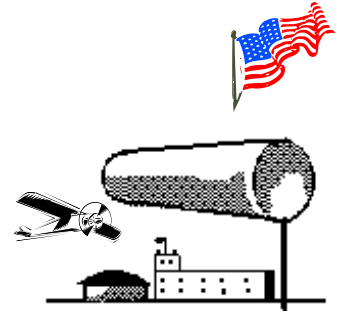


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## A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS!



Dave Medley has just completed his mission, somewhat abruptly, and is returning his aircraft to his faithful ground crew for a less than swift turn-around. During his debriefing, Dave said that it was flying very nicely and then it wasn't! It is good to see that Dave is able to keep his good humor. Hey! A few sheets of foam, glue and some decals and Dave is back in busi-

## THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Another Fun Fly has come and gone but this one seemed to live up to the name of Fun Fly. There is always friendly competition among the competitors and everyone entered would like to win. But on this day everyone seemed to be relaxed. There was a lot of laughing, joking and good natured ribbing going on all during the events. Throw in a nice BBQ lunch, a beautiful day, a better than normal crowd and a active donation jar for the Wounded Warrior Program, who could ask for a better National Model Aviation Day.

Picked up a couple of new members this past month and have seen both of them at the field several times. Gary Merseal is now able to fly on his own and Emil Turille is learning fast under John's tutelage. Emil didn't know there was and RC club in the area until he saw Dave Medley's trailer and then proceeded to follow Dave home to get more info on the Club. Great job of advertising Dave!

It is getting about that time of year when we need to start thinking about new Club Officers for next year. It would be great if some of the newer members would step forward and volunteer to be a Club Officer.



Above is Howard Shire's plane as he knocks over a ground target in Erv's ground event. Looks like it is a clean



Above is a picture of the crowd enjoying the Fun Fly and the events of the National Model Aviation Day.

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## NEW MEMBERS

We picked up two new members during August, bringing the Club membership to 24 members.

Gary Merseal, along with wife Bobbie, live in Branson West. Gary is a little rusty on RC airplanes but has been quite involved with RC boats.

Emil Turille, along with wife Melinda, live in Kimberling City. Emil has flown the real thing but is new to RC and is now taking instruction from John Woods.

Welcome to the Club, Gary and Emil. It is

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2013			
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BALANCE	8/1/2013	\$ 1,735.48	\$ 1,453.98
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ 80.00	\$ 1,329.35
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ 36.00	\$ 108.00
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ -	\$ 24.00
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 150.47	\$ 1,037.99
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ 25.00	\$ 51.33
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ 135.00
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ 125.00	\$ 140.00
BALANCE	9/1/2013	\$ 1,556.01	\$ 1,556.01

# MEETING MINUTES

## TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB AUGUST 13, 2013

Vice President Gene Fuson opened the meeting at 6:03 PM, at the Club flying field. President Greg Moody and Treasurer Roy Stienestel were absent. There were 8 members present including the Officers and new member Gary Merseal. The split the pot raffle was won by Bud Austin, and he received \$4.00 of the \$9.00 pot (Bud donated 50 cents to the Club due to lack of change). There were no guests. The minutes of the July meeting were approved as printed in the August Newsletter.

**Committee Reports:** The Treasurers report was given by Secretary Don Johnson and he reported the Club had \$1,735.48 in the bank as of August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Old Business:** John Woods brought the Club up to date on the National Model Aviation Day for our Club. It will include a Fun Fly, BBQ, opportunity for guests to fly RC on a buddy-box, opportunity for guests to receive a free three month membership in AMA and a donation jar for the Wounded Warrior program.

John also said he had a couple of rolls of Blendem tape available for \$2 a roll, if someone wanted some.

