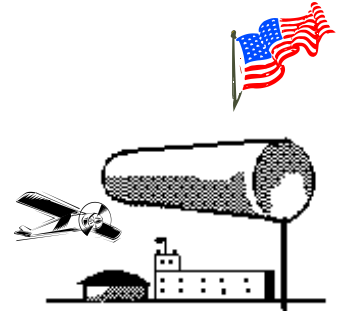


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BOMBS AWAY



Winning drop! Above is Fritz Corbin's Depron foam, F-22, as it flies over the runway just after releasing its bomb (egg). Fritz had built in a bomb bay for the egg and had hand launched the plane. The egg, shown in the circle, landed (splattered) just 8 feet from the marked target on the runway. This was the closest splat of this event and earned Fritz a First place. Atta way to go Fritz!

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Very, very hot month and humid too. We did get some flight time in at the field but with the scorching heat we all tended to head home earlier than usual.

Jim Haney and Fritz went down somewhere out in the Ozark Jungle a couple of weeks ago. We were able to find both planes by taking the Transmitter with us when we were out searching. Both the planes were electric and by positioning ourselves near where we thought the lost plane would be, we would apply a little throttle and listen for any prop noise. Worked great. Had to use the bow-n-arrow to get Fritz's plane down and Jim had to climb a tree to get his down.

I crashed my Polaris and won the Crash Trophy a couple weeks ago. I had changed out a bad aileron servo and didn't notice that it was reversed. Upon take off it rolled hard left so I gave it hard right (which is hard left) and to my surprise crashed upside down taking off the nose and the motor mounted on the vertical stabilizer. When will I learn?? Jim's, Fritz's and my plane were all Polaris - must be a timing thing or something. I'm repairing it now.

Bud got the Alpha trainer plane up and running so we now have an almost brand new trainer plane to help instruct students on. The Alpha was donated to the Club by Bob Pilecki, one of our past members.

Also, Erv wanted to retire from being an Instructor so we accepted his request at the last meeting. I know the Club members join in thanking Erv for helping with teaching students for so many years. Teaching is the main way a Club is able to grow and we are grateful to Erv for helping with his service. Bud offered to help if needed so the Club voted and approve Bud as an instructor.

Jimmy Cardenzana soloed last week on his Twist. He was presented with his Solo Certificate at July's meeting. Jimmy is one of those fast learners and was a lot of fun teaching. You all might check out Jimmy's landings - greases it in every time!

Jimmy set up a Face book page so we can post pictures/videos and information about our Club. You can check it out on your computer at www.facebook.com or on your iphone, just search for Branson RC Club on Face book.

We celebrated National Model Aviation Day at our Aug. 13th Fun Fly. You can always invite your family, friends and neighbors to come out to see all the action and have a couple of hot dogs too. One of the events was a Bomb Drop using an egg for the Bomb. Many made a special mechanism to aid in releasing the Bomb.

The weather was a little hot but a bunch of Club members and their wives came out to the field for our Fly-N-Eat get together. We had 15 people at the field then we all went over to Reeds Spring Pizza for dinner, cold refreshments and air conditioning. It was nice to see everyone and hear about all the new stuff going on. Lots of fun.

See you at the field and happy landings John

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2016

		AUG	YTD
BALANCE	8/1/2016	\$ 1,024.13	\$ 1,794.54
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ 80.00	\$ 670.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ 25.00
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ 32.50	\$ 61.50
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ 4.00	\$ 21.00
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ 176.80
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 48.49	\$ 1,203.87
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ 6.31	\$ 37.89
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ 10.99	\$ 130.99
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ 301.25
BALANCE	9/1/2016	\$ 1,074.84	\$ 1,074.84

NEW MEMBERS

The Club picked up a new member, Charlie Schenk, in August bringing the Club membership to 23.

Charlie is an airline pilot and he and wife, Cyndi, live in Branson West. He is about three years away from retirement and still flies world wide out of Memphis for Fed-Ex. Instructor, John Woods is currently working with Charlie and he should be soloing soon.

Welcome to the Club, Charlie, we are very pleased to have you join us.

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB August 9, 2016

President John Woods opened the meeting at 5:41 PM, at the Club Flying Field. There were 6 members present including the officers. There were no new members but there was one guest, Charley Schenk. Treasurer Fritz Corbin reported that there was \$1,024.13 in the Treasury as of August 1, 2016. The Treasurer's Report was approved. The Minutes of the July meeting were approved as written in the August Newsletter. The 50/50 raffle was won by Bud Austin and he received \$4 of the \$8 dollar pot.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

John Woods reported that the Alpha Trainer is now ready for training new pilots, thanks to Bud Austin,

John reviewed some of the Club's safety rules and stated that the Club's walky-talky's and batteries are now available and will probably be stored in the first aid box.

NEW BUSINESS:

John reminded the members present that the Fun Fly will be this Saturday, August 13th and that he would bring the food and Janet would bring a cake.

John also said the next Fly-N-Eat will be September 25th, weather permitting.

Don Johnson was awarded the Crash Trophy of the month even though the plane's current position in a tree does not allow the extent of the damage, if any, to be determined.

PROGRAM:

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 PM.

