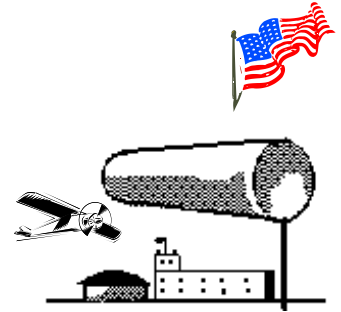


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BRANSON WEST AIRPORT FLY IN



On May 14th the Tri-Lakes R/C Flying Club was invited to set up a static RC model display as part of a Fly In for the new Branson West Airport. Club members Don Johnson, Erv Rohde, Roy Steinestel, John Woods and Homer Zobel arrived about 8:30, to set up the Club display shown in the top photo, and stayed until about 2:00. The weather, unfortunately, was cold and windy and really cut down on the attendance of locals and fly in pilots. The Airport management and staff were very friendly and accommodating. They provided coffee and cookies and a gift bag for everyone. The Civil Air Patrol conducted the opening ceremonies and provided ground control. The Reeds Spring high school set up a lunch wagon. One of the more interesting of the hand full of planes that flew in was a Varga seen in the lower photo. The Varga was a limited production plane of several year ago and was a neat looking aircraft. Though the attendance was disappointing due to weather, the Branson West Airport is a great looking regional airport with a 5,000 foot runway.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I hope the weather here was more conducive to flying than it was where I was. We had wind and rain most of the time. However we still managed to have a good time. We did visit the Midway in San Diego. It was a self-guided tour where you received a set of earphones and you could walk around and visit the various numbered displays and hear about them. Quite an interesting tour.

I was glad to hear that the static display at the airport went on as planned. Sorry I wasn't here to join in on the fun. John, thanks for taking over and organizing the event.

I was able to get out to the field on the 4th and get in a couple of flights. Kind of hot but I did survive. I noticed that Fritz had one section of the safety barrier repaired. Looks pretty good.

Having been gone for most of the month, I don't have much to write about.

Hope to see you at the meeting and at the field

Howard

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Made the annual trek down to Little Rock (Wrightsville) for S.M.A.L.L. or the Small Model Airplane Lovers League. The weather was record heat so shade and water were a must. The weather and gas prices did seem to have some effect on attendance but about 64 pilots showed up. To say this is an informal event is an understatement. There were no pilot stations and many times you would see the pilot sitting under his shelter and flying his plane. Even though there seemed to be no flying rules, everyone was courteous and everything worked out fine. This event included R/C, control line, free flight and other strange flying machines, plus indoor. All in all a fun event.

While we participated in the Branson West Airport Fly In, Chuck Stone, of the Civil Air Patrol, approached us to see if we would provide flight training for their young cadets. We said that we would discuss the possibility at our June meeting. Chuck's idea was to teach the kids to fly which would be much more involved and time consuming than the programs we do for the Scouts and LUC Boys Ranch. So try to attend the June 14th meeting and give us your thoughts.

Mike Anderson, a former Club member and our Club Web Site webmaster, is going to close down his computer shop in Reeds Spring. His future plans are somewhat up in the air but eventually he will probably develop a computer repair business out of his home in Springfield. Mike has graciously agreed to continue to oversee the Club web site for the foreseeable future. You will still be able to contact Mike at mike@webkaboom.com. We are sorry to see Mike leave the area and sincerely appreciate all he has done, and continues to do for the Club. Many, many thanks Mike!!!

Don't forget the June Fun Fly on the 18th. We will run the same events that we planned for the April Fun Fly that was cancelled due to bad weather. Hope to see you all there.

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

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2011				
		APR	MAY	YTD
BALANCE	5/1/2011	\$1,803.80	\$1,818.40	\$ 1,345.14
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 1,220.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ 4.50	\$ 3.50	\$ 15.50
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 25.00	\$ 110.91	\$ 610.91
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ 44.90	\$ -	\$ 44.90
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 105.00
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28.84
BALANCE	6/1//2011	\$1,818.40	\$1,790.99	\$ 1,790.99

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB

May 10, 2011

President Howard Shire opened the meeting at 5:59 PM, at Rocky Top Field. All Officers were present with the exception of Vice-President Gene Fuson. There were 9 members present including the officers. Roscoe Fudge attended as a guest. Jim Haney won the 50/50 split the pot. He received \$3.50 of the \$7 pot.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer Roy Steinestel reported that there was \$1,818.40 in the bank on May 1st.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved as printed in the May Newsletter.

