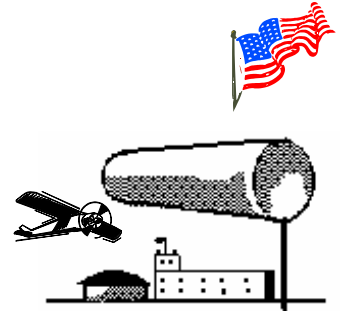


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AS GOOD AS IT GETS



Dick Ross is seen coming in for a great looking landing with his new (second) ARF Corsair. It looks especially good when making a high speed pass with the wheels retracted. It's hard to see here, but Dick has a very detailed pilot in the cockpit. Dick's first Corsair looked just as good but he forgot to change the model selection in his radio from his previous flight and reduced it to several pieces. However, being an ARF, he just stopped by the local hobby shop and picked up a replacement and was back in the air in a few days.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello to all flyers!

I have personally had the opportunity to get out to the field and practice with the buddy box and learn a lot this month. As some of you already know, I recently purchased a float plane. So now I need to find a place to hang one more plane! Ha ha!

I hope we have a big turnout for the fun fly. I know some of you have been practicing for some of the events already. I will have to miss this event, since I'll be working at the resort from 6:00 a.m. until about 7:00 p.m.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting, Aug. 14th at 7:00 p.m. Bring a friend who may want to learn about flying. Til then, safe flying!

Gary

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

At last month's meeting, with 14 of 35 members attending, we had a discussion on how to grow the Club. After everyone had their say the discussion ended with little accomplished and only one suggestion to be acted upon. Jim Halbert would check with the Stone County Gazette to see if they would run a public service ad for us. He found out their interest lies in paid ads, not freebies. Some feel that the discussion indicated a lack of interest in gaining new members but don't really think this is true.

There is a good article on why we should continue to seek members in the July 2007 AMA INSIDER, titled AMA Membership. You can read it by going to the AMA web site at www.modelaircraft.org then Publications, then National Newsletters.

The Club has done several promotional or community service type events in the last couple of years which we should continue to do. However, they are a lot of work and have not proved to result in new members. Maybe there is a better way to attract new members without adding work to some Club members that already spend several hours a month for the benefit of the Club.

People that are interested in model planes go to hobby shops. Could we develop a small display with promotional information about our Club for hobby shops and give them a free add in our Newsletter and web site in return?

Maybe we should look at some paid advertising in some of the local papers which could include an airplane picture, invitation to fly, some names and phone numbers, field location and web site. Just a couple of ideas that could be initiated without too much additional work

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

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2007			
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BALANCE	7/1/2007	\$ 1,919.83	\$ 2,139.03
INCOME-DUES	-----	\$ 80.00	\$ 1,145.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS			\$ 160.00
INCOME-FOOD	-----		\$ 89.50
INCOME-50/50	-----	\$ 6.00	\$ 46.00
INCOME-MISC	-----		\$ -
EXPENSE-FIELD	-----	\$ 105.85	\$ 871.77
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER			\$ 7.80
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS			\$ 270.52
EXPENSE-FOOD	-----		\$ 106.85
EXPENSE-AMA	-----		\$ 105.00
EXPENSE-Web	-----		\$ 185.00
EXPENSE-meeting room			\$ 100.00
EXPENSE-MISC	-----	\$ 65.00	\$ 97.61
BALANCE	8/1/2007	\$ 1,834.98	\$ 1,834.98

NEW MEMBER

We had a new member join our Club in January bringing the Club membership to 35.

Pat O'Brien joined our Club during July. Pat and wife Terri live in Hollister. Pat is an experienced flyer.

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

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

July 10, 2007

President Gary Acton opened the meeting at 7:07 p.m. at Rocky Top field. Officers present were Gary Acton, Annette McEvoy and acting treasurer Howard Shire. There were 14 members present including newest member Pat O'Brien. Guest attending were Pat's wife Terri, former member Ian Pietz and his girlfriend Leslie. The minutes from the June meeting were approved as published in the July newsletter. Acting Treasurer Howard Shire reported that the current treasury balance was \$1919.83 as of July 1st. The 50/50 raffle was won by Dick Peterson who received one half of \$12.00.

Committee Reports:

There were no committee reports.

Announcements and Old Business:

Gary Acton reminded everyone to go to the Rec Plex in the event of bad weather on meeting night. We have a room on standby.

Last month everyone was asked to bring ideas to this month's meeting on ways to increase our presence in the community to help attract new members. Jack McEvoy and John Woods each brought several ideas including an air show as published in the AMA monthly magazine Model Aviation. After considerable discussion, it was decided that no one was really interested in doing anything to expand the club.

