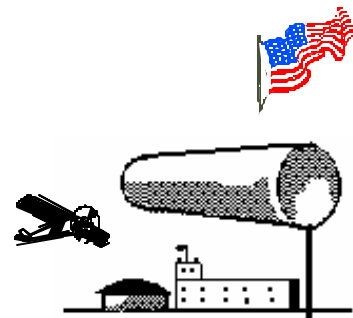


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JULY MEETING

JULY 9, 7:30 PM

Meet at Rocky Top Flying Field. In case of severe weather meet at the Branson Community Center

Program

Fly before and possibly after the meeting. Bring your new projects for Show and Tell.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The weather has been a little more cooperative this month. It is good to see so many people making use of the field.

I understand that Chris Rust is responsible for the new spools at the field. Thanks Chris, the old ones were getting in pretty sad shape.

We seem to have a little problem with litter at the field. Some people are using the

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center of the spools as trashcans. When you discard your cans and trash in the spools someone has to clean up the mess when the spool falls apart. I'm sure you wouldn't like to clean up someone else's trash, so don't make them clean up yours. Please don't do this! It is each member's responsibility to help keep the field in good shape. We try and supply trash bags for the fun fly's, but other than that "If you bring it to the field, take it home with you".

See you at the meeting!

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT

| | | JUN | Y T D |
|-----------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|
| BALANCE | 6/1/2002 | \$ 2,475.40 | \$ 1,989.43 |
| INCOME-DUES | ----- | \$ 33.40 | \$ 988.44 |
| INCOME-SHIRTS & CAPS | | \$ 25.00 | \$ 30.00 |
| INCOME-FOOD | ----- | \$ 54.00 | \$ 129.71 |
| INCOME-50/50 | ----- | \$ 12.00 | \$ 65.00 |
| INCOME-MISC | ----- | \$ - | \$ 19.00 |
| INCOME-Weather Sta | -- | \$ 120.00 | \$ 505.00 |
| EXPENSE-FIELD | ----- | \$ 91.78 | \$ 731.71 |
| EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER | | \$ - | \$ 64.16 |
| EXPENSE-SHIRTS & CAPS | | \$ - | \$ - |
| EXPENSE-FOOD | ----- | \$ 98.86 | \$ 179.15 |
| EXPENSE-AMA | ----- | \$ - | \$ 55.00 |
| EXPENSE-Web | ----- | \$ - | \$ 167.40 |
| EXPENSE-MISC | ----- | \$ 6.38 | \$ 6.38 |
| BALANCE | 7/1/2002 | \$ 2,522.78 | \$ 2,522.78 |

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

June 11, 2002

President Howard Shire opened the meeting at 7:33 p.m. at Rocky Top Field. All officers were present and there were 21 members present. The minutes from the May meeting were approved as written in the June Newsletter.

Treasurer Erv Rohde reported a balance of \$2,475.40. The 50/50 raffle was won by Erv Rohde and he received ½ of \$24.00.

Justice Coker joined the Club as a new member, just prior to the meeting, and was introduced by President Howard Shire. Dave Storey also rejoined the Club. There were no guests at the meeting.

Committee Reports:

Joe Major reviewed the three events that will make up the Fun Fly on Saturday June 15th.

Announcements and Old Business:

Mike Anderson announced that he had the weather station on order. Erv Rohde will call Verizon to see about getting the phone line hooked up.

New Business:

President Howard Shire announced that the Murry mower had to have a new battery and tire. The old mower has a steering problem and needs a new rack and pinion gear costing about \$70. The Club membership voted to get this repair done. It was mentioned that the blade on the newer mower was about an inch out of level and should be corrected to get a smother cut.

Howard also said that the gate lock had broken and has been replaced but the combination remains the same.

Mike Anderson said that his aunt has an old refrigerator that she would give to the Club.

This will be put in the shed and used to keep the sodas for the Fun Flys cold during the hot months.

There was a discussion about bush hogging the tall grass and briars that have grown up around the flying field in the last several years. Curt Krause was going to do this but has been unable to find a trailer to transport his tractor and bush hog to the field. Mike Anderson said he has had someone bush hog his acreage and this person could probably do what is necessary for about \$100. The Club voted to have Mike arrange to have this done.

Program: Dave Rice showed an Air Hog Intruder. It is a small (about 18") foam twin electric that is steered by varying the speed of either motor. Comes complete with transmitter and battery powered quick charger for about \$60. Dave did a demo flight. Before the meeting Dave Storey gave a demo with his .80 powered helicopter. The flight was very impressive and some of the maneuvers looked impossible.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

NEW MEMBERS

We gained two members at the June Meeting and two more at the June Fun Fly.

Justice Coker and Terry Coker Joined the Club and they are students at Blue Eye. Danny Smith also joined the Club and he is a student at Nixa.

Dave Storey also rejoined the Club at the June Meeting.

