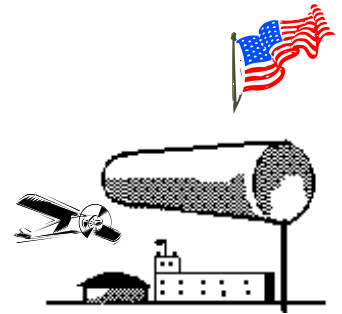


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## THE DIFFERENCE A DAY MAKES



This may be the winner of this month's crash award. Fritz Corbin had his nicely repaired HOG Bipe (shown on next page) get way out there where it was hard to see and then bad things happen. The first day the plane was not found (Saturday), but on Tuesday Fritz, along with Bud Austin and Gene Fusion were dressed as explorers and stayed out until they found it stuck fast in a tree. It actually is not in too bad a shape, but Fritz said he is just going to hang it up for awhile and then when the mood strikes him, he will try to make it air worthy again.

## THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Don't forget that our next Fun Fly on Aug. 17th is **National Model Aviation Day** sponsored by the AMA. Bring guests if you can. John Woods will have the Buddy-Box set up for anyone that wants to fly and AMA will offer a three months free membership to anyone that attends. A jar will be set up so anyone that wants to can donate to the Wounded Warrior Program. Our Club has already donated \$100 to this program. Plan to be there, it should be fun!

Speaking of the Fun Fly, Bud Austin said he had a family obligation and would have to miss this one. Bud is always an enthusiastic competitor and we will miss him. Maybe with this reduction in competition we should add some sort of handicap to John Woods' scores so he doesn't have it too easy. Just a thought.

Bud Austin and Fritz Corbin have the field looking great. It now seems hard to believe how many holes and rocks,

that the armadillos dug, up were on the field a few years ago. Many thanks to Fritz and his magic electric fence and saving all of us from many, many hours of landing gear repairs and broken props.

At one time it seemed that the Pro-Twister was the "in" model. It now seems that the Polaris XL is the model of the day. Just check out the photo of five of them on the next page. If you also want one, see Jim Haney and he will tell you where you can get one, or he might let you copy the templates. Actually noticed quite a bit of customizing among the five shown on the next



Here is a "before" picture of Fritz Corbin's Hog Bipe, the "after" picture obviously is on the front page. Actually the plane was originally navy grey. After a couple of repair jobs Fritz changed the color scheme to the nice looking plane above. Hopefully the next re-

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2013			
		JUL	Y T D
BALANCE	7/1/2013	\$ 1,836.17	\$ 1,453.98
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ -	\$ 1,249.35
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ 72.00
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ 4.00	\$ 24.00
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 83.03	\$ 887.52
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ 6.66	\$ 26.33
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ 135.00
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
BALANCE	8/1//2013	\$ 1,735.48	\$ 1,735.48

## NEW MEMBER

Well not a new member yet but Gary Merseal was out at the field a few days ago. He has his AMA membership, is filling out our Club membership application and will start working with John Woods as soon as the rains stop.

So if you see someone that you don't know at the field it may be Gary. Might say hi to him



# MEETING MINUTES

## TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB

JULY 9, 2013

Secretary Don Johnson opened the meeting at 6:01 PM, at the Club flying field. President Greg Moody and Vice-President Gene Fuson were absent. There were 9 members present including the Officers. The split the pot raffle was won by Don Johnson, and he received \$4.00 of the \$8.00 pot. There were no guests or new members present. The minutes of the June meeting were approved as printed in the July Newsletter.

**Committee Reports:** Treasurer Roy Steinestel reported the Club had \$1,836.17 in the bank as of July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Old Business:** Tabled from last month, and after further discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed that the Club donate \$100 to the Wounded Warrior program. Roy Steinestel will send them a check.

**New Business:** John Woods ordered a box (24 rolls) of Blenderm tape which he said should be delivered in a couple of days. He said he would sell about 10 rolls for \$2 each to any one that wanted them. Great stuff for small plane hinges.

