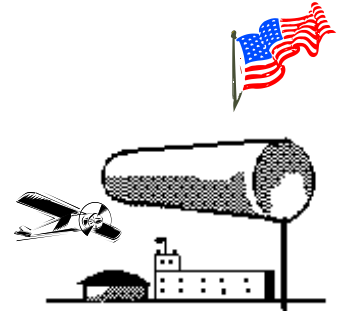


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MORE COMMUNITY SERVICE



Above is a group shot of the local Cub Scouts which the Club hosted for a Buddy-Box flying session on June 5th and below is the L.U.C. Boys Ranch group also treated to a Buddy-Box flying session on June 26th. More photos on page 4.



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hi Pilots;

I would like to apologize to all of you, as it seems I stepped on a lot of toes with my idea of changing the By-Laws of the Club. First it was not my idea to change the dues, I only wanted to up date them and include a youth membership and spell out the guest membership a little better. Anyway my suggestions got blown completely out of proportion.

Last week after reading all of your comments, some positive, some negative, and some directed at me as if I don't understand that WORK and other duties prevent you from a lot of the Clubs activities; such as flying on Tuesdays and Saturdays, helping with the field, attending meetings etc. etc.. To you all again, I really felt bad that it was taken as a bad remark. I do understand the problem and I apologize again.

After several days of thinking about it, I decided that I should resign as your President, that I was trying to do too much at one time. However after this past weekend with the LUC Boys Ranch and the wonderful attendance of Club members working together to complete the mission, I will complete my tour of duty but will not pursue any further changes.

I did decide that I would not be available for any elected positions next year as I want to spend more time flying and building my own proficiency. I would like to thank Erv, John, Bud, Fritz, Don, Reeder, Rick, Jim, Dick, and our old friend Tom, you all put in a lot of time and effort. Also I should thank James, He is really loving his status and is very appreciative the way he is treated, He really likes to help. My thanks.

Another thanks to Dick Peterson for the new flight stand that he built and donated to the Club. Last but not least to our three wives that made salads and goodies, Eve Peterson, Val Medley and Harriet McKenzie. Bob Pilecki also stopped in for a while.

I will be leaving on a trip and will not be at the July meeting, so Good Luck Bud.

See you all in a couple of weeks, Dave

THE EDITOR'S NOTEPAD

Well this has been an interesting month. If you have been following the Club's emails, many members have voiced their opinions on where the Club was headed, some constructive and some maybe not so constructive. What seemed to fall out is we don't have a clear vision of where we as a Club should go or even if we did, could we even get there. We have put a lot of time and energy into getting more Club members and for most part the effort has resulted in very disappointing results. We have also put a lot of time and effort in developing a pretty good flying site. We acquired and had our first Fun Fly at Rocky Top Field in August of 1997, 13 years ago. Prior to that we had had at least one field a year and Rocky Top is superior to any we previously had—even with the trees. If you have visited and flown at other clubs you probably recognize that we are not the best club from the standpoint of facilities and safety but we are probably much closer to the top than the bottom in comparison. So until we find that nice flat ground that has no trees, rocks, corn stalks, water, close neighbors, etc., etc., we should relax a little and enjoy the decent facilities that we do have.

O.K. Enough from the soap box. Time to land for this month.....ed.

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2010

		JUN	Y T D
BALANCE	6/1/2010	\$ 2,546.01	\$ 2,507.94
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ 15.00	\$ 875.02
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ 21.00	\$ 67.00
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ 3.50	\$ 16.00
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ 396.41
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 1,199.24	\$ 1,819.29
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ 8.80
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ 22.23	\$ 57.10
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ 105.00
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ 185.00	\$ 185.00
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ 75.00
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ 54.80	\$ 487.94
BALANCE	7/1//2010	\$ 1,124.24	\$ 1,124.24

NEW MEMBERS

The Club picked up two new members during June, bringing our membership to 25.

James Woodruff, a student and neighbor of Dave Medley's has joined the Club and is enthusiastic about airplanes.

Also Craig Mckenzie, Tom Mckenzie's son, has joined the Club as an associate member which will allow him to fly while visiting his parents.

Welcome aboard guys, it's great to have you join us.

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

JUNE 8, 2010

President Dave Medley called the meeting to order at 5:50 P.M. at Rocky Top field. All officers, except Erv Rohde, were present. There were 8 members present including the officers.

We had one guest, James Woodruff. The 50/50 (split the pot) raffle was won by Don Johnson. He received \$3.50 from the \$7.00 pot.

Committee Reports:

Howard Shire reported that we have a balance \$2,564.01 in the bank as of June 1, 2010.

Gene Fuson donated two batteries for the club trainers.

Bud Austin reported a \$16.00 cost for repairing the steering on one mower.

Howard Shire reported on a list of planes for sale in Mountain Home Arkansas.

John Woods reported that he had sprayed weed killer on the area under the electric fence.

John Woods reported that Jim Haney was airlifted to Kansas City to check to see if he was a candidate for a heart replacement.

