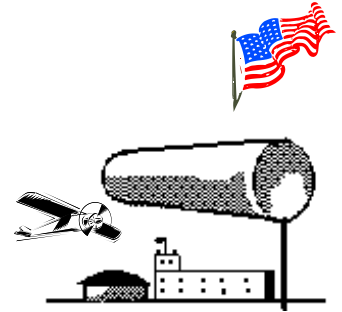


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## NEW PLANES ARE SHOWING UP



Above is Fritz Corbin as he fires up his 1/4 scale SIG J-3 Cub with the idea of just taxiing it around to get the feel of it. Great looking model. On page 3 you can see why taxi trials on a new plane are a good idea. In addition to Bud Austin's 1/4 scale SIG Clipped Wing Cub that was in last months Newsletter, Jim Halbert has made a couple of flights with his new electric Senior Cadet (page 4) which promises to be a good slow flyer and Gene Fuson finally after many years (seems like it) has flown his Pro-Twister. He has it trimmed out in patriotic colors and looked like it flew very nicely. Sorry I didn't get a picture of it, Gene. Should be a great flying summer with all the new neat looking planes.

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hi Fellow Pilots;

I suppose by now everyone has heard about my little accident. The good news is that the finger is healing nicely. It takes about 8 weeks for the bone to heal. If I had a safety strap on my glasses it wouldn't have happened. So now I use a rubber band to keep them from falling off.

I sold the offending airplane and took it to the guy in Springdale on my way to the VA orthopedist in Fayetteville. Then I went about an hour south to just east of Ft Smith and bought 2 new planes from a man who had closed his hobby store and has 2 storage buildings full of planes he is trying to sell. He is in bad health and is trying to recover his cost for them. If anyone is in the market for a plane let me know and I can put you in touch with him. Most of his stuff seems to be from Horizon Hobbies.

Don't forget that on Saturday, July 11th we have the boys coming out from the boys ranch. Then our monthly meeting is on the 14th. Hope to see all of you both times.

BUD

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TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2009			
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BALANCE	6/1/2009	\$ 2,148.99	\$ 2,524.58
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ 95.00	\$ 883.36
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ 26.50	\$ 55.50
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ 5.50	\$ 28.50
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 102.25	\$ 1,024.84
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ 8.40
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ 12.36	\$ 45.46
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ 105.00
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ 185.00	\$ 185.00
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ 75.00
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ 20.46	\$ 92.32
BALANCE	7/1/2009	\$ 1,960.92	\$ 1,960.92

## THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Noticed a couple of things at the S.M.A.L.L. Fun Fly in Little Rock. Almost everyone was flying with a 2.4 GHz radio system. The Frequency Board was now self serve with no transmitter impound. This was good for pilots on 2.4 GHz because they didn't have to wait for a frequency pin, they just went to the line and flew if the sky was not too crowded. This was good for the pilots flying 72 MHz also since it was very unlikely that someone else would have the pin out for your channel. The sad thing is that if you have a fancy 72 MHz system you want to sell, don't expect to get much money from the sale. Another thing noticed was a guy standing on the bed of a big pickup with a long pole trying to get one of the free flight models out of the top of a very large tree. Found out the pole was a 50 foot telescoping fiberglass pole used to replace fuses on utility poles. Might be nice for the Club to have one. Oh! They did get the plane out of the tree, but it was in several pieces.

On July 18th and 19th the Springfield Black Sheep Club is having its' annual Float Fly on Springfield Lake. This is a fun, low key event. If you have a float plane, go and enjoy yourself. Or just go as a spectator. For more information go to [springfieldrccclub.com/](http://springfieldrccclub.com/).

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

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## NEW MEMBER

The Club gained a new member in June bringing the current Club membership to 26.

The new member is Jim Haney. He and his wife, June, live in Kimberling City.

Welcome to the Club Jim, we are pleased to have you join us.

# MEETING MINUTES

## TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB JUNE 9, 2009

President Bud Austin called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. at Rocky Top Field. All officers were present. There were 13 members present including the officers and a new member, Jim Haney. We had one guest, Bev. Almond. The 50/50 (split the pot) raffle was won by Jack McEvoy. He received \$5.50 from the \$11.00 pot.

### Committee Reports:

Erv. Rohde reported that we have a balance \$4,2148,99 in the bank.

John Woods reported that Jim Haney would brush hog the field.

Don Johnson reported that the June Fun Fly was on Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Old Business

Boys Ranch Scheduled for July 11<sup>th</sup>.

Boy Scouts Scheduled for August 1<sup>st</sup>.

John Woods reported on a display ad he had worked up for the local newspapers and would get a cost estimate.

### New Business:

Fritz Corbin reported that the Porta Potty could use some maintenance. He and Don Johnson will take a look at the project. Bud Austin volunteered to help with the project.

Meeting adjourned 7:38 P.M.

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Below is a shot of Howard Shire's Four Star-40 after a practice flight before the Fun Fly. Not sure Howard will try to put this plane back in the air.



Above is Fritz Corbin's J-3 Cub after a short taxi. Seems like most of the aileron hinge pins vibrated out. Nice to catch that before getting airborne. Below is new member, Jim Haney, with his trainer. Think it was referred to as a Garagesale 42. Good luck Jim.



### CURRENT 2009 CLUB MEMBERS

Below are the names of the 26 members that are current in their 2009 Club dues.

Rick Almond, Bud Austin, Sid Beckham, Friz Corbin, Gene Fuson, Larry Gliser, Jim Halbert, Jim Haney, Don Johnson, Reader Jones, Joe Major, Annette McEvoy, Jack McEvoy, Dave Medley, Tom Mckenzie, Keith Oxby, Richard Peterson, Robert Pilecki, Henry Racette, Erv Rohde, Howard Shire, Gary Smith, Robert Smith, Roy Steinstel Joel (Bill) Walker, and John Woods.

