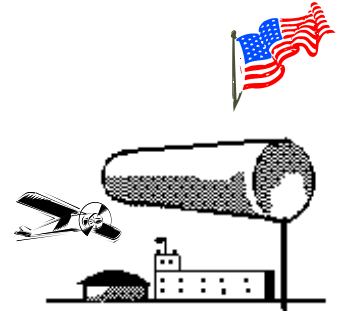


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NEW ACE AT THE FIELD



Gene Fuson showed up at the field with a new toy. He seems to like WW I German aircraft and this one is a Fokker DVII detailed as the plane Rudolf Berthold, Germany's 6th leading ace, flew to 44 victories over Belgium. The plane is a Hanger 9 ARF with a wingspan of 64.6", length of 49.8" and a weight of about 9 Lbs. It is powered with a Saito Golden Knight .72 four stroke and 14 X 6 wooden prop. Control is by a Spektrum DX7 transmitter, Spektrum 6 channel AR6200 receiver, 5 JR servos and a 6 volt 2300 mAh flight battery. Gene said that even though it was an ARF, several parts had to be replaced because of fit problems. On Tuesday, August 9th, test pilot John Woods took it up on its maiden flight and it flew very well—Gene even took the controls for a while. The pilot figure is really Adolf and cost another \$25. Great looking plane Gene, it looks very realistic in the air! More pictures on Page 3.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well the weather has been a little more co-operative lately. More people are coming out and flying, but there is a lot more room for more people to fly.

We have had people who came out who seem interested in joining our club but they never seem to materialize as members. I don't know if the cost is a problem or if it is just that the weather has been so bad. If you know any of these people it might help if we contact them and invite them out again.

If you have a cell phone, contact Don Johnson and let him know your number so he can get it on the membership list. It can be a handy way of contacting each other if you think someone is at the field and making sure before you go out to fly.

Every so often I get a call wanting to know some ones e-mail address or phone number. I hope you are all aware that they are on the web page under Members Only. Any one who doesn't know the password to access this information can contact Don Johnson or some other member.

Hope to see you at the field. Remember on meeting nights we fly before the meeting and after if the light holds up.

Howard

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

We did get the August Fun Fly in so we have only had to cancel one Fun Fly this year, so far. The next Fun Fly is scheduled for October 15th. We are looking forward to good weather and a big crowd of participants and spectators for this event. So everyone mark this on their calendar and plan to attend.

The Club float fly has had trouble getting off the ground...er water. It was re-scheduled for tomorrow, 9/7, but again cancelled for the third time for various reasons including COLD weather. Oh well maybe next week or next year!

Seems like Gene Fuson's Fokker D VII is heavily featured in this issue. Had other pictures of him with the plane but mentioned that it would be nice if he smiled instead of scowled. After that received a picture (twice) of his plane with him smiling. Hope to get it in next month.

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

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2011

		AUG	Y T D
BALANCE	8/1/2011	\$ 1,515.49	\$ 1,345.14
INCOME-DUES	-----	\$ -	\$ 1,235.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-FOOD	-----	\$ 25.00	\$ 52.00
INCOME-50/50	-----	\$ 4.00	\$ 28.50
INCOME-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FIELD	-----	\$ 25.00	\$ 810.77
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD	-----	\$ 24.54	\$ 86.08
EXPENSE-AMA	-----	\$ -	\$ 120.00
EXPENSE-Web	-----	\$ -	\$ 120.00
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$ 28.84
BALANCE	9/1//2011	\$ 1,494.95	\$ 1,494.95

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB

August 9, 2011

President Howard Shire opened the meeting at 6:00 PM, at Rocky Top Field. All Officers were present. There were 8 members present including the officers. There were no guests. Bud Austin won the 50/50 split the pot. He received \$4 of the \$8 pot.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer Roy Steinestel reported that there was \$1,515.49 in the bank as of August 1st.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved as printed in the August Newsletter.

Old Business:

Don Johnson reported that the map on the Club Web Site had been updated. The map had been supplied by Fritz Corbin.

It was reported that no contacts had been made for any flight demo events.

New Business:

Don Johnson had a short discussion on Li-Po batteries and passed out an EMERGENCY SAFETY ALERT letter from AMA to all those at the meeting that use Li-Po batteries.

Program:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 PM.

At right is Rudolf Berthold cruising the Belgium skies with his Fokker DVII looking for another victim to go with his 44 victories. The model looks very realistic as it flies by the clouds over the field. Great job Gene!