Welcome to the Club guys, we are happy to have you join us.

THE EDITORS NOTE PAD

Saw a great toy at Sam's Club last week. It was a radar gun for only about \$160. It would be great for seeing how fast, or how slow, our aircraft can fly. It could be used in a Fun Fly event; guess how fast your plane will fly, closest to the actual speed wins. Using your imagination the gun would be useful for a lot of different things. Now if someone in the club would buy one of these radar guns we could all enjoy it.

Don't forget the Springfield Float Fly in August. You should have your float plane(s) about finished by now. This is a low key, fun event you will enjoy. Just hope the wind is not blowing too hard over Springfield Lake! Also the following Saturday is our next Fun Fly. Plan on showing up early and have a great lunch of hotdogs, chips and sodas. Not sure what the events will be, but event director Joe Major should come up with something to test our skills.

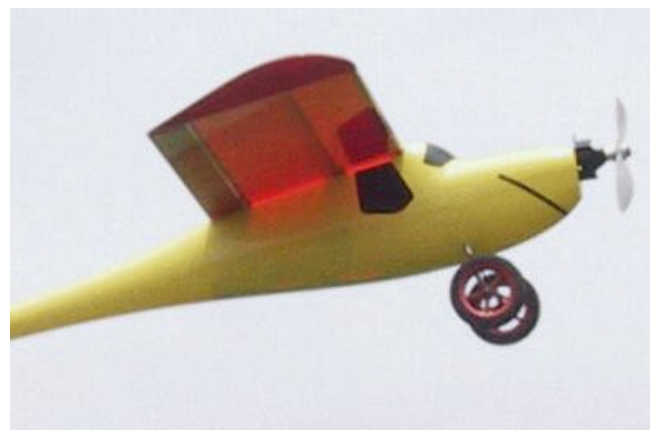
Been doing some thinking about the Club Newsletter. A lot of changes have been made since the first Newsletter I put out in January 1996. Prior to 1996 a few Newsletters were randomly published, since then The Windsock has come out every month and has gone from four pages to six pages. From word-processing and paste up artwork to scanner and digital camera artwork. Becoming all digital allowed us to put the Newsletter on the world wide web where anyone can see and even down load (print out) the newsletter in color. Now, since almost all members receive the Newsletter off the Web much of the cost and effort has been reduced. It takes time and money to go to the copy shop, make 60 plus six page newsletters, go home and collate, fold, stamp, make and apply address labels and then mail them. Another problem with copying the newsletter is that photos reproduce very poorly hence those that get the Newsletter off the Web get a much better product than those that get a hard copy. With postage going up, the time and effort involved

WEATHER STATION

To be or not to be, that is the question. It seems that as we get further along on the Weather Station the more it costs. The killer seems to be the monthly costs. The station will cost about \$350 and the phone line hookup about \$50. But each month we will have to pay about \$28 for a **business** phone line (a private line is less than \$15 but someone has to live there) and \$10 to \$20 for a server service, depending on how often we update the weather data (every 5, 10, 15 or 30 minutes). In round figures this is \$40 to \$50 a month or \$480 to \$600 per year –each year. We now have \$505 donated plus \$120 promised. Those that have donated to this effort should come to the July meeting so it can be decided whether to continue with this project or give the money back to the donors.

in making hard copies with poor quality photos, means it may be about time to follow the lead of many clubs and only make the Newsletter available on the Web, probably starting next January. The few members that aren't connected to the Web could probably get it through a relative, friend or the library. Give it some thought; your constructive comments would be appreciated.

Time to land for this month.



Is that Snoopy? No, Snoopy flies a Sopwith Camel! It's Mike Anderson's Lil Luscomb with a smiley face, as it makes a circuit around the field. Think the smile was daughter Erin's idea. Gives it character!

JUNE FUN FLY

It looked like a great day. Sunny, temperatures in the 70's with a cooling breeze. Unfortunately the wind was from the west and directly across the runway making take offs and landings a little tricky, but that wasn't going to deter anyone from flying.

While Al Freeman was cooking up a mess of dogs for lunch Jeff Pfeiffer, from the Springfield Black Sheep, put on a demonstration with a borrowed 30% Edge 540. Jeff could easily (it seemed) do things with this plane that most of us didn't believe possible. Jeff gave a couple more demo flights during the day and we sure appreciate him coming down and showing us how it can be done if you have the equipment and the skills. Many thanks Jeff!

About one o'clock, after Al had served up most of the hot dogs and the Event Director showed up, it was time to get down to serious business. Even the airplanes got excited. Erv Rohde's Wild Thing is a hot competitor but wasn't running in top form. It got cranky and chewed on the wing of Homer Zobel's new airplane while on the runway. Later it ran into the pits and chewed on Curt Krause's Dust Devil. Such is the level of competition at the Tri-Lakes R/C Flying Club Fun Flys. Eleven Pilots entered the Fun Fly and were ready to go.

