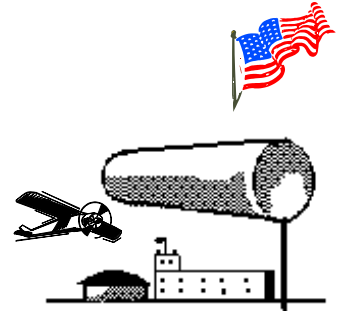


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PHOENIX LT-40



Well maybe it didn't really rise from its own ashes, but it did rise from a whole lot of broken balsa sticks. Fritz Corbin loaned his Sig Kadet LT-40 for buddy box duty when the local Cub Scout Troop visited us a few weeks ago. During one of the flights, the Intro-Pilot had a moment of non-concentration and the plane returned to a bunch of (broken) pieces. Instead of accepting a replacement plane from the Club, Fritz decided to do a major re-build, the results of which can be seen above. Great job Fritz! For a before and after check out page 4.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Pilots

I haven't been out in a couple of days and I didn't think that I would ever admit that it is too Hot but it is too Hot for me right now. I will not be at the next meeting, I plan on leaving for Winnipeg, Canada on Tuesday the 12th to spend two weeks. I also plan on going to a 3 day fly-in sponsored by the Winnipeg R/C Flying Club. Bob will be at the meeting and knows I will not be there. Last month was not mine for luck, as I lost two planes, one of which is still out there somewhere??

The Springfield Float Fly is the 23rd and 24th of August at Lake Springfield. I sent Don all of the info.

See you on the 23rd. Cheers

Dave

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

A couple of dates to keep on your calendars.

Our next Club Fun Fly is August 16th, the Saturday after our August 12th meeting. If you don't participate, come on out as a spectator. Several members are still in the running for Top Gun 2008 so it should be an exciting contest. Had hoped that Don Livermore would have his F-15C turbine jet ready to give us a demo at the Fun Fly but it is still being put together so maybe we will see it in October.

On August 23rd and 24th the Springfield R/C club will have their annual Float Fly at Springfield Lake. See the event flyer to the lower left. This is a fun, low key event. They usually have one competitive event for the hot shots on Saturday and the rest of the time is just devoted to free flying. On their competitive event, they usually award cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Anyone with a plane equipped with floats and a current AMA card can join in the activities or you can just go as a spectator.

Noticed that the First Aid kit is back, however it is on the west wall, not the south wall under the frequency board. Hope no one needs it!

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

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2008

		JUL	Y T D
BALANCE	7/1/2008	\$ 2,092.24	\$ 2,351.20
INCOME-DUES	-----	\$ -	\$ 1,173.75
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
INCOME-FOOD	-----	\$ -	\$ 48.50
INCOME-50/50	-----	\$ 4.00	\$ 32.00
INCOME-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$ 100.00
EXPENSE-FIELD	-----	\$ 82.95	\$ 1,234.72
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ 8.40	\$ 16.60
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD	-----	\$ -	\$ 84.24
EXPENSE-AMA	-----	\$ -	\$ 105.00
EXPENSE-Web	-----	\$ -	\$ 185.00
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ 75.00
EXPENSE-MISC	-----	\$ 180.35	\$ 180.35
BALANCE	8/1/2008	\$ 1,844.54	\$ 1,844.54

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

July 8, 2008

President Dave Medley opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Rocky Top Field. Officer missing was Bob Pilecki. There were 10 members present. The minutes from the June meeting were approved as published in the July Newsletter. Treasurer Erv Rohde reported that the current treasury balance was \$2,092.24 as of July 1st. The 50/50 raffle was won by Annette McEvoy who received one half of \$8.00.

Committee Reports:

There were no committee reports.

Announcements & Old Business:

Dave Medley read a letter that the Club received from Mary Lippett thanking us for the Cub Scout event that we put on last month. He said that the local newspaper rewrote the story that he gave them and did not print the pictures that they were given. He also asked Annette McEvoy if she would send the story and pictures to AMA.

Fritz Corbin reported that we got the fill dirt for the field.

Henry Racette's plane (fuselage) is still missing. It is probably a half mile or more straight out from the center of the pit area.

