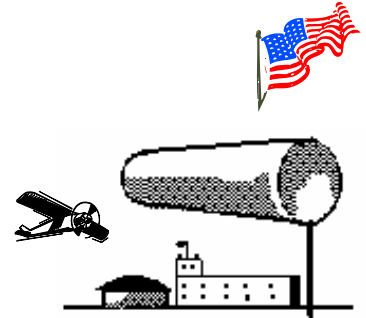


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## JUNE MEETING

JUNE 13 , 7:00 PM

Meet at Rocky Top Field. In case of severe weather meet at the Branson RecPlex.

## Program

Bring your current projects for "Show and Tell"

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello again

Well the rain kept us from some flying but we sure needed it. We had a small crowd last meeting, I think it was due to the weather. Remember that when it's raining on our meeting night we all meet at the Rex-Plex.

John Woods is doing a great job in getting ready for the show this summer and all the helpers that said they would help in any way. We are in the process of having more

insurance coverage at the Rex-Plex, which we will be calling our second flying field.

Thanks to all who have been helping Bud Austin with cutting the grass this spring. Well till then, hope to see everybody out at the field on June the 13, come early and enjoy some flying.

Gary Acton

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## TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2006

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BALANCE	5/1/2006	\$ 1,425.83	\$ 1,177.43
INCOME-DUES	-----	\$ -	\$ 1,300.14
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS	-----	\$ 17.00	\$ 67.00
INCOME-FOOD	-----	\$ -	\$ 77.00
INCOME-50/50	-----	\$ 5.50	\$ 46.50
INCOME-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$ 16.00
EXPENSE-FIELD	-----	\$ 98.15	\$ 1,055.02
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER	-----	\$ -	\$ 16.34
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS	-----	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD	-----	\$ -	\$ 38.28
EXPENSE-AMA	-----	\$ 20.00	\$ 145.00
EXPENSE-Web	-----	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-meeting room	-----	\$ 25.00	\$ 100.00
EXPENSE-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$ 24.25
BALANCE	6/1/2006	\$ 1,305.18	\$ 1,305.18

# MEETING MINUTES

## TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

### May 9, 2006

President Gary Acton opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Branson RecPlex. All officers were present. There were 14 members present. The minutes from the April meeting were approved as published in the May newsletter. Treasurer Erv Rohde reported that the treasury balance as of May 1<sup>st</sup> was \$1,425.83. The 50/50 raffle was won by Bud Austin who received one half of \$11.00.

**Committee Reports:** Erv Rohde reported that we have had a little over \$1,197 in expenses consisting of electric (which has gone up), mower repairs and gas, AMA dues and expenses, etc. This does not include the cost of food for the fun flies. He compared the balance that we had as of this date last year with the current balance and explained that raising our dues was really necessary as we ran out of money in the later part of 2005.

Bud Austin says that the mowing has been going OK so far but that he always can use some help. He wants to try mowing the field every week and the surrounding areas every other week, however, due to the recent heavy rains it got too high and it may have to be done more frequently for the present.

John Woods said the July 9<sup>th</sup> RecPlex demonstration plans are moving along. He has been working with Roger Hunzeker regarding the field setup, marking off spectator areas, etc. John will perform safety checks on all planes that will be performing. No plane with less than at least 5 flights will be allowed. He reminded all fliers that they, not the Club, are responsible. There are at least 8 members that plan on participating in the flying demonstration.

Discussion regarding insurance for the event brought a motion from Bud Austin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jack McEvoy, to send \$20.00 to AMA to

name the RecPlex as an insured second flying field location. Passed unanimously. Gary Acton will take care of contacting AMA and setting this up.

**Announcements and Old Business:** Gary Acton said that he is still looking for land for a new field location.

Annette McEvoy passed around a sample of what the club recipe book will look like. It will be ready in about 2 weeks and will be approximately 80 pages and consisting of around 150 recipes. This is costing the McEvoy's over \$3 per book and they ask that orders be prepaid to the Club in advance to avoid unnecessary overrun expenses. Orders will be taken after the meeting and at the field. At \$10 per book it will help to raise the treasury balance.

Roscoe Fudge said that the next fun fly event probably will consist of four events instead of the usual three. The fourth event will be a "ground" type of event for beginner/novice pilots.

The club has received a DVD from Horizon Hobby with detailed information regarding the new Spektrum radio. It is approximately 45 min. long and extremely interesting, definitely the wave of the future. Anyone interested in seeing it should contact Annette.

Erv Rohde says that he still has hats and 3 shirts left for sale.

**New Business:** There was no new business.

**Program:** Mark Niebrzydowski brought a pair of plane floats that he will give away to anyone that can use them. He also brought a new Hanger 9 Twist that he'll be using with a Magnum 52 engine 2 stroke. Nice looking ARF that is 3D capable.