If you feel your 2009 Club dues are current but you are not on the above list contact Erv Rohde for needed corrections.



Phot by Annette McEvoy



Above left is Howard Shire's Fly Baby (?). Howard has tried a couple of times to get it off the ground but hasn't been successful. It's a handful to control and may be slightly underpowered. To the upper right is Jim Halbert's electric modified SIG Kadet Senior. With a Scorpion 4020-16 outrunner brushless motor and 9 A-123 cells it pulls about 35 amps and 700 Watts of power (1 hp). It had no problem zipping into the air but could also be slowed down for slow flight.

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**2009 S.M.A.L.L.** The Halberts and the Johnsons took their annual trip to Little Rock (Wrightsville) for the Small Model Airplane Lovers League Fun Fly. It includes not only RC but free flight, control line and an evening of indoor flying. The upper left photo shows the planes we took to the meet. The weather was a little breezy but we managed several flights each day. Even though this event seems to be getting smaller each year, there is always something unusual. The twin electric Pterodactyl looked to have about a 4 foot wingspan and flew very well, actually was quite aerobatic. The eagles were cast foam kits and somehow looked realistic in the air. They also looked easy to fly. OK how do you tell them apart? The lower left photo shows more of the diversity of models including the barrel plane. It flew quite slow and very well. The tail rotates both left and right to turn and rocks back and forth for up and down.

Your editor flew indoors this year, flying one of three 14 1/2" vapors and my 16" clipped wing Taylorcraft. The Taylorcraft was the only 72 MHz radio in the building! An enjoyable evening.



# JUNE FUN FLY

The June Fun Fly started out like most Fun Flies then things got a little crazy. While getting some practice in before lunch. Howard Shire had a glitch and destroyed the front end of his 4-Star-40. A little later President Bud Austin stuck his fingers in the prop of his airplane and cut the end of his ring finger off-just hanging by a piece of skin. Our acting EMT, Keith Oxby, (probably trained by His Royal Majesty's Navy) hustled Bud off to the hospital to have his finger sewn back on.

When lunch time arrived it was a little more somber than normal but the faire was good with the ladies bringing cake and cookies for desert. After lunch was over it was decided that the show must go on and the participants headed for the pilots meeting.

The first event was DO WHAT??? Take off, then land and stop on the runway in exactly 120 seconds. After taking off, a buddy will tell the pilot to do three different maneuvers before landing. Penalties will be 1 point for each second off 120 seconds, 20 for not stopping on the main runway and 30 points for each maneuver not satisfactorily performed. Least penalties wins. First Place was Don Johnson with only a 2 point penalty. Second was Howard Shire with a 7 point penalty and Third was John Woods with a 21 point penalty.

The second event was HOWARD'S PYLON RACE. With a pylon on each end of the field, the pilot takes off and when he indicates he's ready, time starts when his plane passes in front of the judges stand and ends after completing two laps around the pylons. If a pylon is missed, the pilot can go back around the pylon. If a pylon is completely missed, the pilot is disqualified. Lowest time wins. First Place went to Erv Rohde with 38 seconds, Second went to John Woods with 40 seconds and Third was Howard Shire with 41 seconds.

The last event was SPEEDY GONZALES. The plane is placed on the start mark (plate) and time starts when the plane moves. Do a roll, then a loop and a roll and then two rolls. Land and time stops when plane is stopped and touching plate. A 20 second penalty for any maneuver not completed satisfactorily. Shortest time wins. First

Place was John Woods with 74 seconds and Second was Fritz Corbin with 214 seconds. The other three pilots tied for last when they couldn't stop on the plate.

First Overall went to John Woods with 220 Top Gun 2009 points. Second place was Erv Rohde with 163 points and a Third place tie went to Howard Shire and Don Johnson with 153 points. Fifth was Fritz Corbin with 120 points.

Again many thanks to all that helped with lunch and that participated and helped with the Fun Fly. A special thanks to Howard Shire for putting on his Pylon Event and to Reeder Jones who acted as the pilot's Buddy for most of the participants in the first event.

The next scheduled Club Fun Fly is August 15th.

A couple of pictures are worth a couple of thousand words. Skaggs Hospital June 13th. The happy patient with his ring finger full of Novocain and sewn back on. Bud will surely have words of wisdom about his experience for us at the July meeting



Photos by Keith Oxby

# JULY MEETING

JULY 14, 2009 6:00 PM

Meet at **ROCKY TOP FIELD**  
In case of severe weather meet at the  
Branson Rec-Plex

## Program

Fly before the meeting. Bring  
your current projects for  
show and tell

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## SAFETY FIRST

Well, it was bound to happen; a Club member was severely injured by a propeller strike. The strike was hard enough to almost completely sever Bud's finger, and injure a couple more fingers. His 43cc motor was running at about 2000 rpm when Bud dropped his glasses and reactively grabbed for them, putting his fingers in the spinning prop. Bud was taken to the emergency room and the doctors were able to reattach his finger.

Bud's motor and propeller are very large compared to what most of us use, but that really doesn't make it safe for us either. At full speed, a .40 size two stroke engine turning an 11-6 nylon prop can generate as much energy as a 10" table saw. Respect that saw and respect your prop as well. Paint your propeller tips so that they are visible, dull the edges of your prop, stay behind the arc of the prop and save your quick reactions for when you are behind your transmitter controls.

On a good note, Bud is healing very well, and is back out flying again. I saw his finger after they took the stitches out, it looks pretty good considering it was almost cut off.

See You at the Field,  
Gene Fuson  
Safety Officer

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