

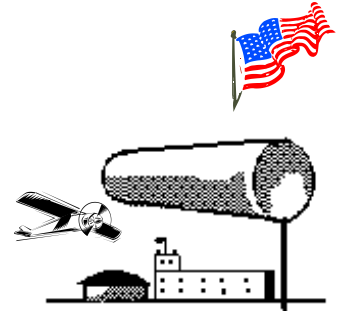
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MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY 2017



Photos by Janet Woods

**Dave Medley's neighborhood Memorial Day ceremony.
See John Woods' comments in the President's Corner.**

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

June is already here - 1/2 year gone by. Plenty of rain which affected our flying, wet and windy too. Hopefully the next 6 months will be much better.

As you all probably know I crashed my Yak54 last week. Took off, flew about a minute and then, just like someone turned off the switch, no control at all. The plane flew a large circle then went straight in crashing in the far end of the hay field to the west of us. It seemed like it was traveling about 200 mph. It sifted through the trees and in she went. After recovering the mess I set up the electronics on my work bench, turned on the Tx then plugged in the battery (the Rx switch was on) and everything worked fine. I did a voltage tests, range tests etc. and could not determine the cause of the failure. If you have any ideas, let me know.

Randy Needham rejoined the Club again and Howard got a couple of his planes together for him. I test flew one last week and all went well. We will do a little work with the Buddy Box to help Randy refresh his flying endeavors.

Charlie Schenk is doing really well even though we haven't been able to practice much. He's taking off and landing from the north end of the field without any help and is doing excellent on his landings. If you want some help landing, just let Charlie know. He does get a lot of stick time. His friends over at FedEx let him use one of their Boeing 777's to play around with so he goes around the world a few time each month.

Dave and Val Medley had a very nice Memorial Celebration at their house for all the neighbors, friends and whoever drove by. There were almost 50 people attending in honoring our soldiers who gave their lives, our Veterans who have served and those serving in the military defending our freedoms, our values and our faith here in America. Jim Haney, Bud Austin, Dick Peterson and James Woodruff, all from our Club, were there to pay tribute to the men and women who serve.

We had a nice turn out for last months Fly-N-Eat. Several members flew and there were 10 who went for pizza. This month we'll do it again on the 22nd.

Don't forget our next Club meeting - Tuesday, June 13th at 5:30 PM. If the weather is OK we'll

meet at the Flying Field.

Also, our June Fun Fly will be on Saturday the 17th starting at 11:00am. Food follows. Bring a friend to cheer you on.

Happy Landings John

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Had a little problem with getting the May newsletter out. Seems our Webmaster's email address had some sort of debilitating disease and he is also driving truck for UPS pretty much full time, so was hard to communicate with. We think everything is now under control and should be good to go for this month.

Our June Fun Fly is June 17th and we will use the same events we had planned for the April Fun Fly. If you don't have the April Newsletter showing the events, you can get them from our web site under Newsletter archives or let me know and I'll email you a copy of the April Newsletter.

Mentioned the Electrify CellMatch device some time ago, that discharges the higher charged cells in a pack down to the lowest charged cell. Works well to balance the pack but disconnect it when it gets down to about 3.80 volts per cell. If you forget and leave it hooked up for several days you will probably need to buy another battery. Seems there is always one cell that will be just a tiny bit lower than the others and the device will continue to chase the lowest value till the battery is destroyed. Don't ask how I know.

As noted in this month's Minutes, you Editor was awarded the Crash Trophy for the month. It was quite an honor! If you would like to receive the trophy for a month try to crash just before the meeting. Anyway the damage wasn't too bad but the plane was almost 5 years old, had 107 flights on it, had been repaired several times and was getting a little soft so I just built another airframe. Seen below it did well on its first flight.