Bud Austin handed out the April fund fly certificates the winners including 3<sup>rd</sup> overall John Woods; 2<sup>nd</sup> overall Bud Austin and 1<sup>st</sup> Place overall Roscoe Fudge.

Next meeting will be June 13<sup>th</sup> at Rocky Top Field.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

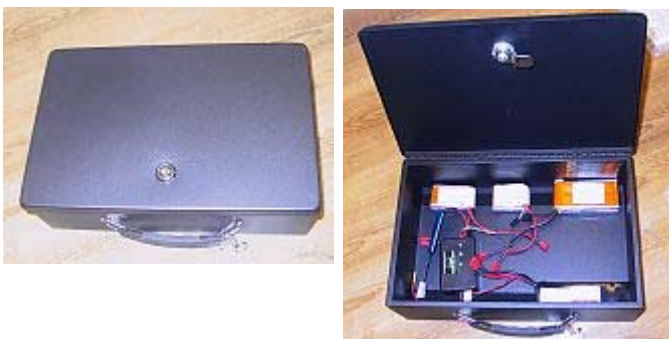
## THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

If you didn't get a phone call from Annette McEvoy about recipes, you probably got one from her about what frequencies you fly. She's been a busy gal. Denise Anderson and Annette spent a lot of time gathering and getting all the recipes put together and the McEvoy's have donated the materials and copying costs for the books. That must be something like reverse compensation for a job well done. For those that prepaid for the books, they are ready to be picked up if you haven't already done so. If you didn't order a book or want more copies just contact Annette. As for the current frequency lists, they are now updated and posted on the Club web site at [www.bransonrc.org](http://www.bransonrc.org). Great job(s) people!

Don't forget the June Fun Fly on June 17th. Another chance to have some friendly competitive fun and earn some points toward the coveted Top Gun 2006 Award.

The Club membership is now at 42 and this updated list is also on the Club web site. The current membership is also shown on page 5 along with the member's home town and phone number.

Concerned about the safety of lithium polymer batteries (Li-Poly) ? Most problems occur when the charger is set to the wrong cell count or the wrong battery capacity so use a good quality charger and make sure it is set correctly. When using one charger for several different size batteries double check that the charger has the correct settings for the battery to be charged. Another problem is that an individual cell in a two, three, or more cell battery can get unbalanced. This can result in some cells being overcharged while the remaining cell(s) are being undercharged - this can get worse with each charge/discharge cycle. Therefore it is important to use an approved (by the battery manufacturer) cell balancer when charging your batteries. For some added safety you might try charging and/or transporting your Li-Polys in an insulated steel



## SAFETY FIRST

Wind !! Over the last several months we have been experiencing a predominant east wind blowing across the flight line and I hope this information will help keep your plane on the field and not tipping over or heading for the pit area during take-off.

With a cross wind (East or West), during taxing, hold your aileron stick "into" the wind. What this does is drops the wing facing the wind and lifts the opposite wing helping the plane to stay down on the field. If you make a turn-around to taxi back the opposite direction, turn into the wind using your rudder and move your aileron stick the opposite direction, again "into" the wind.

Hold your ailerons in this position as you taxi but as you gain speed you will need to decrease the amount of aileron movement or it will ground loop as the plane lifts off. Actually, a slight aileron "into" the wind at take off is desirable.

John Woods  
Safety Officer

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double walled document safe as pictured to the bottom left. You can get these at Wal-Mart for about \$10. **Remember to always stay in the immediate area while charging Li-Poly batteries!**  
**Be safe not sorry!**

For the eighth year, the Halberts and Johnsons trekked down to Little Rock for the S.M.A.L.L. (small model lovers league) Fun Fly. Many things have changed in eight years. This was the third flying field and next year it will probably be held at yet another field. The event is limited to .26 Cu. In. engines or less or equivalent electric motors. The first year it was mostly glo engines with some diesels, CO2 engines and some electrics. There was no indoor flying for a couple of years. This year it was mostly electric with a few glo engines. The sound level was great. The variation in the electrics is amazing. Wing spans from over 6 feet to under 5 inches outdoor and 2 inches indoor. Weights to several pounds to an ounce outdoor to under 3 grams indoor (1/10 ounce). The planes were original designs, ARF's, converted foam toys, converted rubber planes, an inflated pillow with motor and tail, scale, 3-D and everything in-between. There were a lot of geared brushed motors, like GWS, being used, but outrunner brush-

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less motors, some as small as a dime in diameter, are very prevalent. The Li-Poly battery is becoming the battery of choice. The weight savings and high capacity is just too much to ignore.

