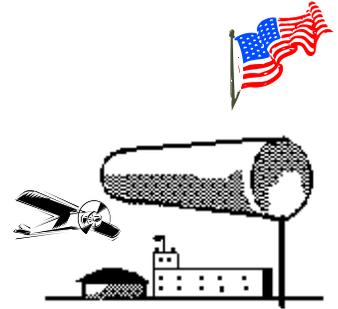


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## CIVIL AIR PATROL GROUND SCHOOL



On May 12th the Tri-Lakes R/C Flying Club put on a flight demo for the local Civil Air Patrol. It consisted of a ground school and hands on R/C flying via buddy-box. Above, Club member Bud Austin explains to the CAP and family members how an aircraft flies and what the various controls do to keep it in the air. After ground school, the CAP members were teamed up with an Instructor Pilot and allowed to fly the R/C trainers via a buddy-box transmitter. The buddy-box allows the Instructor Pilot to regain control of the aircraft if the student pilot has any difficulties. The Cap members performed the opening ceremonies and flag raising. They also provide lunch for everyone. All involved seemed to enjoy the flight demo and only one plane was lost (crashed). See more pictures on page 4 and 5.

Photo by Fritz Corbin

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Everyone and Welcome to the Tri-lakes RC Flying Club !

We are currently at 24 members and growing. The Tri-lakes Facilities are being kept neat and trimmed by the dedicated volunteer members (who are mostly Fritz and Bud !)

There have been several "Crashes" lately, including yours truly. I don't know about the other members, but for me rebuilding has become one of the fun parts of the sport. Could that be a topic to discuss in the future ?

On May 22, we had 10 flyers in attendance and were entertained greatly by Brian Morris and his father, Jim. Brian is in the top 10 helicopter pilots in the United States. Brian flew a Goblin helicopter - That was really something to witness ! My plans were to fly that day also - but guess who forgot their transmitter? ! However, it was fun to walk among the flyers and learn something from everyone.

We fly every Tuesday and Saturday morning, weather permitting. There are instructors available who can teach flying to any interested folks. Please encourage anyone to come to our field as a spectator, guest or a flyer. And don't forget... four times a year we have a "Fun Fly" with Hot Dogs, chips and drinks.

I have found it such a pleasure to have the camaraderie with all of the members and guests. Please call me, email, or come by if there is anything I can help you with.

Yours Truly,  
 Jim Haney,  
 2012 President  
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## THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Sad news to report! Tom McKenzie passed away a couple of weeks ago of a brain aneurism and fall. Tom was a Club member and friend for many years. He and wife, Harriett, had moved to Marionville but Tom still came back to the flying field several times to fly with us. We will miss him and our hearts and prayers go out to Tom's family.

Took our annual trip to Little Rock for the SMALL Fun Fly. The weather was much more pleasant this year than last but we did have some wind and even a good shower that got everything wet. They had 62 pilots registered which is about normal for the last few years. Most of the planes now are electric but still some glo and diesel engines. In addition to R/C, there were several people flying free flight planes, a couple of pilots doing control line, one guy launching gliders and even some rockets being sent up. Actually the variety of models that you see in FLYING MODELS magazine which is also a sponsor of this event. There was also indoor flying on Friday night. If you want to fly with few restrictions this is the place to go. Took six planes and flew them all with no damage, however the Tiger Moth was blown over by the wind and broke a couple of struts. The spectators get to mingle with the pilots which isn't always good. While flying, I was distracted by talking to a spectator then had trouble relocating my plane about 500 feet away. Got to stay focused!!

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

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### TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2012

		MAY	Y T D
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>5/1/2012</b>	<b>\$1,789.60</b>	<b>\$ 1,566.05</b>
<b>INCOME-DUES -----</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,005.00</b>
<b>INCOME-SHIRTS&amp;CAPS</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>INCOME-FOOD -----</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>INCOME-50/50 -----</b>		<b>\$ 5.50</b>	<b>\$ 22.50</b>
<b>INCOME-MISC -----</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 5.60</b>
<b>EXPENSE-FIELD -----</b>		<b>\$ 164.49</b>	<b>\$ 855.44</b>
<b>EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>EXPENSE-SHIRTS&amp;CAPS</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>EXPENSE-FOOD -----</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>EXPENSE-AMA -----</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 105.00</b>
<b>EXPENSE-Web -----</b>		<b>\$ 120.00</b>	<b>\$ 120.00</b>
<b>EXPENSE-meeting room</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>EXPENSE-MISC -----</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 8.10</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>6/1//2012</b>	<b>\$1,510.61</b>	<b>\$ 1,510.61</b>

# MEETING MINUTES

## TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB

MAY 8, 2012

President Jim Haney opened the meeting at 6:00 PM, at Rocky Top Field. All Officers were present. There were 12 members present including the Officers. No guests were present. Jim Haney won the 50/50 split the pot. He received \$5.50 of the \$11 pot.