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



MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB

MAY 9, 2017

President John Woods opened the meeting at 5:21 PM, at Rocky Top Field. There were 7 members present including all officers. There were no guests. Treasurer Fritz Corbin reported that there was \$1,556.16 in the Treasury as of May 1, 2017. The Treasurer's Report was approved. The Minutes of the April meeting were approved as written in the May Newsletter. The 50/50 raffle was won by Howard Shire and he received \$3.00 of the \$6 pot. Randy Needham renewed his Club dues just prior to the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

It was noted that Fritz Corbin had repainted the field gate, just one of the many maintenance chores he does at the Field. Many thanks, Fritz.

NEW BUSINESS:

John Woods put several nuts and bolts in the shelter, replacing the smaller screws that work loose.

There was a question about how we would get the field, other than the runway, brush hogged now that Jim Haney is no longer a Club member. John said he would talk to Jim and see if we could hire him to do some brush hogging for the Club.

President John called all last year's members that had not renewed their Club membership and chatted with them. This resulted in one member renewing his membership and another member said he was going to rejoin a little later in the year.

Don Johnson was awarded the monthly Crash Trophy for crashing his plane just prior to the meeting.

John announced that Dave Medley was going to have a Memorial Day ceremony at his house again this year and had invited all Club members to participate.

John announced that the Fly-N-Eat event will be May 23th. Fly on the forth Thursday afternoon of each month then adjourn to the Pizza Co. in Reeds Spring for supper and socializing. Anyone is welcome.

Update on the LUC Boys Ranch trainer. John has it ready to fly. The reason it quit on the first flight was that it ran out of fuel. Still waiting to see what their plans are for this plane.

PROGRAM

AMA sent Officer Pins to the Club and John handed them out to the Club Officers.

There was some flying after the meeting adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 PM.

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2017			
		MAY	YTD
BALANCE	5/1/2017	\$1,566.16	\$ 2,029.22
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ 80.00	\$ 320.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ 3.00	\$ 6.50
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 138.93	\$ 700.53
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ 24.96
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ 120.00
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ -
BALANCE	6/1/2017	\$1,510.23	\$ 1,510.23

Ah John! It looked so good in the picture below. But on the bright side it may win you a trophy for a month. John said it just quit responding to the transmitter and crashed. He has put all the electronics together on the workbench and everything works.



A small plane went out of control about a hundred yards up the field. The pilot placed his transmitter on the bench then went to retrieve his plane. He was asked "was your antenna up?" He glanced back at the transmitter and said "no". Nuf said!



John Woods helping Randy Needham get back into the swing of things on Club trainer and Buddy Box.



The airframe of this Stearman was built by former Club member, Jack McEvoy, then given to Gene Fuson who then gave it to Bud Austin. Bud put in the motor and electronics and covered it in an original color scheme. It had a very successful maiden flight.





Fritz Corbin with his new .40 size STICK. Flew very well!



An F-22 flat foamy that Roy Steinestel built, Howard Shire got the electronics and all other parts working right and John Woods put it through its' paces on its' maiden flight. Nice work guys.



John Woods helping Tim, of the Barnstormers Club, get his Senior Kadet running smoothly before taking it on a successful flight. The plane was originally built by former Tri-Lakes Club member Roscoe Fudge.

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HOWARD SHIRE 779-5069
JOHN WOODS 338-8419****SAFETY FIRST**

I traveled out to the flying field today, the first time since my surgery. As I drove on Dayton Road, I was suddenly approached, on a curve, by two pickup trucks driving pretty fast. There wasn't enough room for both of them and me, so I stopped and let them through. I may have been able to continue, but there was a good sized stick hanging out from a tree. So.....not wanting to scratch my vehicle I stopped.

I was moving at about 20 to 25 m.p.h. so it was easy to get stopped. The two trucks had no intention of stopping, or yielding to me.

So, just a reminder that even though there is little traffic on the road, slow down to 20-25 and be vigilant when you are driving to the field.

Don't depend on the natives to yield to you.....this is the Ozarks you know!

See you at the field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING
WILL BE JUNE 13, 5:30PM, AT
THE CLUB FLYING FIELD.**

**IN CASE OF SEVERE WEATHER MEET
AT THE SOUTH PORT CONDO CLUB-
HOUSE.**