Another thing starting to show up in abundance was the Horizon Hobby Spektrum radio. The unanimous consensus was that they are absolutely bulletproof. Everyone said they had had absolutely no glitches either from noise from their own plane or other radios and that the range was really about as far as you could see the plane, which exceeds the manufacturer's claims. With 10 model memory, 4 micro servos and needing no crystal it's quite a deal at \$200.

Some of the planes at S.M.A.L.L. are shown below. The Tiger Moth has about a 3 1/2 foot wing span, the DC-6 about 5 1/2 and the Demoiselle 18 inches. It has a brushless outrunner



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### 2006 MEMBERSHIP AS OF 6-6-06

<b>Gary Acton</b>	417 334-3917	Branson
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<b>Erin Anderson</b>	417 272-3155	Galena
<b>Michael Anderson</b>	417 272-3155	Galena
<b>Lowell (Bud) Austin</b>	417 561-4466	Merriam Woods
<b>Sid Beckham</b>	417 538-4182	Cape Fair
<b>Dave Carnahan</b>	417 338-5924	Branson West
<b>Bill Coleman</b>	870 446-5045	Jasper
<b>Fritz Corbin</b>	417 272-1106	Reeds Spring
<b>Vernon Crabtree</b>	816 261-7243	Branson
<b>Del D'Alessandro</b>	417 334-3347	Branson
<b>Paul Denney</b>	417 334-4037	Hollister
<b>Ray Dixon</b>	870 426-4310	Omaha
<b>Philip Equi</b>	417 271-3011	Eagle Rock
<b>Roscoe Fudge</b>	417 336-5841	Branson
<b>Gene Fuson</b>	417 538-9346	Cape Fair
<b>Cody Garber</b>	417 732-8655	Bois D'Arc
<b>Richard Haan</b>	417 263-0018	Kimberling City
<b>Jim Halbert</b>	417 779-3517	Kimberling City
<b>Don Johnson</b>	417 779-5340	Kimberling City
<b>Reeder Jones</b>	417 336-5427	Hollister
<b>Curt Krause</b>	417 796-2757	Bradleyville
<b>Don Livermore</b>		Springfield
<b>Joe Major</b>	417 337-5808	Holister
<b>Evan McCartney</b>	417 725-8057	Nixa
<b>Mark McCartney</b>	417 725-8057	Nixa
<b>Annette McEvoy</b>	417 581-1241	Ozark
<b>Jack McEvoy</b>	417 581-1241	Ozark
<b>Tom Mckenzie</b>	417 739-1846	Kimberling City
<b>Dave Medley</b>	417 739-5931	Kimberling City
<b>Mark Niebrzydowski</b>	417 348-1078	Kirbyville
<b>Dick Peterson</b>	417 779-2361	Lampe
<b>Henry Racette</b>	417 779-3082	Blue Eye
<b>Erv Rohde</b>	417 538-2439	Galena
<b>Craig Schmidt</b>	479 359-2429	Garfield
<b>Marsha Schmidt</b>	479 359-2429	Garfield
<b>Howard Shire</b>	417 779-5069	Lampe
<b>Del Silva</b>	417 739-2344	Branson West
<b>Dennis Sinning</b>	913 908-6068	Olathe
<b>Roy Steinestel</b>	417 739-4692	Kimberling City
<b>John Woods</b>	417 338-8419	Branson West
<b>Homer Zobel</b>	417 779-1735	Kimberling City

motor and two servos and weighs about an ounce and flew quite well indoors.

Wonder what will show up next year?

Time to land for the month. ....ed.



Above is Roscoe Fudge's Eagle 3D. Could it be that after winning the first Fun Fly of the year he is practicing for the next Fun Fly on June 17th? Below are a couple of Jim Halbert's planes. Think each of them started out as kits a couple of years ago but he has done so many modifi-



cations on both of them that they really don't look much like the original planes. He seems to have an intense aversion to building according to plans. Actually both planes flew very well after all the changes. Below left we see Fritz Corbin (center) after he soloed. He is flanked by his instructors John Woods and Roscoe Fudge. Congratulations Fritz! Below right is Don Johnson's latest project. It is based on a magazine plan from Model Aviation and is made from 3 and 6 mm flat Depron foam. It has a 32 inch wing span and should weigh about 14 ounces and sports a hand painted 3-D effect paint job.



# FUN FLY

**When? June 17th**

**BBQ starts at noon—pilot's meeting at 1 PM**

**Where? Rocky Top Field**

**There will be three events.**

**One event will be a SPOT LANDING event, another event will be a TIMED TOUCH & GO WITH LOOPS event and the third event will remain a MYSTERY until the day of the Fun Fly.**

**Also a possible Novice event if there is enough interest!**

**Pilots can use any fixed wing aircraft they want in any event.**

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