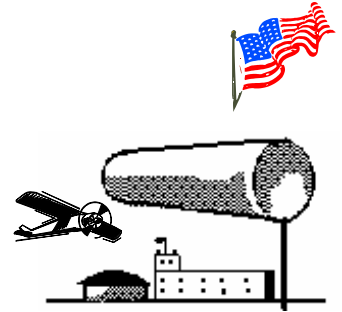


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CAN'T BEAT EM, JOIN EM!



After the August Fun Fly Dick Ross thought his planes might not be competitive enough against the Pro-Twisters and other slim profile hotrods, so he went out and purchased a Hanger 9 TWIST. He seemed to still be getting used to it at the September Fun Fly and should be ready for anything in the October Fun Fly.

Next month, after the 2007 Fun Fly season is over, we'll try to have an article on why participating in fun flies is a good way to improve your flying skills — if you approach the event tasks on a thinking level.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello to all flyers!

We had a good attendance at our last meeting. It would be great to have all 35 members come at once. We discussed the idea of putting up a brochure rack at hobby shops, with information about the Club, as a way to grow the Tri-Lakes RC Flying Club. Having business cards to hand out to people who are interested is an idea we are working on too, thanks to John Woods. We hope to increase the membership to 60 people!

Once again I had to work during the Fun Fly, and could not come. I hope everyone there had a great time.

I want to thank Howard and Bob for volunteering to head up the nominating committee.

We will be meeting at the Rex Plex at 7:00 p.m. on Oct. 9th. See you there!

Good flying! Gary

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2007			
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BALANCE	9/1/2007	\$ 1,749.98	\$ 2,139.03
INCOME-DUES	-----	\$ -	\$ 1,080.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ 160.00
INCOME-FOOD	-----	\$ 31.00	\$ 140.00
INCOME-50/50	-----	\$ 7.00	\$ 57.00
INCOME-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FIELD	-----	\$ 124.11	\$ 1,058.79
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ 16.08
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ 270.52
EXPENSE-FOOD	-----	\$ 4.53	\$ 114.54
EXPENSE-AMA	-----	\$ -	\$ 105.00
EXPENSE-Web	-----	\$ -	\$ 194.15
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ 125.00
EXPENSE-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$ 32.61
BALANCE	10/1/2007	\$ 1,659.34	\$ 1,659.34

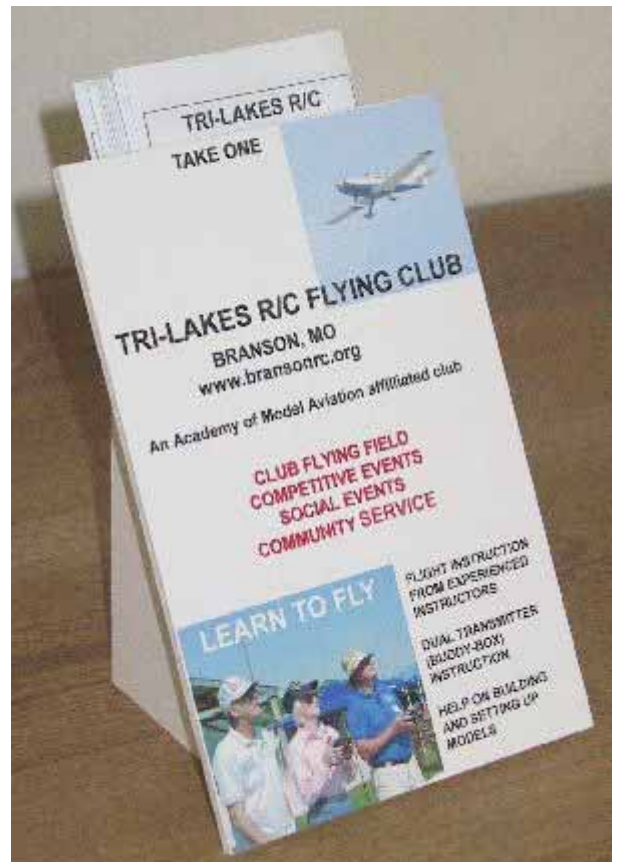
THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Don't forget the last Fun Fly of the year on October 13th. Last chance to get Top Gun 2007 points. Three members are in a fairly close race and anything can happen. Come participate or spectate.

