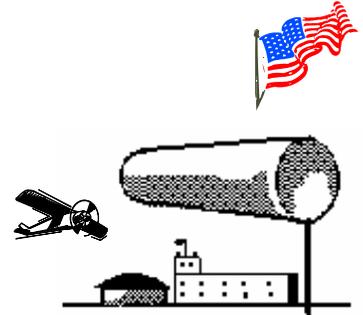


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SEPTEMBER MEETING

SEPTEMBER 12 , 7:00 PM

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

Program

Fly before the meeting. Bring your current projects for "Show and Tell"

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello

Well, we had a small crowd at last month's meeting, but with the heat I can sure understand some of you just wanting to stay at home. We discussed several interesting things, which included a chance to do more community activities this year. John is planning to do a presentation at the nursing home in Kimberling City. We are planning on having a Ladies Fun Fly Event sometime in October. We also talked about giving something to the children at the hospital at Christmas time.

John and I are looking into the possibility of speak-

ing with a realtor about finding a new flying field.

I did get a chance to get to the field in August and made 6-8 left hand turns, so I am slowly getting there. My eyes are set on Top Gun!

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Gary

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TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2006

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BALANCE	8/1/2006	\$ 1,235.17	\$ 1,177.43
INCOME-DUES	-----	\$ 65.00	\$ 1,365.14
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS			\$ 92.00
INCOME-FOOD	-----	\$ 25.00	\$ 139.00
INCOME-50/50	-----	\$ 5.50	\$ 66.50
INCOME-MISC	-----	\$ 80.00	\$ 336.00
EXPENSE-FIELD	-----	\$ 34.76	\$ 1,180.89
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ 43.39	\$ 67.53
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD	-----	\$ 24.78	\$ 76.48
EXPENSE-AMA	-----	\$ 5.00	\$ 190.00
EXPENSE-Web	-----	\$ 9.20	\$ 200.60
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ 100.00
EXPENSE-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$ 67.03
BALANCE	9/1/2006	\$ 1,293.54	\$ 1,293.54

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

August 8, 2006

President Gary Acton opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m. at the Rocky Top. All officers were present. There were 12 members present. One member's wife, Doris Rohde, was in attendance. The minutes from the July meeting were approved as published in the August Newsletter. Treasurer Erv Rohde reported that the treasury balance as of August 1st was \$1,235.17. The 50/50 raffle was won by Gene Fuson who received one half of \$11.00.

Committee Reports:

Roscoe Fudge reported that the August Fun Fly will have three events and one novice event if we have enough entrants. John Woods will take care of the food and drinks.

Bud Austin wants to get the field mowed on Friday to have it prepared for the fun fly events. It was reported that the mower is being repaired, the parts are in and Mark will be completing the repair as soon as his time permits. Howard has put Diazinon on the field.

Announcements and Old Business:

It appears that enough recipe books were sold to cover the cost of the first lawn mower repair. One more run will be made if there is enough interest to warrant it.

Erv Rohde announced that the electricity is running \$20.00 per month.

New Business:

Annette McEvoy got some prices for Club shirts. They will run between \$16 and \$17 each for shirts the company supplies and between \$5 and \$8 for shirts if you want to supply your own. She will check to see what screen/setup charges are. If you are inter-

ested in getting a shirt(s), please let us know so an order can be put together.

Vern Crabtree announced a new HobbyTown USA store has opened at 4418 Gretna Rd., Branson Meadows shopping center in Branson. Tim Weyers is the owner and asked that some information regarding the Club and it's location be sent to him. Annette McEvoy will take care of it. Vern says they really want to carry a good line of r/c equipment for planes and to check it out.

Gary Acton brought up that all of us should be thinking about Club elections that are quickly approaching. Also to be thinking about what we want to do this year for our Christmas party. The idea of putting together some type of Christmas gift program for the local hospital or nursing home was discussed. This will be discussed further.

An in depth discussion regarding safety and people standing/sitting in front of a running engine was held. The McEvoy's have a picture of an experienced flyer's leg (after his spinner/prop exploded) posted on their trailer for anyone who thinks things like this don't happen.

Jack McEvoy came up with the idea of having a Club "Ladies Day" for the gals that might be interested in learning more about our sport. Enough interest has been expressed that a committee headed by Fritz Corbin with the help of Gene Fuson and John Woods will be putting together an event. A date of Oct. 7th has been set and further information will be announced as the guys put the event together. Since we will be needing two intro-pilots Erv Rohde volunteered to fill the second slot. Annette McEvoy will send in the paperwork to AMA.

Program:

There was no program.

Next meeting will be September 12th at Rocky Top Field.

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

A couple of things coming up. John Woods has arranged an hour long "Show and Tell" at the Kimberling City nursing home on September 8th. Several of our members will be helping him out in this presentation. Also there will be a Ladies Day Flight School on October 7th at the Club flying field. See more details on page six. Your editor will be out of town during both events but expects to have a full report on both these worthwhile events in the October and/or November Newsletter.

Jim Halbert told me about a place to get precision prop adapters for electric motors. It is Sierra Hobby at www.sierrahobby.com. Check them out, looks like great stuff.

Speaking of model supplies, there is a new Hobby Town USA hobby shop in the Shoppes at Branson Meadows shopping center. It is located diagonally across the parking lot from the theater. Might want to check it out.

Got a new member during August which is good as we are about 8 members short of where we were last year at this time. This is not unusual since most organizations are having problems keeping their memberships up at desirable levels—there are just too many options where a person can spend their time. So if you meet someone that seems to have an interest in R/C planes you might try to make a little extra effort in recruiting a new member.