Annette McEvoy said that Mike Anderson was willing to put a "For Sale" type link on the web page. Fritz Corbin volunteered to handle sending the information to Mike in the format that he needs to post it on the web site.

New Business:

Don Johnson said that he's adding a new event to the August Fun Fly – it will be take

off, fly 20/30 seconds, shut down and do as many loops (dead stick) and land. Final information will be available next month. John Woods is going to put on one of the three events, Don the other two.

There was no other new business.

Program:

John Woods brought an assortment of pictures of the Rally of the Giants he attended in Waco, Texas a couple of weeks ago.

Jim Halbert brought his almost completed Twister that he's been working on. It has 123 (Dewalt Drill) batteries which have 40 to 45 amp power. Jim's designed a semi-symmetrical airfoil wing and will be using AXI 550 watts 40 amp 12-14 volt power. Right now it weighs a little over 3 pounds and he figures will come in between 4 and 4 ½ pounds when finished.

Ian Pietz has quite a bit of FM radio gear for sale along with an OS 46 slightly used engine. If interested call Ian at 417-224-3895.

Jack McEvoy said that he still has a couple receivers and ch 38 crystals for sale. Also still has a 6 ch Futaba transmitter. Contact him at the field or 417-581-1241.

Next meeting will be August 14th at Rocky Top field.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.



Jim Halbert's electrified and highly modified Pro-Twister. Will he fly it?



From top left going clockwise. Joe Major shows off his 27% Cap 232G ARF. It looked a lot different before it took a trip through a tree. Seems the balance was a little tail heavy and it didn't like the last maneuver Joe tried. He may have gotten away with it if he had been a little higher. * Ray Dixson is a new helicopter pilot in training after he purchased Joe Major's electric T-Rex. He was doing well until it landed a little hard and stripped a bevel gear for the rear rotor. * John Woods is landing Gene Fuson's Electricfly Fokker DVII ARF. It's a nice flying and realistic looking airplane. * Another photo of Dick Ross' Corsair taxiing out for take off.



The Woods' and the McEvoy's went to Waco a few weeks ago to take in an IMAA Fly-In. As usual John and Janet (mostly Janet) take a lot of good pictures so will include some in the Newsletter. Above left is John and Janet with John's large Decathlon. Right is former Club member Gary Metzger and wife Cathy. Not sure what plane Gary is flying. Looking at the background, it looks like a great place to fly large airplanes. There are some more photos on the next two pages to give you a better idea of what type of planes were at the Fly-In.

FUN FLY

When? August 18th

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

Where? Rocky Top Field

There will be three events.

Event 1. TWO MINUTE FLIGHT The pilot will take off, do a loop, and land in exactly two minutes. Time will start when wheels leave ground (or hand) and stop when plane touches ground (or tree). No watch or timing help allowed. Your score will be 120 points less one point for each second off two minutes flight time. Also deduct 10 points for not doing a loop and deduct 20 points for not landing on the field runway.

Event 2. John's ROOPS 3X2 Event Best (shortest) Time Wins!! 1. Take off. (Time starts when plane moves). 2. Do 3 ROOPS (Roll followed by a loop) . 3. Touch in Square. 4. Do 3 ROOPS. 5. Touch in Square (Time stops at touch). * Restarts OK. (Time continues) * Sloppy ROOPS are OK.

Event 3. DEAD STICK LOOPS Take off and climb for 30 seconds and kill the engine/motor (Time starts when plane moves). Do as many loops as possible and land. One point for each loop (sloppy OK but falling out not OK), one point for landing (stopping) on the runway and an additional point for landing on the runway with no damage. Most points wins.

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



Another couple of shots of the planes at Waco. Expect a good portion of these planes are kit or scratch built, although there are now many IMAA legal ARF's available. The silver Aircoupe looks like the one the McEvoy's are building. The large F-84F is an impressive looking plane. It probably gets everyone's attention when it flies. Even the big boys have problems as can be seen on the next page of a Buker Jungmann landing on its nose.

AUGUST MEETING

AUGUST 14, 7:00 PM

Meet at **ROCKY TOP FIELD**

Program

Bring your current projects for "Show and Tell"

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SAFETY FIRST

Programmable (computer radios) are really nice to have and use. These radios make it easy to have one transmitter for controlling several airplanes. Switch model numbers or names and all the correct settings for that airplane are ready to use. However, there is going to be a disaster if you select the wrong model or number for the airplane you are planning to fly. Get it wrong and you could have reversed ailerons, elevator, rudder, etc. This recently happened at our field. Result? One trashed airplane (reversed ailerons) a bruised ego for the pilot, but no one was hurt in the process. Before actually getting that airplane on the runway, check the transmitter settings, and then do a pre-flight check.

See you at the field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer



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