Old Business

Dave Medley presented a suggested change in the by-laws to create a youth membership and a guest membership for visitors living outside a 100-mile radius of the field. Some concern was voiced if everything should be in the by-laws and that the by-laws and safety rules should be in agreement. John Woods volunteered to write them up and report at the next meeting.

John Woods reported that he will be teaching, building and flying R/C planes, Sept. 29th to Nov. 3rd at Votec.

New Business:

The next Fun Fly is scheduled for June 12th.

Boys Ranch Scheduled for June 26th.

Dave Medley questioned if we were going to have a static display at the 4th of July fireworks. The response wasn't great so Dave said he might do it

on his own.

John Woods reported that each Intro Pilot was going to take the responsibility for one of the clubs trainers so it will be ready when we have a group of guests who will be flying.

Dave Medley announced that we were a tax-free organization and when purchasing anything for the club we should show the certificate. Some questions were raised about the validity and it was suggested that we wait to verify this.

Bud Austin reported that he was approached to see if we could do something for the Boy Scouts Jamboree at the RexPlex in Branson. He was instructed to find out the details and that we would be glad to oblige them.

Rick Almond brush hogged the field and charged the club \$80.00 The subject of granting Rick free membership for brush hogging the field was brought up. Howard Shire stated that no one else in the Club was given free membership for their services and the Club would be better off paying for the services. It was decided that we would pay for the service.

Meeting adjourned 6:50 P.M.

Below is Test Pilot, John Woods, checking out Jim Halbert's new plane. Jim looks on anxiously but not sure what John is checking for. The test flight went well and the plane should be a good flyer with a little bit of tweaking.





Photo by James Woodruff



Photo by James Woodruff

Getting ready for Cub Scout flying

How many chiefs does it take?



Photo by Gene Fusion



Photo by Gene Fusion

Keep your eye on the plane!



Photo by Gene Fusion



Photo by Gene Fusion

Here we go!



L.U.C. Boys Ranch group

JUNE FUN FLY

The weatherman promised windy weather but as it turned out, by the time the Fun Fly started the wind wasn't all that bad. Lunch was the traditional BBQ of dogs, sodas and chips, this time cooked by Chef Bud Austin. Claudia Shire also brought some chocolate cookies that provided a nice desert. After lunch it was time for the Pilots Meeting and on with the Fun Fly.

The first event was **FLIGHT PLAN A**. Taxi through the Start-Finish pylons (time starts), then through the downwind pylons, then back through the downwind pylons, through the Start-Finish and take off. Do a loop, stall and roll, then land, Taxi back through the Start-Finish pylons, downwind pylons, then back through the downwind pylons and Start-Finish pylons (time stops), Ten second penalties for knocking down a pylon or becoming airborne before the Start-Finish line on take-off and 30 second penalties for not completing a maneuver or missing a set of pylons. Low time wins but a maximum of 4 minutes will be allowed. John Woods captured First place with a time of 77 seconds and no penalties. Bud Austin and Fritz Corbin tied for Second place with 98 seconds and no penalties.

The Second event was **JOHN'S TOUCH & GOES**. The pilot performs as many Touch & Goes as possible in 3 minutes. Time starts when plane moves. Most Touch & Goes in 3 minutes wins. Even though this was John's event, Bud Austin seemed to have a little better technique and took First place with 13 T & G's. John Woods and Fritz Corbin tied for Second place with 12 T & G's each.

The last event was **SPEEDY GONZALES**. Put plane on plate on the runway. Time starts when plane moves. Do a roll, loop and roll and two loops then land and stop on

plate. Time stops with plane stopped and touching plate. A twenty second penalty for each maneuver not completed. First place again went to John Woods with a time of 51 seconds. Second place went to Bud Austin with 54 seconds and Third went to Don Johnson with 59 seconds.

Overall results were First place John Woods with 260 Top Gun 2010 points. In Second place Overall was Bud Austin with 230 points and Third was Fritz Corbin with 140 points. Finishing out the field was Don Johnson with 110 points and Howard Shire with 70 points. It should be noted that there was no damage to any of the planes during this Fun Fly! Great flying guys!

This turned out to be a very small Fun Fly with only five participants and a couple of spectators. Maybe the expected wind kept the attendance down. Many thanks to Claudia Shire for acting as the Scorekeeper and the other pilots that did double duty as timers and judges. And as always thanks to John Woods for showing up with the grub.

The next Fun Fly is scheduled for August 14th.

Here is the latest of Jim Halbert's original electric designs. This one also flew successfully on its maiden flight. Just a few adjustments and it should be a steady flyer.



JULY MEETING

JULY 13, 2010 6:00 PM

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

Program

Fly before the meeting and bring our
current projects for show and tell.

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SAFETY FIRST

For the next few months we will be reviewing the Club safety rules and regulations as adopted by the club on October 1997 and revised on May 12, 1998.

5. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed at the flying field nor may they be consumed prior to participation in any model operation.

6. All radio equipment should be ground range checked before the first flight of a new or repaired model.

7. Vehicle parking is restricted to the area behind the shelter.
(We probably need to re-visit this rule since we are now parking in other places.)

See You at the Field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

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