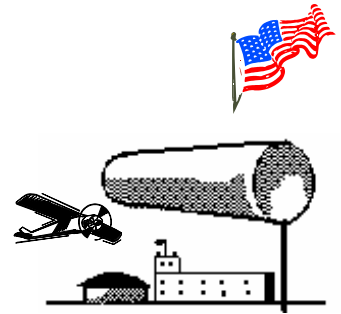


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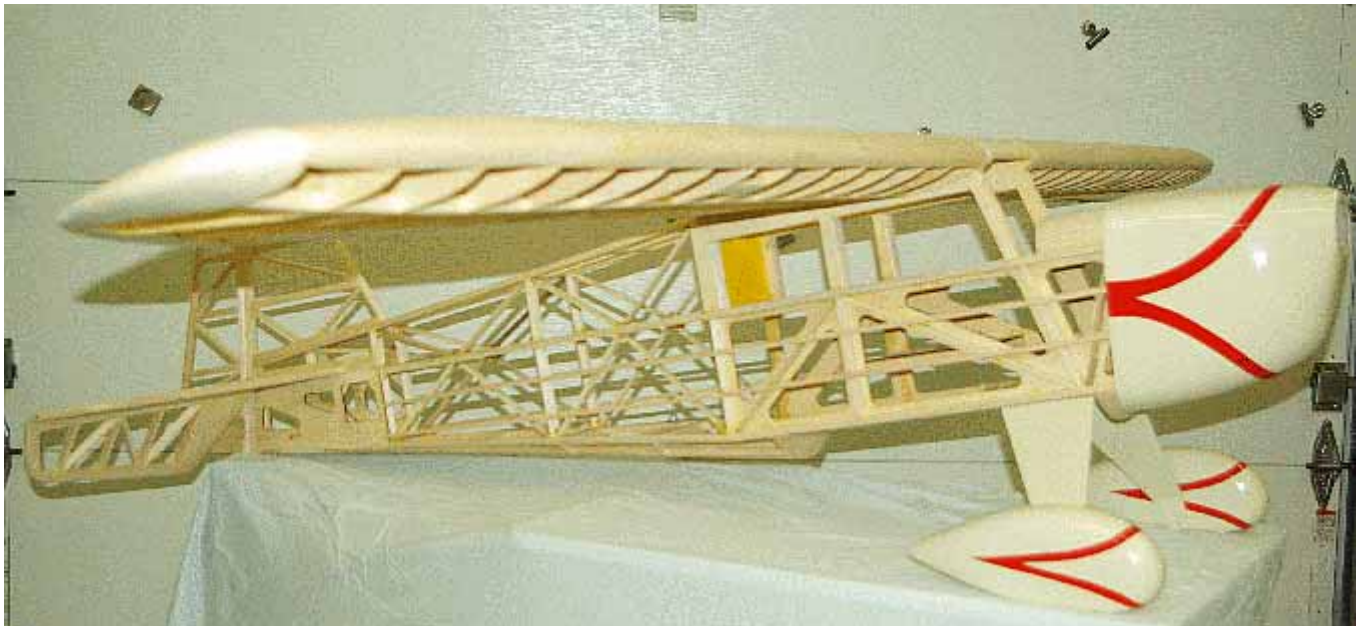
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STRIPPED ARF



This Kange ARF Rearwing Speedster followed Jack and Annette home from a trip to an IMAA meet in Wichita, KS. Rumor is that Annette bought it without telling Jack, which is kind of opposite of most families. After getting home she stripped off the covering, which she said came off fairly easily. They plan to recover it in Solartex Cub Yellow. With about a 96 inch wing span they think it will have a flying weight of approximately 18 pounds. After debating on what engine to use, they finally decided on a Zenoah G-45 mainly because it was the best fit for the cowl. Control will be with a 2.4 Spectrum receiver and 6 Hitech 645 metal geared ball bearing servos. Additional scale details will be added so it represents the full scale Rearwing Speedster in the EAA Museum.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello to all Flyers!

It was great to see more of our members at the last meeting.