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

The third Fun Fly of the year was a success and ended with a bang (broken egg). Just like all kids, we like to break things. The next Fun Fly, the last of the year, will be October 15th. The last event will be the same as last year—drop a 6 inch piece of garden hose on one bomb run and a 2 inch square block with a hole on another bomb run. The rules will be basically the same as on page 4 of the October 2015 Newsletter in our Club web site archives. Of course we will give double Top Gun 2016 points for this big bang final event. Hope we have a nice big gallery like we did at our last Fun Fly.

In a photo below we see President and Instructor, John Woods, helping new member, Charlie Schenk, learn to fly RC. Not sure but Charlie may have more hours flying the real thing than John has flying model planes. Also below is Jim Haney's AJ Slick (540 Edge?). Looks nice and flies nice.

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



AUGUST FUN FLY

It was a warm windy morning so things would be somewhat tricky flying during the events. Howard Shire was doing a practice flight prior to the Fun Fly and put his plane in to the trees. After recovering his plane a pilots meeting was held and then five brave pilots moved on to the first event.

Event 1. 2 MINUTE FLYBY. Take off (time starts when plane moves) and do a recognizable loop, then fly by in front of the judge, flying south, and earn a point. Then do another loop and fly by the judge going south again and earn another point. Repeat as many times as possible in exactly two minutes. Most points win. Gary Merseal, in his first Fun Fly, came in First with 8 flybys. In Second place with 7 flybys was Fritz Corbin flying his Polaris XL and tied for Third place was Jimmy Cardenzana, flying his first Fun Fly, and veteran John Woods with 6 flybys each. Don Johnson was Fifth but did not finish due to an uncontrollable airplane later found to have broken servo gears.

Event 2. THREE GATES Take off (time starts when plane moves), do a good loop, land and taxi through the gate (between the two pylons) going south. Repeat again and then repeat a third time. Time stops when plane clears the third gate. Penalties– 10 seconds for becoming airborne going through a gate and 10 seconds for moving a pylon. Low time wins. John was First with a great time of 133 seconds. Fritz had a time of 292 seconds with his Polaris XL, taxiing and taking off without wheels. Then things got hectic. Gary and Jimmy both had problems with restarts, wiping out the pylons and trouble getting across the line. With all the fun and excitement their times were not recorded but on re-evaluation it seemed their times were about the same as Fritz's time so all three were awarded a tie for second place. Remember this is a FUN FLY! Don did not fly in this event due to damage to his plane in the first event.

Event 3. EGG BOMB. Each pilot will be given one medium size raw egg. Pilot will drop the egg from the plane on the target from at least a 10 foot altitude. The egg must break when it hits the ground to count. Shortest distance from broken egg to target wins. Pilot can use any means to drop the egg from the plane. The pilot must be in the pilot station during the bombing run. In the event that the egg does not break, the pilot can land, re-arm the plane with the same egg and make a second bomb run but will incur a 20 foot penalty. **FLY SAFELY!** First place went to Fritz with an egg splat of 8 feet with his bomb bay equipped, hand launched, F-22 foamy. John came in second at 13 feet with his servo drop equipped Pro Twister. Don's servo dropped egg hit in soft grass just off the field and didn't break. His second drop of 12 feet plus a 20 foot penalty gave him Third place. Jimmy also had a bad egg that didn't break on the first drop and had a second drop of 43 feet plus the 20 foot penalty for Fourth place. Jimmy's plane was equipped with a real external clam shell bomb bay. Gary had his egg in a cup mounted on the top of his Four-Star 60 but lost the egg somewhere before he was able to make a bomb run but still came in at Fifth place.

Overall scoring resulted in a tie for First place. Last year's Top Gun, Fritz Corbin, and first time in a Fun Fly, Gary Merseal, each earned 220 Top Gun 2016 points. Third overall went to John Woods with 210 points and Fourth place went to new member, Jimmy Cardenzana, with 120 points. In Fifth place was Don Johnson with 70 points.

As usual, thanks to everyone that helped with the event, especially Howard Shire who did the timing and scoring and Janet Woods for the now traditional lemon cake for lunch desert. We only had about half a dozen members at the Fun Fly. But we did have about three times that many spectators. We hope they enjoyed the show.

The next scheduled Fun Fly will be October 15th. Mark it on your calendar!

Photo by Janet Woods



Jimmy Cardenzana below getting ready for the next event and above dropping his egg.



John Woods getting his Pro Twister ready for the next event.

Photo by Janet Woods

Fritz Corbin getting his Polaris XL ready for a taxi event. Notice the plane has no wheels!



Photo by Janet Woods



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Looks like Jimmy brought his own rooting section to the Fun Fly. Maybe there are some future pilots in the group.

Photo by Janet /woods

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Now that we are approaching the end of summer, we still have some hot days ahead of us before it starts to cool down. The summer has been really hot and muggy. Make sure you continue to stay hydrated and wear a high rated sun block even as the weather cools down..

Also, if you are allergic to bee or wasp stings make sure you have your medication with you at all times.

Wear bug spray if you are going into the woods. Ticks are still present at this time of year.

See you at the field,
Gene Fuson

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING
WILL BE SEPTEMBER 13,
5:30PM, AT THE CLUB FLY-
ING FIELD.**