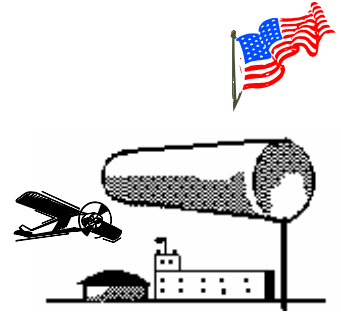


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DO YOU WANT TO BE FIELD MARSHAL?



"We spread grub killer on Rocky Top Field's grass runway in early spring, but that didn't completely stop the armadillos from digging holes in the runway searching for food. Having to continually fill the little holes they left became exasperating. So, on August 6th, I bought a metal live animal trap to see if we could catch the offending critters. I set the trap up at the junction of a "V" made up of plastic mesh fencing and a couple boards. I'd read on the internet that when an armadillo encounters a mesh fence or board, it will follow the structure until it can walk around it. So the idea was to get them to follow the V-fence and enter the trap. Several days later I found the trap had been tripped, but there was no animal. On close inspection, I saw the top of the trap had been forced up (bent), allowing the animal to escape. After reinforcing the top of the trap with wood, I reset it. The effort finally paid off on August 25th when I went to the field and discovered an armadillo in the trap. After dispatching it with a sharpened metal rod, I threw it in the bushes off to the side of the field, reset the trap, and went home. When my wife, Jean, learned of the armadillo capture she urged that we record the event with pictures. So, with camera in hand, we drove back to Rocky Top Field, where I retrieved the dead armadillo from the bushes and then posed with it while Jean snapped pictures. Then, thinking it best not to leave the thing to rot out in the open—smelling up the place—I grabbed a pick and shovel from the shed, dug a hole and buried it."

Fritz

Keeping the field in good shape is a big job and Fritz seems to have the necessary skills and is willing to go to extreme lengths to provide a nice smooth runway for the rest of us pilots. This is number one of two and still counting. Thanks for your efforts ,Fritz.....ed.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello flyers!

We had a small crowd at the last meeting, which we had at the Rex Plex due to the excessive heat.

John Woods said that he would make up some Club cards that we could hand out to the public, to those who might be interested in joining us. It was also suggested that we ought to wear our club shirts around town more, which is some of the best advertising I know of.

I did not get to attend the Fun Fly, but hope you all had a good time flying and fellowshiping that day.

I plan to see you all at our next meeting. Come to the field early and get some flying in.

Gary

Below is a picture of President Gary Acton with a neat looking small electric helicopter. He unsuccessfully tried to fly it inside after the August meeting but heard he did manage to get it off the ground outside.



THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Don't forget we have Fun Flies scheduled for September 15th and October 13th. The competition for Top Gun 2007 tightened up a lot after the August Fun Fly so come on out and watch the action, hopefully the weather will be much more pleasant. Want to thank John Woods for running one of the events in the August Fun Fly and Erv Rohde for agreeing to run one of the events in the September Fun Fly. This seems to add a little more fun to the Fun Flies.

Speaking of Erv Rohde, Erv is out of town for a reunion (school I think) and didn't get the Club's financial figures in by press time but you can get them by attending the September meeting on the 11th.

Heard from John Woods that Dick Peterson has contracted Lyme disease. It's suspected that he got it from a tick he picked up while helping recover an airplane in the boonies. This is a serious and debilitating disease but Dick is expected to fully recover after completing his scheduled medication. There seems to be a lot of ticks around now and will be until the weather turns much colder. So Spray yourself with OFF before going into the tall grass and watch for these critters when you go home and bathe.

We seem to have quite a trapper in our Club. After doing research on the internet on how to trap armadillos, Fritz Corbin (Field Marshal) said he got his third armadillo but they are still putting holes in the field. It's kind of amusing to watch Fritz set up his trap but these alien critters from Texas and Arizona can do a lot of damage to the field and Fritz is determined to minimize the damage as much as possible. Fritz is spending a lot of time checking his trap and filling the armadillo holes so a word of thanks to Fritz when you see him would be appreciated. What are we going to do with the armadillos? Well there's always that BBQ before the Fun Flies!

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

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

August 14, 2007

President Gary Acton opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m. at the Branson RecPlex (due to the weather). All officers were present except Dave Medley. There were 15 members present. 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 \$1834.98. The 50/50 raffle was won by Fritz Corbin who received one half of \$8.

Committee Reports:

Fritz Corbin reported that he's been fighting a losing battle with the armadillos and is now trying a trap. Other than that, the field is in good shape. Fritz also filled the hole in the entry as you drive through the gate.

Announcements and Old Business:

Don Johnson says that everything pertaining to the upcoming Fun Fly events are as previously posted in the newsletter, no changes.

Gary Acton brought up putting displays in the local hobby shops to try to attract new members. There was discussion regarding flyers, web links for hobby shops, etc. Don Johnson and John Woods will work on a tri-fold setup to set out at the hobby shops. Reeder Jones also brought up the possibility of putting out a mailbox at Dayton Road with a plane on it. John showed a business card that he made up to hand out when he was approached by anyone interested in our club or flying field location.

New Business:

Erv Rohde asked for approval to throw out junk mail that he's been receiving as "owner" of Tri-Lakes R/C at his home address.

John Woods asked that Bill Walker be re-funded the difference between full membership and associate membership dues. Erv advised that this had already been taken care of.

John Woods announced that Craig McKenzie has been approved as an instructor. John also read a revised student solo flight check list and asked that this be used in place of the old check list. Motion by Don Johnson, second by Fritz Corbin and approved by all to use the revised check list.

John Woods also mentioned a very unique r/c club that he recently became a member of, the Fellowship of Christian Modelers. You can get more information regarding this special group at www.fcmodelers.com or ask John about them.