Your editor got a picture of his Bellanca Air Bus on page 5 of the November issue of Flying Models magazine. It was the lead in photo for an article on the S.M.A.L.L. Fun Fly event in Little Rock. The picture had no caption and in checking the article there were no further pictures of the Air Bus, and no indication of what the model was or who built it. Kind of felt somewhat left out! Oh well, there is always next year.

Below is a shot of the Club ad display that we are trying to place in local hobby shops. Hope it has some effect on increasing our Club membership.

For those of us that seem to lose our planes, on page 6 is a picture of the Logiteck LOC8TOR. Supposed to point to your plane from 600 feet away. For more info check the ads in the model magazines or talk to Jin Halbert.



MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

September 11, 2007

President Gary Acton opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. at Rocky Top Field. All officers were present. There were 18 members attending and no guests. The minutes from the August meeting were approved as published in the September Newsletter. Treasurer Erv Rohde reported that the current treasury balance was \$1749.98 as of September 1st and we currently have a total of 35 members. The 50/50 raffle was won by Reeder Jones who received one half of \$14.00.

Committee Reports:

Fritz Corbin reported that the field is in good shape and will be ready for the Fun Fly this coming weekend. He has now trapped a total of 4 armadillos and asked if he could be reimbursed for the cost for the trap, since it has proven to work. Motion by John Woods and seconded by the whole club to reimburse Fritz the \$52.00. Passed unanimously. Fritz also reminded everyone that if they happen to be the first to arrive at the field to be sure to rest the gate on the concrete block so it doesn't hang on the hinges.

Announcements and Old Business:

Gary Acton read a letter from Charlie Bauer regarding the upcoming AMA elections asking that members consider voting for Dave Mathewson for A.M.A. President.

New Business:

John Woods passed around business cards for members to use as a handout. Reeder Jones suggested that we attach cards to old AMA or other flying magazines and put in Dr., Dentist, etc. offices.

John Woods & Don Johnson have been working on putting together a display for model shops with information on the Club. Don passed around a sample that they have

come up with and asked for any additional suggestions. Everyone thought that it looked good as is with perhaps a different map for directions. They will make up four to put in the local shops.

The fun fly this weekend was discussed. The events will be as posted in the current Newsletter, Erv Rohde showed what the posts look like for his event. It was agreed that Dave Medley make some hot dogs & beans and we'll charge \$0.50 per bowl.

President Gary Acton appointed Howard Shire and Bob Pileci to a nominating committee for 2008 Club Officers.

There was no other new business.

Program:

Don Johnson demonstrated his nifty little helicopter that he recently added to his fleet. It's appx. 6" long and can be flown anywhere. He picked his up at Target but thinks that you can get it at Wal-Mart, Radio Shack & Toys R Us. Cost around \$30.00

Jack and Annette McEvoy brought their 2.4 JR9303 radio that just came out. These won't be available until around the end of September but they were fortunate enough to get one of two that their dealer in Wichita obtained.

Jim Halbert showed off his latest trick gadget that he got on eBay. It's a ¼ oz Logiteck Loc8Tor. Has a RF Tag that you can attach to your plane to help locate it if it decides to make a flight somewhere you weren't planning on. Its supposed to have a range of 600 ft. or more but Jim says it more like around 150 ft. Cost \$100 – additional sensors are around \$20

Next meeting will be October 9th at the **Bran-son RecPlex**.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

SEPTEMBER FUN FLY

The day was not near as hot as it had been in August and there was a breeze but not enough to effect the expert pilots that were wanting to get on with the contest. After the usual hot dog BBQ by chef Bob Pileci and a bowl of beans by master cook, Dave Medley, it was on with the events.

The first event was the Box (2) event. Time starts when plane starts to move. Take off, do a 360 around the field and land in the same direction as take off, then taxi and stop with at least two wheels clearly within the box. At this point a judge will say "good" and the pilot will repeat the maneuver. Shortest time wins. Each pilot has a time limit of 4 minutes. Erv Rohde took First Place with 62 seconds, Fritz Corbin was Second with 66 seconds and John Woods was Third with 68 seconds. In Fourth Place was Dick Ross at 82 seconds, Fifth was Bud Austin at 119 seconds and Sixth was Don Johnson at 125 seconds.