Dave also reported that Fritz's LT-40 has been repaired and asked Fritz to give the total cost amount to the Club for reimbursement. This started dis-

cussion regarding the Club purchasing additional trainers so that members would not have to use their personal planes for the "public" events. It was decided that John Woods and Bud Austin will look into getting one additional trainer with a budget of up to \$250.

New Business:

Discussion regarding additional into-pilot instructors and more instructors in general ensued. Nothing new was decided.

It was decided that there will not be a Ladies Fly Day this year.

Howard and John will take care of the food for the August Fun Fly. No one has a date for the Blacksheep float fly so we will stay with our August 16th date.

Don Johnson has Jim's DB meter so we can begin checking our planes for noise levels.

Program:

Dave Medley handed out the June Fun Fly certificates as follows: 1st Spot Landing-Fritz Corbin 1st Ervs Ground Targets-Dick Peterson; 1st Box Event-Howard Shire Event overall was tie for 2nd between Howard Shire & Erv Rohde with 1st place going to Fritz Corbin.

John Woods showed his new float setup that he built for his Decathlon and explained how he got the geometry right by building a frame.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08.

Next meeting will be August 12th - 6:30 p.m. at Rocky Top Field.



Continued from page 1, above left we can see what Fritz Corbin's Sig Kadet LT-40 looked like prior to the mishap during the Cub Scout visit. Above right can be seen the LT-40 as it was carried from the woods. Joe Major has a part of the wing and Fritz has a bag full of pieces. Most Club members thought it was a total write off, except

for the engine and electrical gear, and that Fritz should get a Club paid replacement. But Fritz obviously likes a challenge. So he did a major repair which really meant replacing most of the Balsa with new wood and completely recovering the plane. Did it work out? Well the proof is in the flying, and it does fly quite well as can be seen in the photo above. The rebuilt plane actually has way fewer visible scars now than it did before it crashed.



Above left is John Woods with his Giant Decathlon now sporting floats. The floats are light weight and made of balsa. Believe John bought these floats at the swap meet in Kansas City. He spent a lot of time fabricating the float mountings out of tempered aluminum and setting them at the correct angles which makes take offs and landings less difficult. He will have a servo in one of the floats to control the water rudder. He will probably fly the Decathlon at the Springfield Float Fly. Speaking of which brings us to the picture above right. This was John's Falcon on floats at a Springfield Float Fly several years ago. Note the angle of the left float compared to the right float. You've come a long way John!

The Club has an 18 page comprehensive article on making floats that should help you adapt floats to about any plane. You can get it from Don Johnson at a \$1 per copy

AUGUST FUN FLY

When? AUGUST 16th

BBQ starts at noon

Pilot's meeting at 1 PM

Event 1. TAXI – FIGURE EIGHT BALLOON BUST

Taxi through the Start-Finish (F-S) gate (time starts). Taxi through the second gate, then break the south balloon, then taxi through the third gate and through the S-F gate on to the fourth gate, then break the north balloon, go through the fifth gate then through the F-S gate (time stops). Low time wins. Penalties – plus 10 seconds for each gate missed (gates must be gone through in the figure eight direction) and 20 points for not breaking a balloon. Maximum time allowed 3 minutes.

Event 2. BUD'S DON'T SPILL THE BEANS!!!

Timed event, start time at beginning of take-off roll, stop time at final touchdown. Start with 10 beans in a cup fastened to your airplane. Take off, do a loop, do a touch and go, do a roll, and land. Land off field = disqualified. Subtract 10 seconds from your time for every bean remaining in your cup. Lowest time wins!

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. DQ if power not cut off after 30 seconds.

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

AUGUST MEETING

AUGUST 12, 6:30 PM

Meet at the Rocky Top Field
In case of severe weather meet at the RecPlex

Program

Bring your current projects for show and tell

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SAFETY FIRST

Most of the members of this Club tend to be a bit on the "older" side. As older folks, I'm not sure I like the term "Senior Citizen", we should probably have somebody else around when we are out here flying. It is sort of remote out here and if anything happened to one of us, it would be much safer if someone else was around. So try to fly with another member or bring a friend, maybe you will convert them, you never know.

**See you at the field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer**

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