**Committee Reports:** Treasurer Roy Steinestel reported that there was \$1,789.60 in the bank as of May 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

**Old Business:** John Woods reported that the flight demo for the CAP will be this Saturday and Club members should arrive around 8 AM. The CAP group will arrive about 9:00 AM. Fritz Corbin will have nametags for Club members and the CAP group. Club member assignments are per John's previous email.

John brought up the request from the OV-Mohawk veterans group and advised that it is in the planning stage for October but that it is still not a done deal.

John reported that Pat Adams has had some serious health issues but is recovering and that Homer Zobel is recovering from pneumonia. Hope to see them both out at the field soon.

**New Business:** Howard Shire requested that when locking the gate, position the lock so that the combination numbers are right side up so they are easy to read for the next member opening the gate.

John Woods reported that this year is the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Tri-Lakes RC Flying Club and that we may want to celebrate it some-

how during the year.

**Program:** Bud Austin showed a 4.2 ci. engine he had acquired. It weighs about 6 lbs. without prop and he said it should be able to take a 25 lb. plane straight up. \*\*\* John Woods showed some plane retrieval tools he had devised from items he had bought at garage sales. The first was a 25 foot collapsible aluminum rod and the other was a bow with arrows, spinning reel and a bucket of retrieval line. These items will be left in the shed for members that like to fly in the trees.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM.



Think this is how it went. The Epsilon was built by Roy Stienestel's grandson. He then passed it on to Roy. Wanting to see it fly, he passed it on to Howard Shire to get flight-ready. He in turn passed it on to John Woods to test fly. Not exactly sure who the current title holder is but it flew well on its' maiden flight.



What happens when you have some mishaps and don't have white or red film handy? No problem, just grab whatever you have, patch it and get back in the air. A little royal purple would also look nice!

# CIVIL AIR PATROL FIGHT DEMO

Photo by Janet Woods



The event announcer



The instructor, student and pilot

Photo by Janet Woods



The CAP boss and some of his crew



Getting the planes ready for the students

Photo by Janet Woods



A future fighter pilot



A couple more student pilots, on buddy-boxes, getting a taste of flying R/C aircraft



# JUNE 16TH FUN FLY

## FIRST EVENT WILL START AT 11:00 AM

### BBQ AFTER THE Fun Fly

There will be three events.

**Event 1. FIVE LAP PYLON RACE + A HOP.** From the square taxi five circuits around the pylons then take off without delay and do a loop or roll (HOP). Time starts when plane moves and stops when plane passes the square the fifth time. During the taxi a 10 second penalty will be assessed each time all three wheels are clearly off the ground or a pylon is knocked over. Failure to do the HOP will add 100 seconds to the time. Low time wins.

**Event 2. BUD'S 60 SECONDS OF LOOPS.** Maximum Loops in 60 Seconds . Take off from marked square. Do as many loops as possible and land and stop in square in 60 second or less. 2 points for each loop completed. Minus 1 point for each second over 60. Time starts when airplane moves and stops when plane stops with any wheel in square. Highest score wins.

**Event 3. TWO MINUTES OF T & G'S.** Take off. Time starts when plane moves. Do as many T & G's as possible in 120 seconds. Most T & G's win.

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



Photo by Janet Woods

Chuck Stone of the CAP looks in a good mood as he cooks up a bunch of hot dogs for the flight demo.



A hit with the young cadets was the crash of one of the trainers and subsequent disposal of the remains in the fire pit. Balsa burns well!

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## **SAFETY FIRST**

Having recently spent a lot of time down in the woods that surround our field, I would like to re-iterate some items of safety while searching for “wayward” airplanes that somehow are attracted to trees. Be sure to have a buddy with you, you never know when you will get into trouble and need help. Take the radios AND a cell phone. Make sure you use bug spray, the bugs and ticks are bad down there. Watch your footing, there are some very steep slippery areas down there, and watch for holes in the ground, I recently stepped in a hole, and went down. If possible take something to drink, it is easy to get de-hydrated in the heat. Most of us are not in the greatest shape, well, round is a shape, so take your time, walk a little and look a lot. Happy Hunting!

See you at the field,  
Gene Fuson  
Safety Officer

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING WILL BE  
JUNE 12, 6:00PM, AT ROCKY TOP  
FIELD. IN CASE OF SEVERE WEATHER  
MEET AT THE COACHLIGHT VILLAGE  
CLUBHOUSE.**