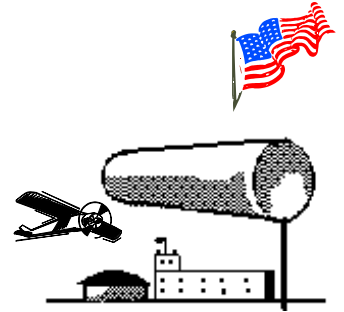


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FLOAT FLYING ON A NICE SATURDAY AFTERNOON



Club President Dave Medley with buddy box instructor, John Woods, enjoying themselves flying Dave's Sea Master at Springfield Lake, August 23rd. More pictures and story on page 4.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

No one is in the President's Corner this month. As most of you know President Dave has had some health problems and has had to undergo a couple of heart procedures, even having to cancel a trip to Canada on the day before he and Val were scheduled to leave.

Well things are looking up for Dave. When he went in for a check-up after the last procedure the doctor gave him the OK to travel and Dave and Val were out of here the next day.

So we wish them a pleasant and relaxing journey and will catch up with him later in September. Not sure but he may be back in time for the September meeting.....ed.

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

As can be seen on the front page and page 4, there is some Club member interest in float flying. We also have a big lake in our backyard with many places we could fly from now that the lake level is back to normal. Adapting floats to an existing wheeled airplane is not difficult and information is available to determine the right size and mounting location of the floats. If interested just ask me.

So far this year we have gotten in three of our four scheduled Fun Flies. The last one is scheduled for October 18th. There has been a different overall winner in each of the Fun Flies and the points totals for Top Gun 2008 are fairly close. With a great day, any one of three or four members could come away with the coveted title. Maybe Don Livermore will visit the October Fun Fly and demo his turbine F-15C for us. Hmmm, wonder how long it took McDonnell Douglas to build a real F-15C.

By the looks of the photo below, there will soon be another Bellanca Aircruiser in my hanger. This one is 1/12 scale with a 65 inch wing span. Should have a flying weight of about three pounds or less when finished. The other white Bellanca is 1/20 scale. Biggest problem now is obtaining the green Ultra Cote to finish the covering. Should be my Last Bellanca, however the thought of a small indoor Bellanca, maybe 1/40 scale, is intriguing!

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



TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2008				
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BALANCE	8/1/2008	\$ 2,351.20	\$ 1,844.54	\$ 2,351.20
INCOME-DUES	-----	\$ 560.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 1,333.75
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20.00
INCOME-FOOD	-----	\$ -	\$ 34.00	\$ 82.50
INCOME-50/50	-----	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.50	\$ 37.50
INCOME-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
EXPENSE-FIELD	-----	\$ 20.00	\$ 84.20	\$ 1,318.92
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16.60
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD	-----	\$ -	\$ 23.90	\$ 108.14
EXPENSE-AMA	-----	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 105.00
EXPENSE-Web	-----	\$ -	\$ 9.58	\$ 194.58
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 75.00
EXPENSE-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 180.35
BALANCE	9/1/2008	\$ 2,871.20	\$ 1,926.36	\$ 1,926.36

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

August 12, 2008

Vice President Bob Pilecki opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Rocky Top Field. Officers missing were Dave Medley. There were 16 members present. Former member Robert "Smitty" Smith has renewed his membership, bringing our membership to 33. Treasurer Erv Rohde reported that the current treasury balance was \$1,844.54 as of August 1st. The 50/50 raffle was won by Roy Steinestel who received one half of \$11.00.

Committee Reports:

There were no committee reports.

Announcements and Old Business:

Annette McEvoy asked if members would be interested in having the membership list available through the Club web site using some sort of password protected setup. After discussion, it was agreed that this would be handy for both the new Secretary and members. She will get it setup with Mike Anderson.

Bud Austin reported that he was able to get two additional planes put together for Club use for \$180.35. He was able to keep the costs below the authorized \$250 and the extra plane was due to the following Club members helping with donations of parts at no cost or bargain prices: Gary Acton; Don Johnson; Jack McEvoy; Mark Niebrzydowski; Roy Steinestel and of course Bud's time to collect and put everything together. Both planes have been test flown and fly well. Fritz Corbin has rebuilt his crashed LT40 and won't take any reimbursement for the repair costs.

New Business:

A question regarding the condition of the mowers used for the field ensued. John Woods will take the old mower that was donated to the club as it just won't handle the heavy work load at the field. There was dis-

cussion regarding the condition of the other two mowers and estimated service time remaining left in them. Mark Niebrzydowski is concerned that the life of the other two mowers may not be all that long especially due to how much rain we've been experiencing.

John Woods brought up the subject of having the field brush hogged. Everyone agreed that it should be done and asked that John make necessary arrangements.

John also asked if the members would be interested in putting up a couple of shelters (originally designed as car ports) along the line of what the Sod Busters in Wichita, KS have done and explained what their setup is like. He will look in to the cost and report back next month.

The August Fun Fly events for this coming weekend will be as published in the July newsletter. Bar-B-Q at noon, pilots meeting will be at 1:00.

Program: Bob Pilecki handed out the June Fun Fly certificate to Dick Peterson for his 1st place in the taxi event.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14.

Next meeting will be September 9th - 6:30 p.m. at Rocky Top Field.

NEW MEMBERS

The Club gained two more members during August bringing the club total to 34.

