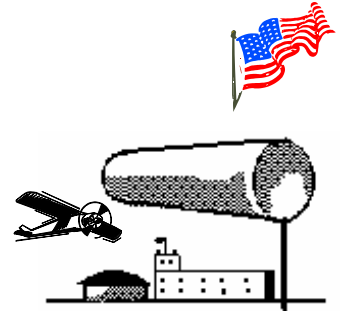


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## **BIG FLYS BETTER**



**Joe Major makes a pass with his big Clipped Wing Super Cub. Don't have the specifics on the plane but it sure flies nice. Now if it had a few trim stripes and a pilot looking out the windshield it would be hard to tell from the real thing. However many smaller planes also fly very well.**

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello club members!

These daily rain showers remind me of my younger days, when we lived in Florida, and would have 5 minutes of rain everyday at 2:00 p.m. in the summer. I can hardly keep up with the mowing here at the resort and out at our farm!

As you may have heard, there will be no Fun Flies in June and July. So take advantage of the extra time to sharpen up your skills!

We are halfway through the year, and those of us who are officers, have only 6 more months to serve. Then we will need to have some other club members step up and take on these jobs for a year. Please consider what position you would be willing to serve in.

Hoping that you all have a great summer, see you at the field on Tuesday, July 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Gary

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2007			
		JUN	Y T D
BALANCE	6/1/2007	\$ 2,158.71	\$ 2,139.03
INCOME-DUES	-----	\$ 80.00	\$ 1,065.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS	-----	\$ -	\$ 160.00
INCOME-FOOD	-----	\$ 4.00	\$ 89.50
INCOME-50/50	-----	\$ 5.00	\$ 40.00
INCOME-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FIELD	-----	\$ 124.14	\$ 765.92
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER	-----	\$ -	\$ 7.80
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS	-----		\$ 270.52
EXPENSE-FOOD	-----	\$ 18.74	\$ 106.85
EXPENSE-AMA	-----	\$ -	\$ 105.00
EXPENSE-Web	-----	\$ 185.00	\$ 185.00
EXPENSE-meeting room	-----	\$ -	\$ 100.00
EXPENSE-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$ 32.61
BALANCE	7/1/2007	\$ 1,919.83	\$ 1,919.83

## THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Trying to get back in the swing of things after a week long family cruise, so had to rely on others to catch up on what's happening. Many thanks for everyone's help.

Looks like we will have the remaining Club Fun Flies during the next three months. The tentative schedule is August 18th, September 15th and October 13th. The format will be the same as in the past with a BBQ lunch and then three events. Will ask another Club member to design and run one of the three events each month to add some interest and keep from getting in a rut. Hope we have a lot of participants.

The best information we have now is that the Springfield R/C Club will have its Annual Float Fly on August 11 and 12th at Springfield Lake. They have scheduled a Float Fly practice for Saturday, July 28th. If you plan to participate check their web site at <http://www.springfieldrcclub.com/> before you head out to the lake.

A reminder—check that you have the correct transmitter and correct model selection before taking off. Modern technology is great but only the newest Spektrum systems (not the Spectrum DX6) will protect you from selecting the wrong model.

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

## NEW MEMBERS

Picked up a couple of new members to bring the Club roster to 34.

Greg Mckenzie of Chicago has joined our Club, Greg is the son of Tom Mckenzie and plans to fly with us when he visits his parents.

Also Joel William Walker has Joined the Club. Joel and his wife Brenda live in Hartville, Mo.

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

# MEETING MINUTES

## TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

### June 12, 2007

President Gary Acton opened the meeting at 7:07 p.m. at Rocky Top field. All officers were present except Erv Rohde and Dave Medley. There were 11 members present. The minutes from the May meeting were approved as published in the June Newsletter. Acting Treasurer Howard Shire reported that the current treasury balance was \$2,158.71 as of June 1<sup>st</sup>. The 50/50 raffle was won by Fritz Corbin who received one half of \$10.00.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Field Marshal Fritz Corbin reported that mowing seems to be going OK and asks that anyone using the mowers be aware that the old one tends to have grass get clogged in the deck area and needs to have it cleared out periodically when being used. John Woods got the newest addition running but the blades need sharpening.

#### **Announcements and Old Business:**

Howard Shire reported that the Club lost \$23.42 on the Ladies Fly Day. There was considerable discussion regarding the event and there is positive feed-back from everyone that this was a successful event and that the Club really looked good. Fritz Corbin thanked all members who contributed their hard work and especially Jack McEvoy and Tom McKenzie for their maintaining four aircraft throughout the event. He also thanked Bud Austin for the ground school that he again conducted, our Intro-Pilots, John Woods, Erv Rohde and Joe Majors, and their instructor assistants Zip Zobel, Ray Dixson and Howard Shire.

Future events including a mall show, air show and fly-in for area clubs and individu-

als were discussed. Everyone is asked that they bring their ideas to the July meeting on what they think would help to put on a successful event, advertising, inviting other clubs, etc. We're looking for ways to increase membership and our presence in the community.

