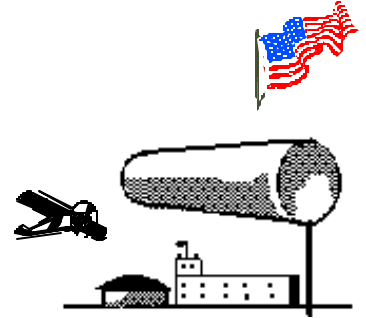


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## JULY MEETING

JULY 13 , 7:00 PM

Meet at Rocky Top Field. In case of bad weather we will meet at the Branson Community Center.

## Program

Bring your new projects for Show and Tell.

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

First thing I would like to do is thank Erv Rohde for running the June meeting and lining up all the goodies for the fun fly while Claudia and I ventured up to Alaska. We had a good trip and saw many sights but I didn't see anything that would lure me to move up there. I guess I just like our Ozark hills too much.

I think anyone who has been to the field noticed the hedge hogging that was done. Thanks Sid! I was glad to see that you got it done before the fun fly! It sure makes the field look great and it is much easier to retrieve downed planes.

I had my doubts about Roscoe's June fun fly. It was rain-

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ing when I got to the field and for a while it looked like Roscoe and I were going to be the only contestants. Finally a few more people showed up and the weather broke just enough to get the fun fly in. In the end we had a pretty good showing for such a bad day. I wish more of the newer pilots would join in the fun. You don't have to be a seasoned pilot to enjoy trying some of the events. I'm sure they will stretch your limits and improve your flying ability. If you had to win to enjoy the challenge I would have quit long ago!

See you at the field.

Howard

## TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT

		JUN	Y T D
BALANCE	6/1/2004	\$ 1,732.35	\$ 1,645.95
INCOME-DUES	-----	\$ -	\$ 945.90
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS	-----	\$ 15.00	\$ 87.50
INCOME-FOOD	-----	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
INCOME-50/50	-----	\$ 5.50	\$ 42.00
INCOME-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$ 4.00
EXPENSE-FIELD	-----	\$ 16.02	\$ 688.19
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER	-----	\$ 7.40	\$ 60.17
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS	-----	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD	-----	\$ 44.53	\$ 102.09
EXPENSE-AMA	-----	\$ -	\$ 130.00
EXPENSE-Web	-----	\$ 200.35	\$ 200.35
EXPENSE-meeting room	-----	\$ -	\$ 60.00
EXPENSE-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$ -
BALANCE	7/1/2004	\$ 1,514.55	\$ 1,514.55

# MEETING MINUTES

## TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

### June 8, 2004

Treasurer Erv Rohde opened the meeting at 7:02 P.M. at the Rocky Top field. All officers were present except Howard Shire & Gary Metzger. There were 11 members present and no guests. The minutes from the May meeting were approved as published in the June newsletter. Erv Rohde reported that treasury balance as of June 1<sup>st</sup> was \$1,732.35. The 50/50 raffle was won by Ray Dixson who received ½ of \$11.00.

**Committee Reports:**  
No committee reports.

**Announcements and Old Business:**  
Certificates for the April fun fly were handed out: Bud Austin 1<sup>st</sup> overall, Mike Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup> overall, Wade Stein 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. Bud also placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Time & Land; Wade 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Sky Bowling and Joe Major 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Timed 2 loops, T&G & Spot Land.

Erv announced that the port-a-potty was cleaned and we received a discounted rate for the last several cleanings.

It is not yet known when Sid Beckham will be brush hogging the field.

**New Business:**  
Roscoe Fudge said that the June 12<sup>th</sup> fun fly will have the Limbo event (if it's not too windy), a Time & Glide with spot Landing and a Taxi & Balloon Bust contest.

A discussion regarding the bar-b-que prior to the fun fly ended with Erv Rohde volunteering to get the tank situation straightened out so we will not have trouble getting it filled in the future. He will also pick up the buns, more hot dogs and soft drinks for the event. Don Johnson volunteered to do the cooking if needed.

There will be a fly-in June 18<sup>th</sup>-20 in Central Kansas at Millford Lake. Also Tom Hammer is having the Dawn Patrol Rally June 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> and all are invited.

Annette McEvoy announced that the Club had won a Tru Turn (up to \$75.00) certificate in the drawing for the contribution the club made to the U.S. Scale Team. After discussion it was decided that we will sell tickets 6 for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each until the August Fun Fly at which time the drawing will take place. Tickets will be available from a club officer at the field or contact Erv Rohde direct.

There was also discussion regarding more damage to the field from Armadillos looking for grub's. It will need further treatment.

The windsock situation was discussed and it was recommended that Del D'Alesandro be contacted to see if we can obtain more windsocks as soon as possible.

**Program:**  
Roscoe Fudge brought his new Neptune ARF weighing 5 lbs. With a 46 Thunder Tiger. He plans on flying it off Table Rock Lake.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.