Remember to bring a stuffed animal to our next meeting. This event went over great last year. Last year, the person who was in charge of the toys at Skaggs hospital left with a big arm full of toys the same hour we were there and took them to children in the emergency room. The hospital was very thankful for this donation of stuffed animals for the kids.

I heard that the club had a good time during the Fun Fly and had great weather. Thanks to all who helped with this event.

The club plans to have some business cards and labels that we can attach to our used magazines, to take to the doctor and dentists' offices around town. This is another good way to get people who are interested, aware of our club.

Our next meeting will be Nov. 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the RexPlex. See you there!

Gary

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2007			
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BALANCE	10/1/2007	\$ 1,659.34	\$ 2,139.03
INCOME-DUES	-----	\$ -	\$ 1,080.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ 50.00	\$ 210.00
INCOME-FOOD	-----	\$ 43.75	\$ 183.75
INCOME-50/50	-----	\$ 6.50	\$ 63.50
INCOME-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FIELD	-----	\$ 171.97	\$ 1,230.76
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ 51.59	\$ 67.67
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ 270.52
EXPENSE-FOOD	-----	\$ 11.44	\$ 125.98
EXPENSE-AMA	-----	\$ -	\$ 105.00
EXPENSE-Web	-----	\$ -	\$ 194.15
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ 25.00	\$ 150.00
EXPENSE-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$ 32.61
BALANCE	11/1/2007	\$ 1,499.59	\$ 1,499.59

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

The Fun Fly season is over for this year and the winners of the Top Gun 2007 Award will be announced at the Christmas Party (December Meeting). In some ways the 2007 season was a success — we got in all four Fun Flys and had a lot of fun. In other ways it could have been better. We only had a total of ten members compete in any of these events. Three members competed in all four Fun Flys, four members competed in three and three members competed in only one Fun Fly. It would be great to get a few more members to participate!

So what does it take to compete in fun flys. Actually if you can safely take off and land and do a roll and a loop you can enter fun flys and maybe do a lot better than you expect. Advice that many advocate on learning to fly better is to fly with a plan or objective in mind and not just chase the plane around the sky. Our Club Fun Flys present just this type of challenge. There are however a few things to keep in mind. First and foremost is that Fun Flys are designed to be challenging but also fun. Relax and fly within your abilities and don't worry if you can't complete the event or don't score well — you probably will not be alone. You don't have to enter all the events, just fly in the ones you feel qualified for, but do try to challenge yourself, within reason. Secondly choose the plane best suited for the event. If all you have is a trainer, no problem. And finally think about the event tasks, rules and penalties. For example if the event has touch and goes use a plane with a lot of ground clearance or put bigger wheels or a longer landing gear on the plane to avoid stopping the prop. If it's a timed event with no clock help, practice counting to yourself to see what number comes out to 60 seconds. For me 80 seems to work out to 60 seconds. Avoid big penalties. In a climb, glide and spot landing event it doesn't do any good to glide for 180 seconds and then land 200 feet away. Keep your plane in position to land on the target even it means less air time. By landing on the target you will probably score better than most of the competitors even with a modest air time. While doing an event task don't let your plane get too far away, especially down wind as this could earn a big penalty or lose a plane. Hope the above encourages a few more competitors next year.

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

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

October 9, 2007

President Gary Acton opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Branson RecPlex. All officers were present. There were 16 members attending and Doris Rohde was a guest. The minutes from the September meeting were approved as published in the October Newsletter. Treasurer Erv Rohde reported that the current treasury balance was \$1659.34 as of October 1st. The 50/50 raffle was won by Fritz Corbin who received one half of \$13.

Committee Reports: Safety Officer Gene Fuson reports that everything seems to be OK at the present time. He will check the first aid box at the field and replace anything that is outdated.

Fritz Corbin reported that the field is in good shape and will be ready for the Fun Fly this coming weekend. He has trapped a total of 7 armadillos (and one raccoon) however after further investigation feels that the only way that we are going to really rid ourselves of the problem is by killing the grubs. He put out 4 bags of grub killer and it seems to be working already. Annette McEvoy presented Fritz with 7 armadillo "kill badges" to put on his plane.

Announcements and Old Business: General discussion about last month's fun fly was that everyone had fun! There was also general discussion regarding the upcoming AMA elections and the candidates.