The next event was Erv's Ground Targets. Need a plane with a steerable wheel. Time starts when the plane touches the Starting line. Object: Knock down 5 targets with wing, then time stops when you touch finish line. Shortest time wins. Penalties; 1 Break a target, 5 seconds. 2 Wheels leave ground, 10 seconds. 3 Destroy a target with prop, 20 seconds. With a few rain drops starting to fall, Bud Austin came in First with a net time of 49 seconds, Second Place went to Fritz Corbin with 57 seconds and Third went to Dick Ross with 76 seconds (20 sec. Penalty). Fourth Place was Erv Rohde with 90 seconds (20 sec. Penalty), Fifth Place was Annette McEvoy with 91 seconds (20 sec. Penalty). And Sixth Place belonged to John Woods at 98 seconds (40 sec. Penalty). Seventh Place was Don Johnson with 199 seconds (45 sec. Penalty)

and Jack McEvoy flipped over and decided to not finish. This turned out to be a fun event that was harder than one would think. If you didn't place well at least you got to chew up some targets with the plane's prop.

After a short rain delay it was on with the Loop, Roll & Spot Landing Event. Take off. Time starts when the plane starts moving. Do a loop and a roll or roll and a loop, then immediately stop motor. Dead stick land on runway target. Time stops when plane stops. One point for each second of flight and 1 point for each foot away from the target. Lowest points wins. Penalty 30 seconds for delayed motor stop (3 seconds after last loop or roll). Fritz Corbin took First Place with 31 seconds and 14 feet for a net 45 score, Second was Don Johnson with 58 (36 + 22) and Third was Bud Austin with a 62 (23 + 39). Coming in Fourth was John Woods at 86 (30 + 30p + 26), Fifth Place was Dick Ross at 94 (34 + 60) and Sixth Place was Erv Rohde at 137 (26 + 111)

Overall scoring was First Place Fritz Corbin with 240 Top Gun 2007 points. Second Place went to Bud Austin with 170 points and in Third Place was Erv Rohde with 140 points. In Fourth was Dick Ross and tied for Fifth Place was Don Johnson and John Woods with 90 points.

It was good to get in our third Fun Fly of the year even though we had a little rain. Many thanks to the people that set up the lunch and helped to run the events and the pilots that participated. Also thanks to Erv for coming up with a fun event that even got a couple of new participants involved.

The next and last Fun Fly of 2007 will be October 13th, where Bud Austin will be the guest host for one of the events.

FUN FLY

When? October 13th

BBQ starts at noon—pilot's meeting at 1 PM

Where? Rocky Top Field

There will be three events.

Event 1. ROLLS, T&G, LOOPS & SPOT LANDING Object: Time starts at start of take-off roll. Take off and do 2 rolls. Do a touch and go. Do 2 loops. Land and stop plane touching the target. Time stops when the plane is stopped touching the target. Shortest time wins. If plane is not stopped touching the target it is a DNF. Restarts are allowed with time continuing to run.

Event 2. BUD'S 60 SECOND FLIGHT The object is to do as many loops as possible in a 60 sec. flight. You get 1 point for each loop and minus 1 point for each second over 60. The gate is a cone on each side of the runway that the timer can line up with. Time starts when you pass through the gate on takeoff and stops when you pass through on landing. The only timing help is the timer will call out "30 seconds" when 30 seconds has expired. Your plane must be on the ground when it passes through the gate. Getting airborne before passing the gate on takeoff is a 5 point penalty. If you touchdown past the gate you must taxi back through the gate for your time to stop. Kill your engine on landing and you can run out and carry your airplane through the gate. Crash off the field and you're disqualified.

Event 3. TIMED TOUCH & GO LANDINGS Timed Touch & Goes. Make four touch and go landings in the marked rectangle, in the shortest possible time. All take-offs and landings will be made into the wind or in a direction indicated by the event director. At least one main landing gear wheel must touch in the square to be counted as a landing. Wing tip touches will not be counted as landings. Timing will start when the throttle is opened for take-off and will stop on the fourth touch down in the square. The shortest time will determine the winner. A three minute time limit is placed on the event.

Pilots can use any fixed wing aircraft they want in any event.

OCTOBER MEETING

OCTOBER 9, 7:00 PM

Meet at the Branson RecPlex

Program

Bring your current projects for "Show and Tell"

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SAFETY FIRST

No set of rules, no matter how inclusive, can replace good common sense and courtesy. All club members are asked to think about what they are doing. If you see another member doing something that you do not think is safe, it is in everyone's interests that you express your concern to the other club member. Remember, **SAFETY BEGINS WITH YOU.**

See you at the field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer



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