Howard Shire suggested that we drop trying to have the Boy Scouts and LUC Boys Ranch to the Club flying field this year for a flight demo unless they request it. The members present were in agreement with this suggestion.

Fritz Corbin donated a new (used) BBQ to the Club and John Woods sold the old BBQ for scrap and gave the money to the Club. This was much appreciated guys.

Fritz reported that he had seen very little evidence of armadillos this year, however the electric fence is still on and working.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the August Fun Fly be dedicated to the National Model Aviation Day.

It was suggested that if the temperature was forecast to be over 90 degrees, that the meeting be held at the Southport Clubhouse, which has air conditioning. The sweating Club members present thought this was a good idea.

It was reported that Homer Zobel had visited the field the previous Saturday and was thinking of rejoining the Club. Homer has been absent from the field for the last two or three years and we look forward to his rejoining the Club.

The crash trophy was not awarded this month since the trophy and current owner were not at the meeting.

**Program:** Erv Rohde brought a Laser 200 that his son had built and flown. It had a 97 inch wingspan and was 73 inches long. It weighed 18 pounds without engine or flight gear. Erv wanted to auction it off but when the bids stalled out at about \$50 everyone



John Woods (with back turned) with a bunch of guests from Kansas. Also a whole squadron of Polaris XL's which fly gentle enough to be trainers. On the right our Safety Officer, Gene Fuson, checks the planes out.

**AUGUST 17TH FUN FLY**  
**FIRST EVENT WILL START AT 11:00 AM**  
**BBQ AFTER THE Fun Fly**

There will be three events.

**Event 1. SPEEDY GONZALES** Put plane on plate on runway and Take off. Time starts when plane moves. Do a roll, do a roll and loop, then do two loops, then land and get plane (stopped) on plate. Time stops when plane stops while touching plate. Shortest time wins. Twenty point penalty for not completing any of the three maneuvers satisfactorily—judges decision. Failure to complete event in 3 minutes results in disqualification.

**Event 1. ERV'S GROUND TARGETS** NEED A PLANE WITH STEERABLE WHEEL. TIME STARTS WHEN PLANE TOUCHES STARTING LINE. OBJECT: KNOCK DOWN 5 TARGETS WITH WING, THEN TIME STOPS WHEN YOU TOUCH FINISH LINE. SHORTEST TIME WINS. PENALTYS; 1 BREAK A TARGET, 5 SECONDS. 2 WHEELS LEAVE GROUND, 10 SECONDS. 3 DESTROY A TARGET WITH PROP, 20 SECONDS.

**Event 3. CLIMB, GLIDE & SPOT LANDING WITH LOOP.** The pilot will be allowed a 20 second motor run after lift off from ground or release from hand launch. At 20 seconds the pilot will shut off the engine/motor and glide to a spot landing. Total time will be from take off or launch to landing (stop). Pilot must do a loop sometime during the flight. If the motor continues to run the flight will be disqualified. Penalties: Minus 1 second for each foot away from the target, minus 60 seconds for not doing a loop and minus 50 seconds if plane lands (stops) totally off the runway. Longest NET flight time wins!

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

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## **SAFETY FIRST**

Once again, we had an errant airplane cross over the spectator area and made some of us, and some young guests, duck for cover. This time the airplane was big enough that it made a lot of noise coming over our heads, and we actually had a little warning time.

I really don't know why this is happening out at the field. This is getting to be a common occurrence, and it seems like I am writing about this problem a lot. More often than I like.

Some of these flyover's are out of control airplanes flown by not so experienced pilots, but some of them are by experienced pilots that should not be doing this. Rather, they should be setting an example for the less experienced fliers among us.

Out of control, or flown over in complete control, we can't keep doing this. Someone will be injured, it is just a matter of time. You don't want to be the pilot that hurts your buddies.

Pay attention to where your airplane is in relation to our pit area.

Please.....heed this message.

See You at the Field,

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING WILL BE  
AUGUST 13TH, 6:00PM, AT THE  
CLUB FLYING FIELD. IN CASE OF  
SEVERE WEATHER MEET AT THE  
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