Howard Shire announced that former member Phil Equi recently passed away. John Woods announced that former member Virgil Moon is in very poor health.

New Business: The nominating committee of Howard Shire and Bob Pilecki presented the following for 2008 officers: President-Dave Medley, Vice President-Bob Pilecki, Treasurer-Erv Rohde. They did not have a nomination for Secretary—Annette McEvoy will consider it.

Gary Acton asked that everyone bring stuffed toys, for our annual Skaggs Toy donation, to the next meeting if possible. The actual presentation will be in December, however, it will help to begin collecting them now. This was a huge success last year when we collected 42 items for the hospital.

Discussion regarding the Christmas party ensued – it was decided to leave it on the regular date of our December meeting (12/11) rather than change it to an evening on the weekend, as too many people already have other commitments at that time of the year. It was also decided to have it at the RecPlex again. Gary Acton will arrange for the rooms. Howard Shire said that Claudia will help out again.

It was reported that the display racks that we placed at TPA, Hobby Town and Sleeth's hobby shops are attracting a lot of attention. We need to get some more brochures to all of the shops for refills. It was suggested that we put out a few extra, perhaps in hardware stores, etc. to expand our exposure. John Woods passed around a magazine and a few label samples with our club info. that he came up with to display in Dr., etc. offices. Anyone wanting some labels should contact John.

The final Fun Fly of the year, coming up this weekend, was discussed. The events will be as posted in the current newsletter, with Bud Austin hosting the 2nd event. Pilots meeting at 1:00. John suggested that we sell the left over food (after lunch) for cost (or donations) to get rid of it. Dave Medley volunteered to again make some hot beans and we'll charge .50 per bowl.

Program: Dave Medley passed around the certificates for that past two Fun Fly events: August event: 1st place Two Minute Flight-Don Johnson; 1st place Roops 3x2-Bud Austin; 1st place Dead Stick Loops-Bud Austin. Overall results: 2nd place tie between Don Johnson & Dick Ross; 1st place Bud Austin. September event: 1st place Box Event-Erv Rohde; 1st place Erv's Ground Targets-Bud Austin; 1st Place Loop, Roll & Spot Landing-Fritz Corbin. Overall results for the event: 3rd-Erv Rohde; 2nd Bud Austin; 1st Fritz Corbin.

Reeder Jones is selling his 20% Great Planes Cub with a 72 Saito, 82" wing span. Has 5 servos but no receiver or battery. \$300.

Roy Steinestel had a complete Chipmunk air frame with 3 servo's for sale. \$50.

Gene Fuson brought his new electric Ultra Stik. He's using Hitec receiver & servos, 2100 mAh battery and looking forward to it's first flight.

Next meeting will be November 13th at the Branson RecPlex.



Above is for those that like something unusual. At left is Homer Zoble with his F-117 Stealth Fighter. This is his second except he enlarged the original plans for this one. Test pilot John Woods has successfully flown it twice, once with only part of the elevators operating. Oh well, no harm no foul. John says it kind of disappears when flying directly to or away from you. To the right is ex Club member and guest, Don Livermore, with his new (used) jet that he brought to show us at noon during the Fun Fly. The field was a little small for him to fly it but he did demo the start up and taxiing for us. Continuing clockwise, below right is Reader Jones' 1/5 scale Great Planes Cub ARF that he would like to sell for \$300 complete with motor and servos. Looks like a good deal! Below left is Gene Fuson's electric Ultra Stik. It needed a smaller prop to drop the current to 25 Amps. Should be a great flyer. Behind Gene's plane is Roy Steinestel's Chipmunk that he would like to sell for \$50. Looks like a bargain!



To the right is your editor's set up at BEST (Best Electrics in South Texas) at New Waverly, Texas, about 50 miles north of Houston. All four planes in the foreground did fly, including the little 16 inch clipped wing Taylorcraft. It's about lunch time and Marge, son and daughter-in-law are fixing something to eat after a hard morning's flying. The crab cakes, crab fingers, sliced beef and salad got some envious glances. This all electric meet drew about a hundred participants.



