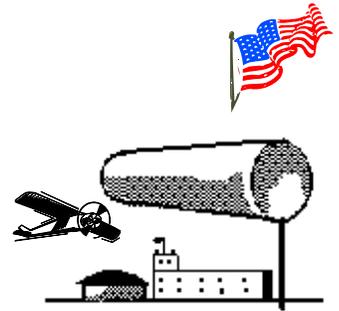


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CUB SCOUTS VISIT ROCKY TOP FIELD



Above is the local Cub Scout Pack 163, along with their leaders, parents and some of the Tri-Lakes Flying Club members that helped out on the visit. Club Intro-Pilots Joe Major, Erv Rohde and John Woods put anyone that wanted to fly an R\C plane on a Buddy-Box and let them have a go at it. Some actually did quite well for their first try. The Cub Scout Pack also provided lunch for everyone involved which was much appreciated.

Pictured above-Front Row-left to right Joni Graves, Anna Huseman, Xavier Rantz, J.W. Graves, Alec Anglum, Brian Kroeger and Robbie Huseman. Middle Row-left to right John Graves, Boomer Miller, Katie Rantz, Tyler Cain, Dakota Pratt, Tom Huseman, John Woods, Erv Rohde and Dave Medley. Back Row-left to right Mike Anglum, Bud Austin, Joe Major, Bob Pilecki and Roy Steinstel.

See more pictures of this visit on page 4.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Pilots;

I don't know about the rest of you but by the time I got home from the Cub Scout event I was "Pooped". For all of those members that assisted in the event, "Thank You". It was a great success and fun for everyone there. The Cub Leaders furnished a very good picnic lunch for the boys and all of the Club members. We did lose an airplane which goes with the territory when flying inexperienced pilots. We will make it right with Fritz on getting it replaced.

I received wonderful pictures from Annette and chose several to include in my article in the Stone County Gazette.

I feel that at the next meeting the Club should address buying at least one more trainer airplane to use for training new pilots and for fly-ins with unqualified pilots.

I am also going to propose that the Club has a day set aside in the week for "Training Only", this would make it easy for novice pilots to be with an instructor without dodging and waiting to fly. This would depend on our intro pilots to volunteer and of course, the weather would be a factor. It would also be nice if several of our "Aces" volunteer to be "intro pilots", This is not intended to restrict our members from flying but only to promote and allow our new pilots to fly more.

See you at the meeting, Cheers

Dave

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Well we have two of this year's four Fun Flies behind us and hopefully the remaining two will go off without a hitch. One piece of equipment that would sure help in setting up many event layouts would be an old fashion chalk line maker like is used on football fields and base ball diamonds. This would allow long, temporary and fairly inexpensive lines to be easily put down on the runway and better define the event boundaries. If anyone knows where we might obtain one of these gadgets (or make one) please let me know.

The Halberts and the Johnsons, as seen below, took their annual trip to Little Rock (actually Wrightsville) for the 2008 S.M.A.L.L. Fun Fly. We went down on Thursday and staked out our territory and Jim and I got in several flights. Unfortunately on Friday and Saturday it was quite windy and most pilots like us stayed on the ground. A few pilots braved the winds and some paid the price. During the indoor part of the Fun Fly Friday night I was talking to one of the pilots while he was flying and he just handed me his transmitter and said here fly it. So I did, made several circuits around the basketball court and landed it without damage. Got to get a plane that I can fly around the living room! It's interesting that this Fun Fly in the last several years has gone from mostly glow engines (outside) to about 90% electric.

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

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2008			
		JUN	Y T D
BALANCE	6/1/2008	\$ 2,660.18	\$ 2,351.20
INCOME-DUES	-----	\$ -	\$ 1,173.75
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-FOOD	-----	\$ 48.50	\$ 48.50
INCOME-50/50	-----	\$ 10.50	\$ 28.00
INCOME-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$ 100.00
EXPENSE-FIELD	-----	\$ 426.75	\$ 1,151.77
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ 8.20
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD	-----	\$ 15.19	\$ 84.24
EXPENSE-AMA	-----	\$ -	\$ 105.00
EXPENSE-Web	-----	\$ 185.00	\$ 185.00
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ 75.00
EXPENSE-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$ -
BALANCE	7/1/2008	\$ 2,092.24	\$ 2,092.24



MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

June 10, 2008

President Dave Medley opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Rocky Top Field. All officers were present. There were 13 members present. The minutes from the May meeting were approved as published in the June Newsletter. Treasurer Erv Rohde reported that the current treasury balance was \$2660.18 as of June 1st. The 50/50 raffle was won by John Woods who received one half of \$11.

Committee Reports: There were no committee reports.

Announcements and Old Business: Bob Pilecki handed out the certificates from the May fun fly that was rescheduled from April. 1st Place Timed Flight with Loops & John Woods' Las Vegas went to Bud Austin. 1st Place Precision Dead Stick Landing was a tie between John Woods & Dick Ross. Overall places were as follows: 3rd-Dick Ross, 2nd-John Woods, 1st-Bud Austin

Discussion regarding the field condition ensued – Howard Shire said that the granules for grub control have been put out and Fritz Corbin has been working on getting prices for top soil to have on had to fill any future holes.

The first aid kit is not available – Gene Fuson will be contacted to see if he has it.