Discussion regarding our own Club Fun Fly for June ensued – motion by Bud Austin, seconded by Jack McEvoy—it was passed unanimously to postpone this event and the schedule for the remainder of the year will be a Fun Fly in August, September and the final event in October.

Bud Austin reported that the Boys and Girls club will be bringing 5 or 6 boys on a Tuesday morning. He will try to get an exact date. Gary Acton will contact the Boy Scout troop and see if they still want to come out, perhaps the two groups can be combined.

#### **New Business:**

There was no new business.

#### **Program:**

John Woods passed around pictures of and gave a report on the float fly event he attended at Shawnee Mission. It was a great event however the weather kept the attendance down and only about a dozen flyers actually participated.

Jack McEvoy reported that they have changed over to the new 2.4 Spektrum radio technology and have all of their Futaba radio equipment for sale. Contact them at 417-883-9642 M-TH 8:00-4:30 or 417-581-1241 the rest of the time.

Next meeting will be July 10<sup>th</sup> at Rocky Top field.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.



### MORE LADIES DAY PICTURES

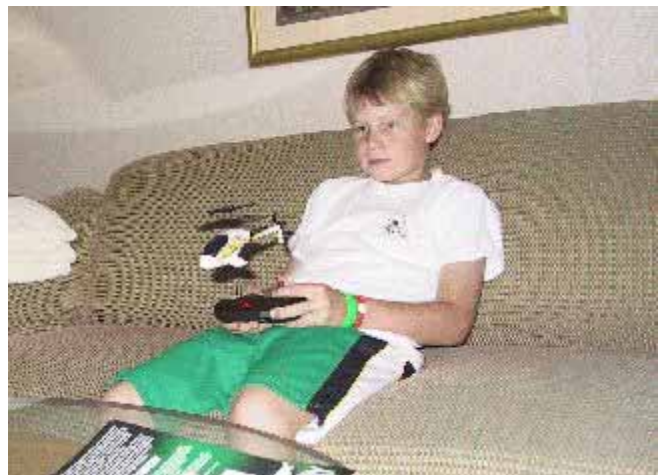
Top left and clockwise. John Woods and Homer Zobel on buddy box with a young lady pilot. Ray Dixon announcing during the lunch demo as Joe Major gets ready to fly his helicopter. Erv Rohde and Howard Shire with another young lady pilot. Dave Medley giving wife, Val, her course completion certificate and something extra. Dave giving another young lady a certificate. Don Johnson with his twin electric during the lunch demo. Joe Major and Howard Shire on the buddy box with one of several non females that participated in the Ladies Flight Training.

Photos by Annette McEvoy



### **S.M.A.L.L. 2007 (Small Model Airplane Lovers League) Little Rock ,AR**

Below are a couple of shots of this year's S.M.A.L.L. Fun Fly at Little Rock (actually Wrightsville). The FARM Club flying field is flat but quite a bit smaller than ours in both length and width. There were no pilot stations, you just stepped a few paces out from the tent line and started to fly. Actually had some problems landing in the tall grass across the runway since I was not used to a narrow runway. This Fun Fly seems to be getting smaller each year but always has a lot of interesting planes during the day and at the Friday evening indoor event. One neat plane was the Beech 18 of Keith Sparks. Looks like a big plane (or real) with its twin engines, retracts, great detailing and the pilots and passengers looking out the windows. Actually the wingspan is around 40 inches and flies great on two small electric motors. Even flew well in fairly breezy conditions. Keith has a book out on foam model airplane construction.



Above is a picture of Fritz Corbin's Cat Bipe. Actually it is a Hog Bibe but seems to have nine lives like a cat. On its first outing it decided to spend a night in a tree. When it was finally knocked out of the tree it actually landed on its feet, er wheels. On the next outing (pictured) it had an engine malfunction and knocked off the landing gear and broke the prop. Several days later the engine died on a flight and it went into the weeds without too much damage. Not sure if Fritz is keeping count but the plane may only have six lives left!

What's a good thing to take along to pass some time on a family cruise. Go to a discount store, toy store or Radio Shack and pick up a couple of \$30 infra red R/C helicopters. Above is grandson Ryan hovering one in our stateroom somewhere around Grand Cayman or Cancun. These little helicopters are not capable of precise flying, but they hover fairly well and are surprisingly durable. Even our 4 year old granddaughter did pretty good with them. There are some helicopters in the \$50 to \$70 range that should have much more precise control.

# JULY MEETING

JULY 10, 7:00 PM

Meet at **ROCKY TOP FIELD**

## Program

Bring your current projects for "Show and Tell". Fly before the meeting.

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## SAFETY FIRST

Now that summer is approaching, and the weather here is going to get hotter and muggier, make sure you are wearing a high rated SPF sun-block and a hat. Also, sun glasses are a must for flying. Bring plenty of water or another non-alcoholic beverage to the field. Getting dehydrated can be disastrous. If you are allergic to wasps, bees, or other biting and stinging insects, make sure someone else at the field knows that you are allergic. Also, if you need a certain type of medicine, make sure you have it with you.

See you at the field,

Gene Fuson  
Safety Officer

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