OCTOBER FUN FLY

Finally, here it was — the last Fun Fly of the year and the final chance for points counting toward the Top Gun 2007 award. It wasn't a good flying day, with gusty winds between 5 and 15 MPH, but five fearless aviators were ready to have a go at it and see who's name went on that coveted award.

An all star crew of John Woods on supplies, Howard Shire on the grill and Dave Medley on the bean pot, provided an excellent lunch for participants and guests.

We also had a guest, Don Livermore, that came all the way from Springfield to demonstrate his new (used) turbine jet. Don explained the operation of the jet, started it up and taxied it for the members and guests present. Don has flown this plane three times but felt our runway was a little short to try to fly it at our field. Many thanks Don! After the demo it was on to the Pilot's meeting and the first event.

The first event was to take off, do two rolls, a touch and go, two loops and then land and stop touching a target in the middle of the runway. Time starts when the plane moves and stops when the plane stops while touching the target. Restarts were allowed. Lowest time wins. John Woods took First Place with a flight of 60 seconds. Second Place was a tie with Erv Rohde and Bud Austin each having 66 second flights. Dick Ross and Howard Shire were doing fairly well until they had to restart their engines and took Fourth and Fifth Place respectively at 78 and 146 seconds.

The second event was Bud Austin's 60 Second Flight. Take off and do as many loops as possible and land in 60 seconds. Time starts when plane taxis through the start/finish line (between two cones) and ends when the plane has touched down and passes through the start/finish line. One point for each loop made, 5 point penalty for getting airborne before the start line and one point penalty for each second over a one minute flight. The pilot is told when he is 30 seconds into the flight. No penalty for a less than second 60 flight. No restarts but if you kill your engine you can run onto the field and carry the plane across the finish line. High score after penalties wins. First Place

was the Event's originator, Bud Austin, with 11 loops and no penalty points. Second Place went to John Woods with 10 loops and he also had no penalties. Erv Rohde was Third with 10 loops less 6 penalty points and Howard Shire took Fourth Place with 8 loops less 14 penalty points. Fifth Place went to Dick Ross with 12 loops less 46 penalty points.

The third and final event of the year was Timed Touch and Go Landings. Take off and do a touch down, with at least one wheel in the marked square (about 30 feet square). Repeat three more times. Restarts allowed. Time starts when plane starts and ends on fourth touch down in the square. Low time wins. A maximum of three minutes allowed for each participant. First Place went to John Woods with 150 seconds and in Second Place was Bud Austin with 157 seconds. Third place went to Dick Ross at 180 seconds and 3 T & G's and Fourth was Erv Rohde at 180 seconds and 2 T & G's. Howard Shire was first to take off and received maximum sympathy points as his plane, as it turned into his first T & G approach, was grabbed by the wind and pushed into the ground with much balsa breaking force. That ended Howard's day but at least it was the last event.

Overall scoring was First Place John Woods with 270 Top Gun 2007 points, Second Place was Bud Austin at 230 points and Erv Rohde was Third with 140 points. Fourth Place was Dick Ross with 100 points and Fifth was Howard Shire with 70 points.

As this year's Fun Fly Director, I am pleased that we were able to get all four Fun Flies in, albeit with some rain and wind during the events. Also many thanks to the members that flew in these events and the members and spouses that helped run and score the events, made sure we all had a great lunch before the events and acted as enthusiastic spectators. Also a special thanks to Erv, John and Bud for coming up with some new and unique events to keep the interest up.

The next Fun Fly will be New Year's Day 2008

NOVEMBER MEETING

NOVEMBER 13, 7:00 PM

Meet at the Branson RecPlex

Program

Bring your current projects for "Show and Tell"

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SAFETY FIRST

Avoid standing on, or crossing, the runway unless necessary. If you do go out on the runway, announce to other pilots that you are doing so. Leave the area as soon as possible, and announce that you have cleared the runway.

See you at the field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer



Above is Tom Mckenzie's electric Cessna which Jim Halbert modernized (hopped up) for him. Jim replaced the brushed motor with a brushless motor, brushless speed control and larger capacity battery with more cells. About 100 watts/lb. The plane definitely performs better with this upgrade.

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