Rick Almond is a new member, he and his wife Beverly live in Branson West.

Also Robert "Smitty" Smith rejoined the Club after an absence of a year or two.

Rick and Smitty, welcome to the Club, we are pleased to have you join us!

The Springfield Blacksheep Squadron's 22nd annual Float Fly, August 23rd, 2008

On a very pleasant Saturday several Club members, including Jim Halbert, Dave Medley, Don Johnson, Bob Pilecki, Erv Rohde and John Woods, showed up to either participate or spectate. Erv Rohde went from participant to spectator when his aileron hinges pulled out of his ARF Sea Master. Bummer Erv! The Park Board severely limited the area the Club could use, which is odd since virtually no one else was using the park, but the club was still able to put on a nice event. The upper left photo shows the main area of the event with the lake, launch area and chase boat off to the left. At right are the Sea Masters of Dave Medley and John Woods, Don Johnson's Heinkel He 31 and a nice looking Beaver to the rear. In the Center row are a couple of nice looking U-CAN-Dos on floats. At right is a nice quarter scale Cub on neat looking floats. Lower left is a fun fly Magic on floats caught on a fly by. (Give you any ideas Howard?). The nice thing about this float fly is that if you participated (i.e. paid a landing fee) you got a free lunch. The photo in the lower right was not at Springfield Lake, but at Table Rock Lake. It's John Woods with his Super Decathlon on its maiden flight with floats. The flight went well but he decided not to take it to Springfield until he became more familiar with flying it off the water.



AUGUST FUN FLY

The weather person forecasted rain but it turned out to be a nice cool summer day, albeit a little more breezy than desired. Prior to lunch some of the pilots were putting in some final practice flights.

Lunch was served up with chef Erv Rohde cooking the hotdogs for everyone. After everyone had filled up on lunch and caught up on all the gossip, it was time for the pilots meeting. After which it was on to the first event.

The first event was **TAXI—FIGURE EIGHT BALLOON BUST**. Go through the start finish (time starts), through the lower gate, break the balloon, through the upper gate, through the start-finish, through the other lower gate, break the second balloon, through the upper gate and through the start-finish (time stops). Penalties added for missing a gate, going through a gate the wrong way or relocating it, and not breaking a balloon. Low time wins. John Woods was First with a fast 61 seconds, including a 10 second penalty. Bud Austin was a very close Second place with 62 seconds also including a 10 second penalty. Third place was Erv Rohde with 89 seconds (79+10), Fourth was Jack McEvoy with 100 seconds (70 + 30) and Fifth place went to Annette McEvoy with 134 seconds (114 + 20). The rest of us kind of got lost on the course. Actually the wind did have some adverse effects on some of the planes.

The next event was **BUD'S DON'T SPILL THE BEANS!!!** Place 10 beans in a small foam cup and attach it to the airplane. Take off, do a loop, do a touch and go, do a roll and land. Time starts when the plane starts to move and stops when the plane touches down the second time. Subtract 10 seconds for each bean still in the cup at the end of the flight. Low time wins. Fritz Corbin got

First place with a time of 70 seconds minus 100 because all 10 beans were still in his cup. Net time -30. Second place was Don Johnson with a -8 (72 seconds minus 8 beans). Third place was Erv Rohde with 56 seconds and no beans, Fourth place John Woods with 65 seconds and no beans and Fifth was Howard Shire with 70 seconds and no beans. It is interesting to note that Fritz had his cup taped way up high above the prop wash on his Pro-Twister and Don had his cup in his Four Star-40 with the open top of the cup even with the top of the fuselage.

The last event was the **DEAD STICK LOOPS**. Take off, climb for 30 seconds and shut of motor/engine. Do as many dead stick loops as possible before landing on the runway. One point for each loop, one point for landing on the runway and one point for landing with no damage. First place was Don Johnson with 7 points (five loops plus the runway and no damage points. Second place was Howard Shire with 5 points (3+2), Third was Erv Rohde with 3 points (1+2) and Fourth place was a tie between John Woods and Bud Austin with 2 points each for runway and no damage. Although Pro -Twisters are usually tough competitors their thick wing doesn't seem to work well in dead stick loops.

First place overall was Don Johnson with 180 Top Gun 2008 points. Second place went to John Woods with 155 points and Third place was Erv Rohde at 150 points. In Fourth place was Fritz Corbin with 120 points and Fifth was Bud Austin with 105 points.

Many thanks to Bud Austin for being the guest host for one event of this Fun Fly and all the other people that contribute time and effort to the Fun Flys and jump in and help whenever needed. With all the help it makes putting on the Fun Flys fairly easy and a lot more enjoyable.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

SEPTEMBER 9, 6:30 PM

Meet at 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

Radio control safety begins at home on the work bench. Now that ARF's have taken over the hobby, it is important to check the wing hold down system and the hinges on all surfaces.

The weak point on the wing mount is the block that is tapped for the wing bolt, usually nylon. A triangular piece of balsa, epoxied to the mounting block will help to strengthen this area.

The hinges on many ARF's are what is known as "Easy Hinges." They are held in place by a couple of drops of CA glue. Some planes have crashed, one recently at a float fly, due to hinges pulling out of the balsa slots. This can be prevented by pinning the hinges with a round toothpick pushed through the hinge, cut flush with the wing and glued into place. A quick tug on the moving surfaces will tell you if they are secure.

See You At The Field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

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