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Some people will go to extremes to win an award. Not only did Bud Austin make a great case for winning the Crash Of The Month Trophy with his "not so good landing" shown above but this was his second major effort of the day. Check Page 3 for the results of his first effort that is in the back of his pickup. Bud said he may make another plane out of parts of the two crashes. Maybe that's like making lemon-aid out of a couple of lemons. Looking forward to some great days of flying. The field is in great shape and looks like a huge putting green thanks to Bud & Fritz. We've had some nice overcast days with moderate winds so flying has been really nice.

Joe Nall was an awesome event. I flew the Decathlon a couple times every day and the Polaris off the lake in the late afternoons. I got some help with the little 3d Cap 232 so have been practicing my hovering – still not doing too good!

We were camped out there six days and had only one mishap. My engine quit while flying the Decathlon at the Main Runway and I did a perfect dead stick landing into the trees at the far end of the field. They used the "cherry picker" to pick it out of the tree. It turned out I only had minor damage. Boy was I surprised and thankful too. I had the engine set too lean and down she went. I repaired the damage and will be flying it this week on floats at Lake Miola.

I was intrigued by the fliers at Joe Nall who flew at night using LED's on their planes. Really looked like fun and quite beautiful. I talked to one of the vendors and bought about 10 feet of the LEDs for my Polaris. At the next meeting I'll give a brief presentation about LED's...... cost, weight, how to cut it and hook-up, amp draw etc. I plan on having them on my plane by then and will fly it too if the weather is OK.

Hope to see you at the field.

#### THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

The weather has finally turned a little warmer but along with the warmth there seems to be a persistent wind. It doesn't bother the big iron much, but the lighter planes do bounce around a bit. Hopefully our weather for our second Fun Fly of the year, on June 14th, will be 80 degrees with a 5 mph breeze. A guy can dream can't he. Hope we can have a good turnout for this event.

Picked up another new member last month and he seems to be doing well flying his foamy around the field. We have a couple of members that will probably re-up for 2014 as soon as they find their checkbooks.

President John Woods has been off flying with the Big Boys at Joe Nall and off the water at Miola so hasn't had much time to get his 33% Gold Wing MX2 ready to fly. With about a 10 foot wing span it should be quite impressive. Hope he puts a good pilot figure in that big cockpit.

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

#### **NEW MEMBER**

The Club gained a new member in May, bringing the Club total membership to 21 members.

The new member is Wayne Edson. Wayne and wife Becky live in Holister.

Welcome to the Club wayne, weare pleased to have you join us.

# **MEETING MINUTES**

## TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB May 13, 2014

Vice-President Gene Fuson opened the meeting at 6:00 PM, at the Club Flying Field. There were 7 members present including the officers and new Club member Ted Brassard. Treasurer Fritz Corbin reported that the Club had \$1,595.49 in the bank as of May 1<sup>st</sup>. Erv Rohde won the 50/50 raffle and received \$3 of the \$6 pot. The Minutes of the April Meeting were approved as written in the May Newsletter.

Committee Reports: None

#### **Old Business:**

V-P Gene Fuson gave a short report on the Clubs presentation to the Civil Air Patrol on April 10th.

#### New Business:

It was decided to have a work day to repair and reinforce the old shelter. This will be set up by email and will probably be on one of our regular flying days.

#### **Program:**

Several flights were done before the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 PM.

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2014					
		MAY		YTD	
BALANCE	5/1/2014	\$1	,595.49	\$	1,371.33
INCOME-DUES		\$	80.00	\$	1,006.68
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$	-	\$	-
INCOME-FOOD		\$	19.00	\$	19.00
INCOME-50/50		\$	3.00	\$	11.00
INCOME-MISC		\$	1.34	\$	1.34
EXPENSE-FIELD		\$	62.12	\$	639.46
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$	-	\$	-
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$	-	\$	-
EXPENSE-FOOD		\$	-	\$	31.99
EXPENSE-AMA		\$	-	\$	90.00
EXPENSE-Web		\$	-	\$	-
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$	-	\$	-
EXPENSE-MISC		\$	-	\$	11.19
BALANCE	6/1//2014	\$1	,636.71	\$	1,636.71



Above is the results of Bud's first crash of the day setting in the back of his pickup. Not sure how many pieces there are but there is a bunch. Can't wait to see if this plane and the one on the first page morph into another airplane.



If you wondered where our Vice-President has been, he took some time off and he and wife Ellen went to Minnesota for some small mouth bass fishing. From the pics he sent, it looks like Ellen was the only one that was able to catch a small mouth!

# JUNE 14TH FUN FLY FIRST EVENT WILL START AT 11:00 AM BBQ AFTER THE FUN FLY

There will be three events.

**Event 1. THREE MINUTE TASK** Take off from square. Time starts when plane moves and stops when 180 seconds are up. Do a loop, land and taxi north across the marked line between the pylons and get 10 points. Again take off, do a loop, land and taxi over the line going south and get 20 more points. Repeat above, if time remains, and get 30 then 40 more points. Repeat again and get 50 then 60 more points. 10 point penalties for relocating a pylon or being airborne when taxiing over the line. 50 point bonus for being stopped with at least one wheel in the square at the end of the 180 seconds. Restarts allowed with time running and timing assistance allowed.

**Event 2 BUD'S CHALLENGE** Take off and do a roll and a loop, shut down the engine and stop as close to the spot as possible. Take off and landing must be in the same direction. The engine must be shut down before starting the 180 degree turn to land. Score is total seconds from start of take off to landing roll out stop plus distance in feet from the spot. Lowest score wins.

**Event 3. 10 LAP FIGURE 8 TAXI** From the mark north of the north pylon, do 5 taxi laps in a figure 8 pattern. Time starts when plane moves and stops when plane passes the last pylon on the last lap. Shortest time wins. Missed pylons must be redone or the plane is DQ'ed. Dislocated pylons are considered missed pylons, go around them again in the correct direction and proper side. Restarts allowed with time running. Plane must be capable of flight, proof may be required by C.D.

Any fixed wing aircraft may be used.

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## SAFETY FIRST

#### SAFETY RULES & REGULATIONS

I am reviewing the CLUB SAFETY RULES for all members, but in particular for our newer members. These rules will continue to be published every month until they are all listed here. If you can't wait to see them all, e-mail me and I will see that you get a copy.

Please read and comply with the following rules:

The following SAFETY RULES were adopted by the TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB Membership in October 1997 and revised November 2010.

16. All rules of the owner of the flying field shall be strictly adhered to.

17. All new members and guests must be checked out by a Club instructor or Club officer before being allowed to fly.

18. All radio transmitters will conform to current AMA requirements. It is the pilot's responsibility to show that the transmitter meets AMA requirements.

See you at the field, Gene Fuson Safety Officer

THE NEXT CLUB MEETING WILL BE JUNE 10TH, 6:00PM, AT THE CLUB FLYING FIELD. In case of severe weather we will meet at the Southport Condominium Clubhouse