Some more shots of Gene Fuson's Fokker DVII as it is being prepped by Gene, Howard Shire and Dave Medley, for its maiden flight. Below we see Gene holding it vertical while test pilot John Woods makes the final pre-flight checks. The size of the DVII is obvious since it pretty well hides Gene. Also note the unusual camouflage the Germans used during WWI.



AUGUST FUN FLY

Saturday turned out to be a great day for a Fun Fly. Not too hot for a change and with a little breeze. At the 11 AM pilots meeting, six pilots were ready to go.

The first event was the DOUBLE SLALOM where the plane starts from the plate, slaloms north then south through the pylons, does a loop and roll, again taxies north and south through the pylons and is stopped on the plate. Ten second penalty for each pylon knocked over. Shortest time wins. John Woods was on his game and ran the event in 68 seconds for First Place. Bud Austin was Second with 91 seconds, Fritz Corbin Third at 117 seconds and Fourth Place went to Don Johnson with 129 seconds. Dave Medley took Fifth Place with 166 seconds, including 20 penalty points and Howard Shire was Sixth after killing his engine and deciding not to re-start to finish the event.

The next event was BUD'S CLIMB AND GLIDE TO SPOT LANDING. Take off, climb for 25 seconds, then glide for as long as possible and land on the runway target. Time starts when plane starts and stops when plane stops. One second penalty for each foot away from the target the plane stops. Highest score wins. Don Johnson planned to fly his powered glider in this event and was ready to go except he forgot to bring the transmitter for it. So he substituted his electric Pussycat and had a great climb and even better glide for a score of 164 (194-30) and First Place. In Second Place, with only an 11 foot penalty was Bud Austin with a score of 74 (85-11), Third went to John Woods with a 67 (100-33) and Fourth was Howard Shire with a 43 (76-33). Fifth Place went to Fritz Corbin with 5 (50-45) and Sixth was Dave Medley with -4 (53-57).

The last event was MINUTE TO WIN IT. In exactly 60 seconds, take off from the plate

and do as many loop roll sets as possible, land and have the plane stop on the plate. 5 points for each loop roll set and minus 2 points for each second more or less than 60. High score wins. John Woods got back in the winners circle with 5 sets and only 2 seconds off for a score of 21 (25-4) and First Place. Fritz Corbin earned a Second Place with a -35 (25-60), Third went to Don Johnson at -39 (15-54) and in Forth place was Bud Austin at -60 (30-90). Fifth Place went to Howard Shire with a score of -61 (35-96) and Dave decided to do his Chef duties and pulled out of the last event.

Overall and earning 100 Top Gun 2011 points for First Place is John Woods. John won 2 of the events and placed third in the other event and had 250 event points. In Second Place and earning 70 Top Gun points was Don Johnson with a First, Third and Fifth with 180 event points. Third Overall and 50 Top Gun points goes to Bud Austin with 170 event points and Fourth Overall and 30 top Gun points goes to Fritz Corbin with 140 event points. Howard Shire takes Fifth overall and 20 Top Gun points with 60 event points and 10 Top Gun points goes to Dave Medley for 30 event points.

All in all a good fun day of flying with no planes damaged and better yet no egos damaged too badly.

Again many thanks to all that came out and helped with the Fun Fly including the pilots and the spectators. A special thanks to Gene Fuson and Roy Steinestel for timing and scoring, Dave Medley for grub procurement and Chef duties and Janet Woods for the lemon cake.

The next Fun Fly is schedule for October 15th.

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SAFETY FIRST

Wow, it has been really hot here, and still is as I write this. 100+ degrees, probably shouldn't be out in this very long. And I'm not. I haven't even tried to fish lately.

I recently had the occasion; well we will call it that, to take a trip into the woods surrounding our field. We were playing "Find the airplane that came down back here somewhere." And..... it was brutally hot and brutally humid, and.....everything was UPHILL. We got pretty hot and tired, and had to rest a lot. Let's face it, we, most of us, are in pretty sad shape to be climbing hills, and plowing through weeds and trees in very high heat and humidity.

We were very hot and tired when we got back to the field with the "remains." We did take a cell phone, but some of us were in shorts, not good in the brambles, and we didn't take any water to drink.

Don't go down there alone, don't go without some sort of hydration, put on bug spray and wear some long pants. Thanks to John Woods for loaning me his extra pair. Extra long, and a little wider than I like, but better than the shorts that I had on.

See you at the field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

THE NEXT CLUB MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 13TH, 6:00PM, AT THE CLUB FLYING FIELD. IN CASE OF SEVERE WEATHER, MEET AT THE COACHLIGHT TRAILER PARK CLUB HOUSE.