Got a suggestion. The last three issues of Model Aviation have a three part article by Dean Pappas on Trimming From The Ground Up. Cut these articles out and save them some place where you can refer to them any time you have a plane that doesn't fly quite right. My new flat foam biplane flew horrible but after checking some of the things mentioned in Dean's articles it is starting to fly much, much better.

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

SAFETY 1st

While at the field a couple weeks ago, Paul Denney had just started his .46 engine and the prop came off and struck him in his neck. The prop did cut him but was not serious. The engine was just above idling so lessened the impact compared to a revved up engine. I'm thankful he is OK. Let's continue to be cautious and conscientious about standing in front of propellers no matter what size they are.

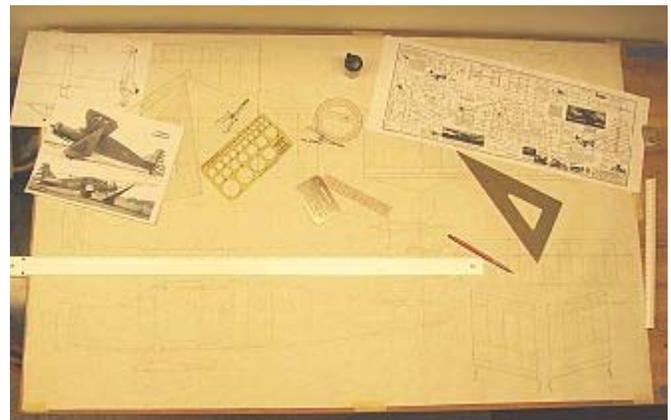
John Woods
Safety Officer

NEW MEMBER

We obtained a new member in August. He is Terry Woodburn. Terry and Wife, Teinia, live in Hollister.

Welcome to the Club Terry, glad to have you join us.

What is the ole' editor up to next. Wanted to do something kind of unusual and decided on a Bellanca C-27a. It has an unusual look and pre dates the DC 3, and me, by about 8 years. So got all the documentation I could off the internet, some plans from Cleveland Model Supply, a piece of clean paper and went to work. Will keep you posted on the progress.



SPRINGFIELD BLACK SHEEP ANNUAL FLOAT FLY

On August 12th, took a trip up to the Springfield Black Sheep's annual Float Fly. This year I decided to participate and paid my \$9 entry fee. This included all the flying I wanted to do and also a ticket for a free lunch of a hotdog or hamburger, soda and chips. Not a bad deal! Several things were different this year. In the past there had been one competitive event with winners receiving cash prizes, but not this year. Also the City had taken over this land and put an asphalt walking trail right behind the tents in the picture to the right. This limited the parking and accessibility to this part of Springfield Lake and probably hurt the attendance at this event. I heard one of the Club members say they would probably have to relocate next year, maybe to Fellows Lake north of Springfield.

After one flight where I tipped my plane over on landing and after enjoying the free lunch we decided to call it a day since the wind was starting to pick up. Hope the Black Sheep are able to continue this annual fun Float Fly event even though it may be at a different location.

Bellow is Jim Halbert's highly modified bi-plane which was flying well, albeit a little fast. At right is John Woods' big Gee Bee on a fast pass over the field. What do these planes have in common other than looking



Above are a couple of photos of the Annual Black Sheep Float Fly which has been held on Springfield Lake for the last several years.

good in the air? Well the next time they landed they both ended up in more than one piece. Sad—but repairable and will fly again!



AUGUST FUN FLY

It was one of those dog days of summer where everyone wished they were in a place that was cooler, but an enthusiastic group gathered for the Club's August Fun Fly. The Fun Fly started with its' usual lunch of hotdogs, sodas and chips procured by John Woods and cooked by chef Erv Rohde. And as usual there were contributions of beans, cakes and cookies by the ladies that everyone appreciated. After lunch it was on to a short pilots' meeting and into the first event.

The first event was a Carrier Landing. Three squares were lined up. Land in the first or third one and get five points, land in the middle square and get 10 points. Each pilot was allowed two attempts with no restarts. There was a three way tie for first place—Bud Austin, Howard Shire and John Woods each got 10 points and Don Johnson was fourth with 5 points. The other two participants did not score on their first attempt and no one was able

to score on their second attempt or even make a second attempt.

The second event was an Egg Drop. Attach a foam cup to your plane, place a weighted plastic egg in the cup, take off and drop the egg on a target on the runway. Closest egg to the target wins. Fritz Corbin was the only pilot that could get a legal drop on the runway at 35 feet and took first place, The other four participants tied for second and split the Top Gun points for second, third, fourth and fifth place. At this point everyone decided it had gotten too hot to continue so packed up and went home.

Overall there was a three way tie for First Place with Bud Austin, Howard Shire and John Woods each getting 115.8 Top Gun Points. Fritz Corbin was Fourth with 113.3 points and Erv Rohde Fifth with 55.8 points.

The next and final Fun Fly of the year is scheduled for October 14th.

Below are a couple of shots of Homer "Zip" Zobel's new Tribute. The unique thing about this plane is the force generators (extra fins) in the wings. This extra side area is supposed to make the plane handle better in knife edge flight and 3-D maneuvers. Zip is learning how to take full advantage of this feature. These force generators can also be slipped out and replaced with inserts that match the wing airfoil.



LADIES DAY FLIGHT TRAINING

All ladies associated with the Tri-Lakes R/C Flying Club are invited to attend a FLIGHT TRAINING SCHOOL on October 7, 2006.

This would include wives, girl friends, daughters, grand-daughters and other invited ladies.

The event will start at 10 AM with a ground school followed by instructions on a computer flight simulator and then "hands on" training of flying an R/C trainer aircraft.

At noon there will be a lunch at the field which will be free to participating ladies.

At the end of the school a certificate will be awarded to those completing the program.

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