Program:

John Woods brought pictures of the recent Giant fun fly held by the Sod Busters in Wichita, Kansas. He also brought a sample of a tool he made to help make construction of the leading edge portion of a wing a lot simpler and more accurate.

Joe Major showed off his newly acquired Vario Benzin Trainer helicopter that he picked up while attending the AMA Nationals. It's a pull start 2 ½ HP G23 with a built in fan and will end up between 14 and 15 lbs. Joe says there were 712 pilots at the event!

Gary Acton demonstrated his new 2 channel helicopter- it's a Flying Dragon that can be flown indoors. He also had some printer's litho-plate if anyone is interested in it.

Bud Austin has a Horizon F22 Raptor in the box for sale \$140 OBO/

Next meeting will be September 11th at Rocky Top Field.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm

AUGUST FUN FLY

It was a hot and somewhat breezy day as the seven pilots gathered for the second Fun Fly of the year. The spectator crowd was very small due to the heat, but after the normal hotdog lunch, a fairly heavy rain shower and a short pilot's meeting, it was on to the first event.

The first event was a two minute flight. Take off, do a loop and land in exactly 120 seconds. No timing help allowed. One second penalty for each second off the 120 mark, 10 second penalty for not doing the loop and a 20 second penalty for not landing on the field. Most points wins. Don Johnson took First place with 118 points, Dick Ross was Second with 112 and Fritz Corbin was Third with 111 seconds. Fourth place was a three way tie with 102 seconds for John Woods, Bud Austin and Howard Shire. Erv Rohde had a little problem with his plane as it only stayed up 3 seconds and managed to land off the field but he still managed to get seventh (last) place with minus 27 seconds.

The next event was put on by John Woods and was a ROOPS 3X2. A Roop is a roll followed by a loop. Take off, do 3 Roops and touch down in a marked square. Take off again and do 3 more Roops and touch down in the marked square. Shortest time wins. First place went to Bud Austin with 80 seconds, Second was Dick Ross with 123 seconds and Third was Don Johnson with 147 seconds. In Fourth place was Fritz Corbin at 149 seconds and Fifth went to John Woods with 339 seconds. Sixth and Seventh place we DNF's.

The third and final event was DEAD STICK LOOPS. Take off and climb for 30 seconds then kill the motor. Then do as many dead

stick loops as possible then land. One point for each loop, one point for landing on the runway and one point for landing on the runway right side up with no damage. Bud Austin took First place with 5 loops and 7 total points. John Woods came in Second with 4 loops and 6 total points, Erv Rohde got back in the chase and took Third with 3 loops and 5 total points, Howard Shire made 2 loops and a 4 point total for Fourth and Dick Ross made 1 loop for a total of 1 and Fifth place. The wind gave two of the pilots problems by drifting their planes considerably north of the field so they couldn't glide back to the landing strip. Fritz Corbin luckily landed in some grass short of some trees without any damage and Don Johnson just DQ'ed himself by turning his electric motor back on to get back to the field and avoided going into the trees.

In First Place Overall was Bud Austin with 213 Top Gun 2007 points. Second Place Overall was a tie between Don Johnson and Dick Ross with 160 points and Fourth place went to John Woods with 103 points. Fritz Corbin took Fifth with 90 points, Erv Rohde Sixth with 70 points and Howard Shire Seventh at 53 points.

Many thanks to John Woods for getting the Food and Erv Rohde for being the day's chef and those that brought extra goodies for the lunch. Also thanks to those that helped run and score the events. It was a very hot day and there was actually a rain delay during one of the events.

The third Fun Fly of the year is scheduled for September 15th and the fourth and final one is scheduled for October 13th. Come join us as the race for Top Gun 2007 comes to a conclusion.

FUN FLY

When? September 15th

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

Where? Rocky Top Field

There will be three events.

Event 1. BOX EVENT (2) Pilot will initially taxi or place his plane in the marked box. Time starts when plane starts to move. Take off, do a 360 around the field and land in the same direction as take off, then taxi and stop with at least two wheels clearly within the box. At this point a judge will say "good" and the pilot will again take off, do a 360 around the field and land in the same direction as take off, and taxi into the box and stop with at least two wheels in the box. At this point the judge will say "good" and time will stop. Shortest time wins. Each pilot has a time limit of 4 minutes to complete the task. The plane must taxi from the landing site into the box under its own power.

Event 2. 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. LOOP, ROLL & SPOT LANDING Take off. Time starts when the plane starts moving. Do a loop and a roll or roll and a loop, then immediately stop motor. Dead stick land on runway target. Time stops when plane stops. One point for each second of flight and 1 point for each foot away from the target. Lowest points wins. Penalty 30 seconds for delayed motor stop (3 seconds after last loop or roll). Landing (stopping) totally off the runway or not doing the required loop and roll is a DQ.

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



One picture is worth a thousand words or more specifically this critter is will no longer be putting holes in the Club's runway. Maybe we should get an armadillo stencil and put a mark on Fritz's plane for every critter he gets.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

SEPTEMBER 11, 7:00 PM

Meet at **ROCKY TOP FIELD**

Program

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

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SAFETY FIRST

We are seeing a lot of new ARF's, and RTF's out at the field. Before you fly one of these planes, make sure that you check all screws, nuts, and bolts for tightness. Don't assume that someone in the factory really did tighten all the parts. Likewise, tug on the ailerons, elevator and rudder to check that the hinges are going to hold up. Take a look at all of the glue joints that you can access. Also check the center of gravity and balance the airplane from side to side.

See you at the field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer



Here's Joe Major with his new Verio Benzin Trainer during the August meeting.

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