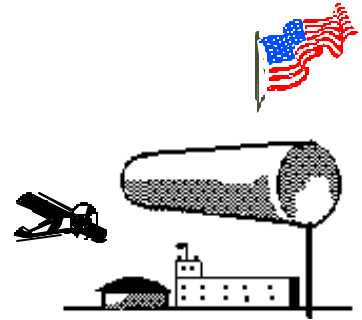


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AUGUST MEETING

AUGUST 10 , 7:00 PM

Meet at Rocky Top Field. In case of bad weather we will meet at the Branson Community Center.

Program

Bring your new projects for Show and Tell.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The decision was made to postpone the August fun fly that had been scheduled on the 14th until the 21st to allow the float fliers from our club to attend the Springfield Black Sheep's float fly. We have a few members who like to participate and many others who wished to attend this event. We didn't want to diminish the attendance at our fun fly since many of those who would attend are normal participants in our fun flies.

As those of you who were at the last meeting know, the Craftsman mower had many problems and the decision was made to replace it. A new

(used) White mower similar to the one we purchased last year has been purchased making the mowing of the field a little easier.

Many thanks to John Woods and Homer Zobel for removing many of the larger rocks from the part of the field that we now mow. It should add to the life of the new mowers.

I hope that more members will take the time to walk the field and remove rocks that could damage the mowers. I don't want to have a workday but when you are at the field and the weather is marginal take the time to look around and make minor repairs. It is everyone's club and everyone should pitch in and try to keep things looking and working well. Who knows, doing a little work and not flying in marginal weather could save a plane.

Hope to see you at the meeting

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TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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BALANCE	7/1/2004	\$ 1,514.55	\$ 1,645.95
INCOME-DUES	-----	\$ 40.00	\$ 985.90
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS	-----	\$ -	\$ 87.50
INCOME-FOOD	-----	\$ 2.00	\$ 32.00
INCOME-50/50	-----	\$ 5.00	\$ 47.00
INCOME-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$ 4.00
EXPENSE-FIELD	-----	\$ 906.25	\$ 1,594.44
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER	-----	\$ -	\$ 60.17
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS	-----	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD	-----	\$ -	\$ 102.09
EXPENSE-AMA	-----	\$ -	\$ 130.00
EXPENSE-Web	-----	\$ -	\$ 200.35
EXPENSE-meeting room	-----	\$ -	\$ 60.00
EXPENSE-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$ -
BALANCE	8/1/2004	\$ 655.30	\$ 655.30

NEW MEMBER

We have a new member in the Club. He is James Thomson of Branson.

Welcome to the Club James, it's Great to have you join us.

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

July 13, 2004

President Howard Shire opened the meeting at 6:52 P.M. at the Rocky Top field. All officers were present. There were 16 members present and Craig & Marsha Schmidt, from Fiberglass Specialties, and Cheri Silva were guests. The minutes from the June meeting were approved as published in the July newsletter. Erv Rohde reported that the treasury balance as of July 1st was \$1,514.55. The 50/50 raffle was won by John Woods who received ½ of \$10.00.

Announcements and Old Business:

Discussion regarding the grub damage to the field resulted in no further action being necessary at the present time. All of the damage is at the far end of the field that is not in general use and no further damage seems to be occurring.

It was decided that the Tru Turn certificate tickets will be sold by Annette McEvoy after the meetings this month and next month and at the field up to the August fun fly at which time the drawing will take place. Price is \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The winner need not be present.

Roscoe Fudge presented the May fun fly certificates as follows: Erv Rohde 1st in the Taxi & Balloon Bust; Mike Anderson 1st in the Spot Landing; Don Johnson 1st in the Time & Glide. Overall certificates were: First Place-Mike Anderson; Second Place-Erv Rohde and Third Place-Don Johnson.

New Business:

Roscoe announced that the contests for the August fun fly would be the Limbo, the Bomb Drop and a surprise to be announced at the event.

There was discussion regarding the flight training for new pilots. Annette McEvoy volunteered to make copies of the Flight logs for student pilots to give to their instructor to sign off as each level is completed.

Howard reminded everyone of the sodas and chips that are in the shed and are available for .50 cents each. This is a "honor pay system" and asked that people do take advantage of them being available and not letting them spoil.

Field Marshal Homer Zobel announced that the old Craftsman mower is in bad shape, it runs good but that is about all. It needs between \$400 to \$500 worth of repairs. A used White was recently traded in at the same dealer that we purchased our White from and we could possibly get it for around \$1,000 and they

would take the Craftsman in trade. After discussion, a motion by John Woods and seconded by Jack McEvoy was made to form a committee of Homer Zobel, Howard Shire and Gary Metzger to make a deal along the lines of the numbers quoted. Passed unanimously.

Program:

Jack and Annette McEvoy showed their Balsa USA 1/3 scale Ercoupe kit. This kit comes complete with everything but a spinner, prop and engine which will probably be a G45 Zenoah. They plan on doing it scale but haven't decided if it will be done like the original that it was modeled after or not.

Del Silva brought the plans that he just received from Ziroli for his 80" Ercoupe he will be starting soon.

Gary Metzger showed his Fancy Foam Edge that he just completed. This is a \$35.00 kit that is CNC routed and comes with foam, carbon rods, & control horns. Adding a HiMax 4100, 1050 mah, 11amp, 3 cell Li-poly batteries and the rest of the equipment it came in around \$300 total. Gary says it flies good!