John Woods gave a detailed report of the problems with Sandy's complaint and his subsequent phone conversations with the actual owners of the property. At the present time, we do not have a problem with the owners, only a potential one with our neighbors. It is imperative that we do not create any problems that can aggravate the situation. Be sure to always close and lock the gates at either end of the field. If Sandy should approach you with any complaints be courteous

and report the incident to a Club Officer immediately so that we can contact the owners.

In conjunction with the neighbor problems, Annette McEvoy reported her conversation with Greg Haan of AMA regarding noise control. He is presently drafting a report for AMA to try to come up with recommendations for clubs to use as a guideline and was very impressed that we were taking a pro-active preventative approach as many clubs are losing their flying fields due to this very situation. He gave her quite a bit of information. After considerable discussion among members, it was decided that we ask Jim Halbert if he will let us use his decibel meter and we will check all of the planes to find out how much noise we are putting out and take corrective action if needed.

New Business: The June 14th Fun Fly is a go with the events as published in the Newsletter.

Discussion regarding the Cub Scout event the following Saturday, June 21st resulted in John Woods volunteering to have the Club's trainer ready for use and Dave Medley, Fritz Crobin and Howard Shire donating additional planes for use. We'll use a name draw to determine the order that the kids are selected. John, Erv Rohde and Joe Major as the intro instructors will take the kids up for flights as time allows. We'll use the following weekend as a rain date if necessary.

Dave will contact the boys ranch-Lives Under Construction to see about putting on an event for them.

Program: There was no program.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30. The next meeting will be July 8th - 6:30 p.m. at Rocky Top Field.

Cub Scout Troop 613 visits Rocky Top Field

In the top photo President Dave Medley is giving the Cub Scout group the lowdown on the Tri Lakes R/C Flying Club. Below that is John Woods and Bob Pilecki and their Cub student pilot, Erv Rohde and Howard Shire and Cub student pilot and Joe Major and Dave Medley with their Cub student pilot.



Above photos by Annette McEvoy

R/C Barnstormers Float Fly Lake Miola, Kansas

The Float Fly was sponsored by the R/C Barnstormers from Kansas City, KS. June 2-3. Eighteen pilots registered and the weather this year was perfect. Zero to 5MPH wind and overcast sky kept the temperature in the mid 80's. I had about 8 flights Saturday and a few Sunday before Janet and I left.John Woods

Photos by Janet & John Woods



CUB with CANOE



John Woods' Seamaster



Flying at Lake Miola



Fokker Eindecker

JUNE FUN FLY

At last! A good day for a Fun Fly. There was a little breeze but it would have been fairly hot without it.

After the traditional lunch of hotdogs, sodas, chips and goodies, it was time for the Pilots meeting and on with the Fun Fly

The first event was a Spot Landing. Take off, do a touch and go and then touch down on the runway target. Closest touch down to the target wins. You get two chances at this and take the best of the two scores. Coming in First was Fritz Corbin with 3'-3" and in Second Place was John Woods with 4'-9" . Third Place went to Erv Rohde with 8'-9", Fourth was Howard Shire at 15'-9" and Fifth was Bud Austin at 21'.

The second event was Erv's Ground Targets. Taxi through the start gate (time starts), knock over 5 targets with the plane's wing and taxi back through the start gate (time stops). Penalties are break a target-5 seconds, wheels leave ground-10 seconds and destroy the target- 20 seconds. Shortest net time wins. In First Place, and a new comer to Fun Flys, was Dick Peterson with 45 seconds and no penalties. Atta way to go Dick! Second Place was Bud Austin with 46 seconds and no penalties and Third Place went to Jack McEvoy with 59 seconds and also no penalties. Fourth Place went to John Woods with 64 seconds and Fifth was Erv Rohde at 68 seconds. None of the top five finishers had penalties but the rest of the field did earn penalty points. Actually it seemed that many fewer targets were destroyed this time than when

this event was run last year.

The last event of the day was the Box Event (2). Place or taxi your plane into the box which is about 10 feet square and formed with surveyors tape. Take off, do a 360 around the field , land and taxi into the box and stop with at least two wheels in the Box. Repeat the above. Time starts when the plane first starts to move in the box and stops the second time the wheels stop in the box. There is a 10 second penalty for each time the plane breaks the surveyors tape. Howard Shire took First Place with 70 seconds and the only nonpenalized run of the event. Atta way to go Howard! Second Place went to Erv Rohde with 99 seconds including one penalty. Third Place was a tie between Bud Austin and Fritz Corbin at 107 second. This included one penalty for Bud and two For Fritz. In Fifth Place was John Woods with 132 seconds which included one penalty.

Overall First Place winner was Fritz Corbin with 150 Top Gun 2008 points. Second Place was a tie between Howard Shire and Erv Rohde with 140 points each. Fourth Place went to Bud Austin at 130 points and Fifth Place went to John Woods with 120 points.

Once again many thanks to all those that helped on the Fun Fly lunch and in running the events. The next Fun Fly is scheduled for August 16th but could be rescheduled if it interferes with the Springfield R/C Club's Float Fly.

JULY MEETING

JULY 8, 6:30 PM

Meet at the Rocky Top Field
In case of severe weather meet at
the RecPlex

Program

Bring your current projects
for show and tell

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SAFETY FIRST

Crosswind takeoffs can be dangerous if you are not experienced. The most hazardous takeoff situation is with the wind at your back and you are taking off right to left. If your experience is limited, avoid this hazardous situation if at all possible. Waiting for awhile, or even until another day, may be the safe thing to do.

See you at the field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer



Some of the many great planes at S.M.A.L.L. in Little Rock this year. Most of the planes that are flown outside are now electric.

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