The first event was a Timed Flight. A roll of the dice determined if you flew 90, 120 or 180 seconds, without any timing help, from the start of the take off run until touchdown. There was a tie for first place with Roscoe Fudge, 3 seconds off his 90 second target and Joe Major, 3 seconds off his 120 second target. Third was Ray Wommack, 8 seconds off his 120 second mark and fourth was John Woods just 11 seconds off his 180 second target. You would think that the longer the time period the more difficult to count off the seconds in your head and hit your mark, however with the Editor going 43 second over his target it seems that the younger pilots count faster and the older pilots count slower. That seemed to be a general pattern in this event.

The next event was to see who could do five Touch and Go's in the shortest time without going over 4 minutes. This kind of weeded things out somewhat. Since Jim Halbert didn't have wheels on his plane, he was out. Three pilots killed the engines on a touch and Homer Zobel lost it in a wind gust and bought the farm. Mike Anderson was the class act of the field with 5 smooth touches in 1 minute, 25 seconds. Erv Rohde was second with 1' 54" and John "one plane" Woods was third at 2' 01".

The last event was Climb for 30 seconds and shut off, Glide as long as possible and land on a runway target. One point for each second in the air less one point for each foot away from the target. Don Johnson was first with 204 seconds less 60 feet for 144 points. Roscoe Fudge was second with a great airtime of 233 seconds less 111 feet for 122 points and third was Jim Halbert with 132 seconds airtime less 63 feet for a 69. Half the pilots were in negative figures from minus 12 to minus 140. As in the past setting up for a landing close to the target sure would help a lot of people's scores but the wind was a factor in this event.

Overall Roscoe Fudge came in first flying his overpowered Ultra Stick with a score of 165. Don Johnson was second with a 130 and Mike Anderson was third with a 120. Event Director Joe Major was fourth with a 105 and John Woods was fifth with a 100 point total.

Many thanks to Event Director Joe Major for setting up and running the event and also inviting Jeff Pfeiffer to join us for the day. Also many thanks to Al Freeman for arranging for the BBQ lunch, he did a great job on his first time out. Thanks also to all the Club members that pitched in and helped time and score the event. And last but not least, a thanks to our Field Marshall, Homer Zobel, for having the field in great shape.

The next Fun Fly is August 24th so get out to the field and practice. The race for the coveted Top Gun Award for 2002 is tightening up with six members in the 210 to 265 point range.



At left, Jeff Pfeiffer takes off on one of several demonstration flights he performed for us at our Club's June Fun Fly. The 30% Edge 540 was a borrowed aircraft but this did not stop him from doing any maneuver that you could think of and many that looked impossible. Jeff is a high ranked national IMMAC competitor and while in high school was one of the top model glider pilots in the nation. It takes an extraordinary talent to fly the way he does, a talent most of us can only dream of.

At right, Jeff hovers the Edge 540 in front of him. At one point he brought it in so close that it looked like he was going to reach out and make an adjustment on the carburetor. How about hovering it in a continuous torque roll while doing a couple of 360 degree circuits around himself. Just one of many stunts that Jeff did to make the rest of us feel very humble. Many thanks to Jeff for spending the day with us.



At left is Chef All Freeman cooking up some hot dogs for lunch just prior to the start of the June Fun Fly. Al has taken over the BBQ duties from Mike Anderson. Not only does he obtain the food and supplies, he also cooks. Not sure what Mike said to Al to get him to take over the BBQ but Al seemed like he was enjoying himself. Great job Al.

Next BBQ is scheduled to be just before the August 24th Fun Fly. Come on out and enjoy a good lunch before Fun Fly events.

SAFETY COMES FIRST by Safety Officer David Rice.

We can only enjoy our hobby if we do it safely. As a reminder, below is a review of a few of the Club's Safety Rules and Regulations.

10. When flying, pilots should stand on or near one of the designated flying spots located adjacent to the safety fence.

11. Flying over the pit or spectator area is prohibited unless beyond the control of the pilot. Aerobatic maneuvers that are directly towards the pit or spectator area are prohibited.

12. When several aircraft are flying a spotter should be used to warn the pilot of possible collision with other aircraft, other aircraft landing or other field mishaps that may endanger the pilot.

A complete list of the Club Safety Rules and Regulations are on the Club Web Site at bransonrc.org or can be obtained from the Club Secretary.

David

COMING EVENTS

August 3, Float Fly practice, Springfield Lake.

August 17 &18, Float Fly, Sponsor Springfield R/C flying Club, Black Sheep Squadron. Site-Springfield Lake,

August 24, Fun Fly, sponsor -Tri-Lakes R/C Flying Club, Site—Rocky Top Field. Pilots meeting at 1 PM, hot dogs and sodas available around noon.

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