**New Business:** Vice-President, Gene Fuson, introduced new member, Gary Merseal.

Don Johnson reviewed the three events for the August Fun Fly. Don also said an updated Club Roster will be put on our web page under the "Members Only" section. John Woods said he would email Club members and remind them of the "user name" and "Password" needed to gain access to this section of our web page. This is a section restricted to only Club members because it includes spouses names, AMA numbers, telephone numbers, addresses and email numbers.

The crash trophy was awarded to Fritz Corbin for the great job (crash) he did on his Hog Bipe as seen on the first page of the August Newsletter. Fritz graciously accepted the trophy.

John Woods said that Jim Haney wanted to put up a metal carport about 18 feet by 21 feet, next to the shed. After several minutes of discussion, it was decided to table this until Jim could present his proposal to the Club. Probably at the September meeting.



Oops! A little high in the tail there West. Actually the Fun Cub with those big wheels and slow speed would make a great trainer.



# AUGUST FUN FLY

The temperature was in the 70's and the wind was light to moderate. And it was mid August. It looked like a great day for a Fun Fly! And there were 8 brave pilots ready to test their skills. And it would end up with a new Sheriff in town!

After the usual pilot's briefing it was off to the first event which was **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. Last up, but in First place was West Kistler with a sizzling 65 seconds. In Second place was Erv Rohde with 92 seconds and in Third place was Fritz Corbin with a 104. Fourth place goes to John Woods with 119 seconds and Fifth is Dave Medley at 132. Everyone finished the event in 180 seconds or less.

The next event was **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 KNOCK DOWN THE SIXTH TARGET. SHORTEST TIME WINS. PENALTY; 1 BREAK A TARGET, 5 SECONDS. 2 WHEELS LEAVE GROUND, 10 SECONDS. 3 DESTROY A TARGET WITH PROP, 15 SECONDS AND NOT FOLLOWING THE RULES 20 POINTS. Again, West Kistler was last to fly in this event but took First place with a low score of 41 seconds. Second place was a tie between Howard Shire and John Woods with scores of 62 seconds. Fourth place went to Don Johnson with 91 seconds and Fifth went

to Erv Rohde with a 93. Only two targets were destroyed out of eight runs.

The last event was **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! Bud Austin got back into his winning ways with a First place finish. He only had air time of 88 seconds but stopped only 12 feet from the target for a net 76. In second place was John Woods with a 69 (84-15) and Third went to West Kistler with a 58 (88-30). In Fourth place was Don Johnson with a 54 (118-64) and in Fifth place was Howard Shire with a minus 50 (50 seconds minus 40 feet minus 60 for no loop). Two of our pilots had trouble turning off their engines and were disqualified.

Overall winner with 250 Top Gun 2013 points was West Kistler. It is the first time West has competed in one of our Fun Flys—good job West. Second overall with 160 Top Gun points was John Woods and in Third place was Bud Austin with 140 points. Forth place went to Erv Rohde with 100 points and Howard Shire was Fifth with 90 points.

Many thanks to all that helped make the Fun Fly a success. Thanks to Gene Fuson and Roy Steinestel for scoring and timing the events, to Fritz Corbin for procuring the Grub and Jim Haney for burning the hotdogs. And

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## **SAFETY FIRST**

At last month's fun fly I witnessed an unplanned full throttle start of the motor on an electric airplane. This is actually more dangerous than a gas or nitro motor surprise. Somehow this airplane started at full throttle because of something the owner had done.

This is a very dangerous problem, and thank goodness nobody was hurt.

Fortunately this airplane was on a stand and restrained by the posts mounted on the stand. Restraint is good in this case. Also, switches and power plugs are a good addition to any electric airplane.

Respect these electric airplanes, they can be more dangerous than their nitro or gas counterparts. They will not stop turning just because your hand or other body part gets in their way. They just keep chopping and chopping. The bigger ones will absolutely not quit until they are shut off.

See You at the Field,  
Gene Fuson

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING  
WILL BE SEPTEMBER 10TH,  
6:00PM, AT THE CLUB FLY-  
ING FIELD.**