Old Business:

The safety fence was discussed again and it was decided to repair or reinforce what is needed this year and look at replacing the fence next year.

Dave Medley had indicated in an email that the Club was welcome to have a static plane display at the Branson West Airport open house on May 14th. Some of the Club members showed some interest and John Woods said he would follow up and see if it was doable for the Club.

New Business:

Fritz Corbin reported that the Club sign at the entrance to the flying field was in need of repainting and volunteered to do it if the Club would buy the paint. The Club members present agreed that he should proceed on repainting the sign.

It was reported that Jim Haney had renewed

his Club dues for 2011.

John Woods suggested the Club might want to invite Teen Challenge, which is an organization similar to the LUC Boys Ranch, to a flight demo. The Club members agreed and asked John to follow up and determine a date for the demo.

Program:

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 PM.

2011 CLUB MEMBERS

Below are the names of the 22 members that are current in their 2011 Club dues.

Pat Adams, Rick Almond, Bud Austin, Sid Beckham, Fritz Corbin, Gene Fuson, Jim Halbert, Jim Haney, Don Johnson, Reeder Jones, Tom Mckenzie, Dave Medley, Randy Needham, Mark Niebrzydowski, Roy Pepper, Dick Peterson, Erv Rohde, Howard Shire, Roy Steinestel, James Woodruff, John Woods and Homer Zobel.

If you feel your 2011 Club dues are current but you are not on the above list contact Roy Steinestel for needed corrections.

JUNE 18th FUN FLY

FIRST EVENT WILL START AT 11:00 AM

BBQ AFTER THE Fun Fly

There will be three events.

Event 1. FLY AND DRIVE Start from plate, take off and land (minimum 20 foot flight). Then taxi to south end of pylons. Slalom north through the pylons, turn around and slalom south through the pylons, then have (taxi or carry) plane stop touching plate. 10 second penalty for knocking over each pylon and DQ for missing a slalom gate. Shortest time wins.

Event 2. PRECISION LANDING Take off and fly around the field and set up for landing pattern. Abort the landing over the end of the runway. Make one more flight around the pattern and set up for a landing. Touch down as close to the centerline on the runway and as close to the cross mark on the centerline as possible. Failure to complete both approaches equals disqualification.

Scoring 10 points for touching down on the spot.
-1 point for each foot off centerline measured from the fuselage.
-1 point for each foot off cross mark measured from the main landing gear.

Novice class scoring.

-1 point for each foot over 2 feet off centerline.
-1 point for each foot over 2 feet off cross mark.

Class standing is at the discretion of the judges.

Event 3. TWO MINUTE TRIP Take off from plate and do a loop and a roll and land. Take off and do a loop, a roll, a loop and a roll. Land and stop plane on plate in exactly two minutes without any timing help. One point penalty for each second over or under two minutes. OPTION: After landing the second time the pilot can stop his plane and say "STOP CLOCK" thereby ending the event and take an additional one point penalty for each foot the plane stopped away from the plate. Lowest penalty count wins.

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

THE NEXT CLUB MEETING WILL BE JUNE 14TH, 6:00PM, AT THE CLUB FLY- ING FIELD. IN CASE OF SEVERE WEATHER, MEET AT THE COACHLIGHT TRAILER PARK CLUB HOUSE

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SAFETY FIRST

Ignorance isn't bliss when it comes to radio control safety. If you are in doubt about how to make yourself and your aircraft safe, ask one of the club flyers that has a lot of flying experience. Any one of these folks will be glad to help you. All you need to do is ask them for some advice.

See you at the field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer



After two or three months of suggestions, proposals and verbal wrangling about how to fix the aging and deteriorating safety fence, Fritz Corbin decided to just get some materials and do something. Not all the posts need to be replaced at this time but the one above that Bud Austin, Erv Rohde and Fritz are working on was in bad shape. The finished repair is shown on the right. It seems to be as sturdy as it looks and should last for several years. Great job guys. A few similar repairs and the problem should be solved.