Above is Roscoe Fudge's new Neptune ARF. He plans to fly it off Table Rock Lake with Henry Racette who also has a Neptune.

## THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Next month John Woods said he would give us a write-up on the Rally of Giants at Muncie. Sounds like the Woods, McEvoy and the Metzgers had a great time there and look forward to John's report along with several pictures. This month much of the newsletter is devoted to the Club's June Fun Fly and the S.M.A.L.L. Fun Fly in North Little Rock, so will cut this month's column short to leave space to cover these two events.

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### S.M.A.L.L.

The Halberts and Johnsons took their annual trip to North Little Rock to take in the S.M.A.L.L. 2004 Fun Fly. This year there seemed to be more electrics than glow planes at the outdoor field and of course all the planes that flew indoor were electric.

Two of the editor's planes are shown in photos I and J. The Southern X2 (floppy foamy) is seen in one of its many flights put in that weekend, and yes it can hit the ground hard, bounce back on its wheels and take off again. The Lazy Bee is seen after it was mid aired by a Fun Fly P-51. The P-51 had a little damage but was able to land safely (darn) but the Bee was through for the weekend,

The photos on pages 5 and 6 show some of the diversity of the models at the Fun Fly. The plane in photo A is probably the smallest model and photo B was probably the largest model. Didn't see either of these models fly. The DC 9 had two glow engines which should have been .26 cu. in. or less each. In photo C can be seen some of the many different types of models that were flown. Toward the middle left is a blue TBF Avenger, converted to electric from a DARE rubber kit. It flew well and dropped a torpedo from operating bomb bay doors. And yes the 4 engine sea plane did fly with a hand launch and land in the tall grass.

The four engine electric G-130 in photo D put in some impressive flights. It was made of foam and had about a six foot wingspan. Photo E shows an interesting setup. A 30's style free flight design (now electric RC) that has a raven glider under it. It made many flights taking the raven to altitude and dropping it. Then another pilot would glide it in for a landing. Looked just like a bird in flight! Photos F and G show a couple of Pat Trittle's planes, an Aircoupe and a Mr Mulligan. He designs models that are kitted by Hobby Lobby and DARE as well as others. Both models flew great.

Photo H on page 6 shows one of about three ornathopters (flapping birds) that were seen at S. M.A.L.L. It seemed to take a lot of energy to keep them in the air but they did fly. When one was in the air the resident hawk would fly in and take a good look at it.

Photos K and M show just a few of the indoor models that were flown in the High School gym on Friday night. There were so many planes of varying size that they set time slots for planes under two ounces and then for planes over two ounces. Again the diversity of the planes is quite impressive. From fairly large fun fly planes to small stick type planes weighing under and once. Also scale planes in all sizes up about four feet in wing span. Not bad for a 20 foot ceiling.

Your editor got the plans and instructions for building the little Rogallo wing shown in photo M and was very impressed with the performance of



# JUNE FUN FLY

Until noon the weather looked anything but good. With cold wind and rain and thunder in the distance, the Fun Fly looked very iffy! Probably this was the reason for a smaller than normal turnout. But after a lunch cooked by master chef, Phil Equi, some blue sky appeared and the wind lessened some. By one o'clock Fun Fly Director, Roscoe Fudge, had completed the pilots meeting and the Fun Fly got underway.

The first event was a TAXI and BALLOON BURST event. Taxi around a rectangle marked with pylons, then taxi through the center and break a balloon. Miss the balloon and you have to repeat the taxi around the rectangle. Lowest time to break the balloon wins. Erv Rhode was the last to run the event but took first place with 24 seconds. Hot on his heels was Mike Anderson taking second place with a run of 25 seconds and John Woods took third place with 27 seconds. Fourth place went to Howard Shire at 34 seconds and fifth to Roscoe Fudge at 35 seconds. Don Johnson missed the balloon **twice** and barely came in last.

The next event was a SPOT LANDING. Take off, then land on a target on the field. Closest touch down to the target wins. Take more than three minutes or three approaches to land and you are DQ'ed. This was a little tricky since the wind was gusting in from the east across the runway. Mike Anderson, piloting his Ugly Slab, was able to touch down 5'-8" from the target and took first place. Erv Rhode, piloting another ugly slab (Pro Twister) took second with a 10'-8" touch down. Don Johnson, flying a 12 ounce floppy foamy was third with a distance of 11'-5". Bud Austin was fourth with 16'-2" and Howard Shire was fifth with 16'-6". Not bad for the windy conditions.

