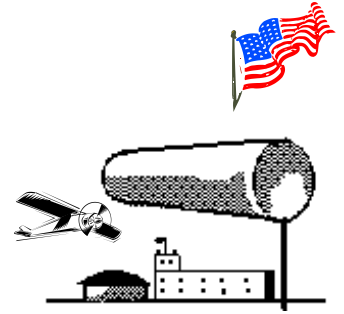


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## BIG TREES NO PROBLEM!



After getting caught by the grabby trees at our field a couple of times, Club member Tim Sahagun went searching for a way to recover the planes. He came up with plans for an apparatus made of several pieces of plastic water pipe, a trigger device, and tire valve connection. Supporting pieces are a tire pump, air gage, pail to hold light rope coils and a projectile (show in the circle and in the insert). The idea is to pump up the air in the water pipe, drop the projectile with rope attached, down the front of the pipe. Then aim the device so the projectile will be blown up and over the tree limb where the plane is stuck. The projectile range is about 80 feet. Then shake the limb with the rope and hope the plane will come free and drop to the ground with little or no damage. Another option is to shoot the projectile over the top of the plane and drag it down, probably with more damage. This has some advantages over the bow and arrow or string tied to a rock methods. Great work Tim.



## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Crazy hot out at the flying field plus a lot of rain and fog too. We've been setting up the shade canopy to keep from passing out from heat stroke – hot – hot -hot.

Actually we have had 5-10 Club members out to enjoy the flying and fellowship over the last several weeks. I've seen many very creative maneuvers, many I'm sure are unintentional but still fun to see, especially the landings. We are still having problems with our depth perception while flying over the trees causing unexpected tree top landings.....kind of amazing. The good news is that we have been able to retrieve all the downed planes.

We are never sure if we will be able to have our Club meetings as planned, usually due to the unpredictability of the weather, therefore I'll send out an email notice on Sunday or Monday prior to Tuesday's scheduled meeting to let everyone know if we are going to have the meeting or not. Do mark your calendar on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month.

Hope to see you at the field. STAY COOL.

John

### TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2022

		AUG	Y T D
BALANCE	8/1/2022	\$ 2,960.57	\$ 3,229.83
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ 80.00	\$ 574.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS			\$ -
INCOME-FOOD -----			\$ -
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ 0.01	\$ 3.08
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 81.00	\$ 707.34
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER			\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS			\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----			\$ -
EXPENSE-AMA -----			\$ 120.00
EXPENSE-Web -----			\$ 19.99
EXPENSE-meeting room			\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ 160.00	\$ 160.00
BALANCE	9/1/2022	\$ 2,804.58	\$ 2,804.58

## THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Your old Editor has graduated into a fair weather flyer. So being a nice day, decided to fly the 6 foot, slow 1/4 inch foam Tele-master replica. Did good, after about 4 minutes, landed and taxied back to the safety fence, accidentally hit the throttle and ran into the fence post with results seen below. No problem, with some glue, slipped the motor and mount back in place and it is ready to fly again.

Also that day saw Bud getting ready to fly a plane that had an old wing that was from an old plane I had crashed. He had savaged the 1/4" foam wing, reinforced the spar and mounted it on other spare parts he had. Bud must be the king of recyclers. It actually flew fairly well. Picture at bottom below.

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



# TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB

## MEETING MINUTES

### AUGUST 9, 2022

President John Woods opened the meeting at 10:00 AM, at the Club flying field. There were 7 members present including all officers except Gene Fuson. There were no guests. Treasurer Fritz Corbin reported that there was \$2,960.57 in the Treasury as of August 1, 2022. The Treasurer's Report was approved. Fritz also said the Treasury total as of August 9<sup>th</sup> was \$2,808.58. The Minutes of the May 2022 meeting were approved as written in the June Newsletter. The raffle was won by Gary Merseal and received \$3 of the \$6 pot.

#### COMMITTEE REPORT

none

#### OLD BUSINESS:

The Club is still discussing what date we will meet to load up the scrap from the old steel shed and take it to recycling. Members will be notified by email.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

President John announced that AMA dues will go up \$10 when member renew their dues next year.

There was some discussion on what members need to do in order to meet requirements of AMA and FFA in order to continue flying radio controlled vehicles. John will put a list together of the requirements and send it out in an email or in next month's Newsletter.

There was some discussion about Tim's new model retriever cannon for getting planes out of trees. It has a range of about 80 feet. There will be some pictures of it in the September Newsletter.

Fritz announced that there needs to be some repairs to both the armadillo and flight line fences. A work day will be scheduled when the weather gets a little cooler.

**PROGRAM:** Fly before the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:26 AM



Above is Jim Haney taxiing in his Turbo Timber after a nice successful flight.



Above is Tim pumping up his plane recovery projectile launcher as he demonstrates it to Fritz and John. It flew the projectile out about 80 feet.

Below is Gene Fusion flying his new drone. Great to see him at the field again, oxygen bottle and all.





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**SAFETY FIRST**

We are seeing some 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 up all the parts. Likewise, tug on the ailerons, elevator and rudder to check that the hinges are tight. Take a good look at all of the glue joints that you can access. Check that the control throws are in the proper direction. Also check the center of gravity and balance the airplane from side to side. Do a range check too, before you get airborne.

See you at the field,  
Gene Fuson  
Safety Officer

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING  
WILL BE SEPTEMBER 13, 10  
AM AT THE CLUB FLYING  
FIELD.**