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S P O O K Y



No, this is not a space ship. John Woods went to the big Joe Nall event and found them flying planes at night using LED's. So he had to set up his Polaris XL with some lights. The lights come in various colors and operate at low power in sets of three. They come on rolls of copper foil about a quarter inch wide with adhesive backing. Just cut off what you need and plug them in to a battery. You can also solder the three light sections in series. John has more info if you are interested.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

First, Janet and I thank you all for everything you did. The cards, thoughts, concerns, support and prayers during this time. Janet has a little ways to go but we'll get through it all.

Called the Boys & Girls Club and Civil Air Patrol to let them know my wife has been ill and that I wanted to talk with them about our Club and its participation with them. I haven't heard back from them as of this writing. We can discuss more about this at our next meeting.

I have not been able to get out to the field lately but it is evident that there has been very little flying opportunity due to the wind and rain – never seems to cease. Once things settle down a little at home I'll be out again.

I'm anxious to complete the MX2. Everything is almost ready. I have to determine the proper balance point then mount the 3 battery packs and start the engine. I have test run and broken in the engine on a test stand but it hasn't run while in the plane. If all seems OK I can finish routing the wiring, fuel lines, add a couple of wings and take off !

Don't forget the meeting on July 8th. We can fly around 3:00pm then stay for the meeting & no, it won't be windy.

See you at the field John

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2014					
		JUN		YTD	
BALANCE	6/1/2014	\$1	,636.71	\$	1,371.33
INCOME-DUES		\$	80.00	\$	1,086.68
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$	-	\$	-
INCOME-FOOD		\$	14.00	\$	33.00
INCOME-50/50		\$	3.50	\$	14.50
INCOME-MISC		\$	-	\$	1.34
EXPENSE-FIELD			45.92	\$	685.38
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER			-	\$	-
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS			-	\$	-
EXPENSE-FOOD		\$	18.92	\$	50.91
EXPENSE-AMA		\$	-	\$	90.00
EXPENSE-Web		\$	120.00	\$	120.00
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$	-	\$	-
EXPENSE-MISC		\$	1.36	\$	12.55
BALANCE	7/1//2014	\$1	,548.01	\$	1,548.01

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

This is kind of a messed up month. President John Wood's email that wife, Janet, had undergone a major surgery was a shock. A later email indicated she was home after 11 days in the hospital and her recovery is going well. All our best wishes and prayers go out to Janet during her recovery.

The wind is a constant item of complaint, but this year it seems to be more so. Our planned June Fun Fly was blown out this year. Even though some members did fly, it was too windy to do events without putting the planes at a severe disadvantage. So after giving up on the wind dying down, Fritz Corbin fired up the grill and cooked the dogs. After lunch it was still windy so we went home.

Our planes seem to be taking a beating the last few weeks. Bud Austin managed to crash three planes in one day. By putting pieces from two fuselages together he will be able to get one plane back in the air. Don Johnson crashed a couple of planes, one by flying into a tree and one by flying into the ground. Seems when they are out a ways they become hard for him to see clearly. He asked his eye doctor what he could do to correct this vision problem and the doctor said don't fly so far away. Expensive advise! Also Lloyd Apprill flew his airplane up into a tall tree. Last heard, he was looking for someone to climb the tree to get it. Maybe Howard Shire will be able to get it with his bow and arrow, but it is a long way up there. It just goes to show you that you always need several planes in your hanger to really enjoy this hobby!

Seems we have a mascot at the flying field. It is a healthy looking rabbit whose color looks more like a domestic rabbit than a wild rabbit. It doesn't seem to be afraid of people and will let you get four or five feet away from it. It has been seen at the field for the last few weeks. Surprised that a predator has not found it yet. Maybe I'll be able to get a good picture of it soon.

If we have any aspiring writers out there we are always looking for appropriate material to include in the newsletters. It could be a story, how to do it article, a kit review or pictures. Just about anything having to do with models or airplanes. Give it a shot, you may enjoy it.

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

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB JUNE 10, 2014

President John Woods opened the meeting at 6:09 PM, at the Southport Clubhouse. There were 6 members present including the officers. V-P Gene Fuson was absent. Treasurer Fritz Corbin reported that the Club had \$1,637.71 in the bank as of June 1st. John Woods won the 50/50 raffle and received \$3.50 of the \$7 pot. The Minutes of the May Meeting were approved as written in the June Newsletter.

Committee Reports: None

Old Business:

John Woods mentioned that the CAP had inquired about having a flight Demo day for the cadets and the Branson Boys and Girls Club may want a flight demo day also. Dave Medley asked if a youth church group could be included. No dates were set.

New Business:

Fritz Corbin and Bud Austin will select a day to repair and reinforce the old shelter. This will be set up by email and will probably be on one of our regular flying days.

John Woods sent an email out, changing the meeting location. Some members didn't receive his email so he is sending out a test email. If you don't receive it, let him know.

Jim Haney suggested that the Club buy some picnic tables for the new shelter. John suggested that members check around and see if some can be found at a reasonable price.

John said that he is going to set up a new bow and arrow, for airplane retrieval, with a larger, more reliable reel.

Dave Medley said he has his trailer for sale and would like \$1,800 for it.

The month's Crash Trophy went to Bud Austin for not one, not two, but three spectacular crashes on one day.

Program:

John Woods showed his newly acquired Habu electric ducted fan jet. (See picture). John says he will remove the landing gear. It should have a lot of speed!

John also explained how to equip a plane with LED lighting for evening and night flying .

Bud Austin showed his Harrier Fuselage that he put together from a couple of his recent crashes. (see picture). Nice job, doesn't even look like it crashed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM.



Above is John Woods' new Habu (snake?) foamy electric ducted fan jet. The energy comes from a 4 cell, 4,000 mAH Li-Po battery. Looks like it will be a fast plane especially if John removes the wheels and has it hand launched.



Above is Bud Austin's Harrier fuselage which was salvaged from two planes he crashed a week or so ago. You actually have to look closely to see the places that it was repaired and spliced together. Nice job, Bud.

Below, left is Don Johnson's Polaris XL that got a little far away to control and ended up in a tree. Shown are the pieces recovered. The tree kept the motor and a couple of servos. The Polaris is a good flying plane but many of them end up like this. Right is Don's 65% Pro Twister. Nothing was wrong with the plane, just a little to hot for Don to handle.



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SAFETY FIRST

SAFETY RULES & REGULATIONS

I have been reviewing our club safety rules for the past few months, and have not added any other safety issues to my monthly safety spiel.

But.....once again, we have had a propeller strike incident. This one occurred in a member's home while running up an engine.

There was a badly cut hand and a plea, by the member's wife, to find another hobby. That probably isn't going to happen however.

I guess the lesson here is that propeller's are as dangerous at home as they are at our field .

See you at the field, Gene Fuson Safety Officer

THE NEXT CLUB MEETING WILL BE JULY 8TH, 6:00PM, AT THE CLUB FLYING FIELD. In case of severe weather we will meet at the Southport Condominium Clubhouse