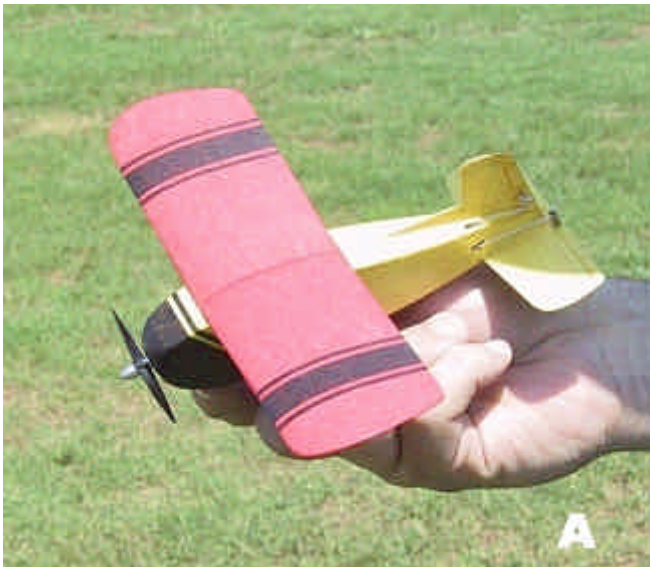
The next event as TIME AND GLIDE. Take off and climb for 20 seconds, cut the throttle

and glide as long as possible and land on a target on the runway. One point for each second in the air and minus one point for each foot away from the target the plane comes to rest. Most points wins. Don Johnson, flying his Electra, was able to find some lift and had an airtime of 177 second and then stopped 22 feet from the target for a score of 155 and first place. Of the seven contestants this was the longest airtime and the closest landing to the target. Mike Anderson was second with 129 less 54 for a total score of 75. He had a neat roll out on landing but forgot that in dead stick it is where the plane stops not where it touches down that counts. Third place went to Erv Rhode with 118 minus 72 for a 46. Roscoe Fudge was fourth with 103 minus 114 for a -11 total. He should have done much better but his elevator was fouled up and he did a couple of big loops on his climb, losing much altitude. John Woods was fifth with 76 less 90 for a -14. John came in down wind into the hill at the side of the runway and was the only one that had aircraft damage during the Fun Fly (I think).

Overall Mike Anderson came in with 240 Top Gun 2004 points and captured first place. Hot on his heels with 220 points was Erv Rhode as he took second place overall. Third overall went to Don Johnson with 160 points. John Woods took fourth place with 80 points. Roscoe Fudge and Howard Shire tied for fifth place with 80 points each.

Surprisingly what looked like a probable rain out or blow out turned out to be a decent Fun Fly albeit a little windy. Hopefully the next Fun Fly on August 14th will have better weather and a few more competitors. Many thanks to Fun Fly Director Roscoe Fudge and Chef Phil Equi and to everyone else that helped with the Fun Fly and the lunch.

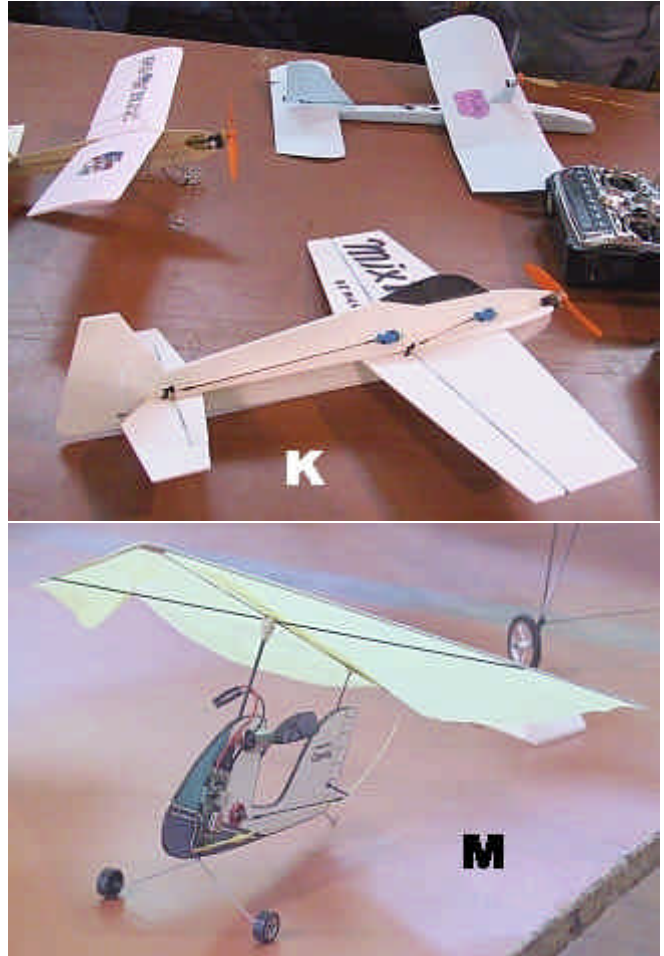
See you at the August 14th Fun Fly!





the plane in the foreground of photo K. It could easily be flown in one's front yard. Bob Selman of Carthage handles this small stuff by mail order and if you are interested I can get you his web site.

For a change of pace plan on going to next year's S.M.A.L.L. Fun Fly. You will enjoy it and see many very interesting aircraft, indoors and out.



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## Words of wisdom from Club Safety Officer Roscoe Fudge

Have fun flying, but obey all club rules. It's safer that way.

**Roscoe**

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