Joe Major demonstrated his new electric Century Heli Hummingbird. Has a 370 brushed motor and also cost around \$300.00

Our guest from Fiberglass Specialties, Craig Schmidt, offered to send a \$25.00 gift certificate to us to also raffle off for the August fun fly. Tickets will be on sale until August 14th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



The McEvoy's new 10 foot Ercoupe.

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

We have a treat this month. On page 5 John Woods has given us a report on the Rally of Giants held at the AMA Headquarters in Muncie Indiana. The Woods, McEvoy and Metzgers had a great time at the Rally and even bought some new toys to bring back. John's (probably Janet's) pictures are continued on page 6. Many thanks for the write up John.

Got a couple of events to put on your calendar. On August 14th and 15th the Springfield Black-sheep are holding their annual Float Fly on Springfield Lake. This is a low key event and any AMA member can enter. There is usually one competitive event and the rest of the time is just for fun flying. Hamburgers, hot dogs and sodas are available at the site. If you aren't doing anything that weekend go up and join them as a participant or spectator.

The next event is our Club Fun Fly on Saturday August 21st. It was delayed a week so as not to compete with the Springfield Float Fly. Unfortunately your editor is going to miss this event so the participants can relax as there won't be the stiff competition of electric aircraft. Check out page 6 for more details. This is the third Fun Fly of the year and the coveted TOP GUN 2004 is still within the reach of many of the participants. Come out and join the fun either as a brave pilot or a noisy spectator.

The photo at top left is Phil Equi's SE5a on it's maiden flight. This plane was about 35 years in the making and the first flight, with John Woods at the controls, was a little rough. It seemed tail heavy and a little underpowered, and it crashed. But it is being repaired and will be given another try after rebalancing and trying to get some more RPM's from the engine.

What can you say about the middle photo? Gary Metzger seems awfully proud of the flat foam Edge 540 he built from a kit. The plane flies quite well even with Gary on the controls.

In the bottom photo we see Joe Major's new toy. A small electric helicopter. Joe says that the smaller the helicopter the harder it is to fly. After watching him for awhile it did seem like he was having trouble making it do what he wanted it to



do. But on the plus side it was fairly quiet and didn't smoke!

Time to land for this month. Don't forget the Float Fly and The Club Fun Fly.

RALLY OF THE GIANTS

Muncie, Indiana

Summer 2004

John Woods

This year the "Rally of the Giants" was held at the AMA Headquarters in Muncie, In., June 17th-21st. Gary & Cathy Metzger, Jack & Annette McEvoy and my wife Janet and I attended the 5-day event. The event was sponsored by the IMAA (International Miniature Aircraft Association) and is for "Large" aircraft only- ¼ Scale and up. IMAA events are not contest events but only to get together, share, have fun and fly.

AMA headquarters is located on about 1000 acres with a field you would die for. Two asphalt runways as smooth as glass with mowed grass as far as the eye could see. I think I saw one tree off in the distance. You can tour the Headquarters building plus visit the R/C Airplane Museum which is a must see. You can see spectacular models hanging from the ceiling and on display throughout the building taking a glimpse of model aviation from the beginning. Hundreds of engines, kits, posters and more filled the room.

We camped out in a nice camping area located a couple hundred yards from the flight line. Gary and Cathy were next to us in their rig and Jack and Annette grabbed a room in town. The weather and wind was somewhat iffy but we all flew a little and mainly enjoyed seeing all the airplanes that were there. There were over 150 pilots and probably over 300+ planes to look at. Several vendors were there and each day at noon many of the pilots would participate in an air show demonstrating their remarkable piloting skills. They are good!

Gary flew his Rearwin Speedster and had some nice flights even with the wind blowing. Jack flew his Taylorcraft and shared flying time with Gary and me. One flight we didn't realize how long we were up and the plane ran out of gas. Gary took over and made a nice landing in the grass – no harm done. I knew my Cub was underpowered but flew it anyway nursing it into the wind to gain altitude. I successfully landed it on the grass beyond the landing strip. On its next flight the wind kind of ruled my flight so I set it down again in the grass and put it away for the week end before I did something.....unrepairable. Everything is big here and gas rules. Lots of power with beautifully detailed planes and superb pilots are at this event.

Both Friday and Saturday night IMAA put on a dinner with nice give away door prizes that were donated by several of the vendors who were at the show. They had a great turnout, good food and fun.

We all took lots of pictures – too many to include in the newsletter. Everything from Jets to Gee Bees to B17s and lots of war birds were at the field. There were probably over 100 Bi-planes, Fokkers, Newports with Eindeckers and plenty of Extras and Edges.

This event was exceptional - lots of fun and filled with all kinds of aircraft, just what we like. I look forward to attending more of these eventsJohn.





These are some big serious airplanes. Transportation may be as big a challenge as flying.



Plenty of war birds!



The McEvoy's just had to come home with a kit of this Ercoupe . Only has a 10 foot wing-span!



Lots and lots of biplanes.



AND THREE WINGS

Fun Fly

When? AUGUST 21

BBQ starts at noon—pilot's meeting at 1 PM

Where? Rocky Top Field

There will be three events.

Possible events are the LIMBO, BOMB DROP and one other event.

Pilots can use any fixed wing aircraft they want in any event.

Words of wisdom from Club Safety Officer Roscoe Fudge

Always voice your intentions when on the flight line, taking off or landing.

Roscoe

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