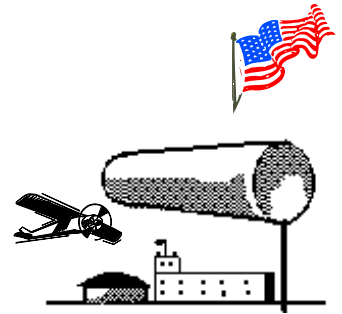


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A VERY IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITY



After returning from B.E.S.T. (Best Electrics in South Texas) in New Waverly, Texas, I found out that many pictures taken during the event had been posted to the rcgroups.com web site. Of all the pictures posted someone had picked the above picture as his favorite. I can remember seeing this little kid pulling his dad's Tiger Moth out to the flying station and back. As you watched him, you could tell that he took this responsibility very seriously. There are a couple more pictures from this web site on page 4. Including a couple of my planes. For more pictures of this meet you can go to <http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=880838&page=9>.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

All Pilots;

We had a good meeting on Tuesday night and we missed all that didn't make it. We discussed several important subjects.

1. It is time for elections at the Christmas Party, we didn't have too many volunteers for the next year and we will be losing several officers. It is OUR CLUB and we will need some help. At the November meeting we will nominate for the jobs for next year. Please help out.

2. Our annual Toy Drive for Skaggs Hospital. Stuffed Bears preferred. Please Help Out. Bring to November Meeting.

3. December's meeting will also be our annual Christmas Party. It is a Pot Luck, everyone needs to call Claudia Shire 779-5069 and tell her what you will bring. I am doing the Ham and she is doing the Beef. We always have lots of good food and good fellowship.

Thanks in advanced for all of your help, see you at the field.

Dave

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

It's officer nomination time again. The nominating committee of Erv Rohde and Bob Pilecki will be looking for candidates for Club offices. We know everyone has busy schedules but without officers we have no club. So if you're asked to serve as an officer please consider accepting.

The Last Fun Fly of the season has been run and the next Fun Fly event will be January 1st. This is a rain or shine, sleet or snow event and will give brave, daring pilots bragging rights for the coming year. Put it on your calendar.

Also remember to bring your new teddy bears to the November meeting, for our annual donation to Skaggs Hospital.

Below is a picture of the pit area at B.E.S.T. (Best Electrics in South Texas) in New Waverly, TX. Who's that good looking gal checking out the flying hardware?

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



Joe Major showed up with a tiny E-flite MX2 helicopter that he flew at the October meeting. See description in Meeting Minutes. No, he didn't land it on Dave Medley's head.



TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2008			
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BALANCE	10/1/2008	\$ 1,810.86	\$ 2,351.20
INCOME-DUES	-----	\$ 80.00	\$ 1,493.75
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ 5.00	\$ 45.00
INCOME-FOOD	-----	\$ 25.50	\$ 108.00
INCOME-50/50	-----	\$ 5.50	\$ 50.00
INCOME-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$ 100.00
EXPENSE-FIELD	-----	\$ 90.40	\$ 1,631.82
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ 16.60
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD	-----	\$ 8.29	\$ 116.43
EXPENSE-AMA	-----	\$ -	\$ 105.00
EXPENSE-Web	-----	\$ -	\$ 194.58
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ 25.00	\$ 100.00
EXPENSE-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$ 180.35
BALANCE	10/21/2008	\$ 1,803.17	\$ 1,803.17

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

October 14, 2008

President Dave Medley opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Branson RecPlex. All officers were present. There were 12 members present. A correction to the September minutes was that there is 35 not 34 current Club members. Treasurer Erv Rohde reported that the treasury balance as of October 1st was \$1,810.86. The 50/50 raffle was won by Bud Austin who received one half of \$11.

Committee Reports:

There were no committee reports

Announcements and Old Business:

Fritz Corbin said that the armadillo problem has increased and the landing area has been really devastated. After discussion it was decided that he will get the chemicals necessary to try to control the situation.

John Woods provided information on where to send articles on Club activities to the Stone County Gazette.

Dave Medley reminded everyone to bring stuffed toys to next months meeting for our annual Skaggs Hospital Christmas toy drive.

Erv Rohde read off an inventory of the Club shirts/hats presently on hand. We are out of the large size shirts but must order 24 at a time. It was decided to hold off reordering for now.

Dave Medley will contact a few of the members' wives to set up arrangements for the annual Christmas party.

Discussion regarding an election committee resulted in Erv Rohde and Bob Pilecki taking on the job of coming up with a slate of candidates for 2008 officers.

It was decided that if the weather prevents us from holding this Saturdays' fun fly it will not be rescheduled and all Top Gun points will be based on the previous events for the year.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Program:

Joe Major brought his E-flite mini-version of the MX2 helicopter. It's on 2.4 spread technology and can be purchased for \$130 with transmitter or \$100 without (you can use your own 2.4 transmitter but not the DX6). Uses 4 AA batteries for the charger and has a 3.7 volt battery with 110 mAH Li-Po battery. Joe also cautioned everyone using the new JR 9303 to check for the wire rubbing on the aileron wire in their transmitters. This isn't a common problem but has shown up on occasion and can be easily corrected.

Next meeting will be November 11th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

NEW MEMBER

The Club picked up a new member in October, bringing the Club Roster to 36 members.

Gary Smith is our newest member. He and wife Valerie live in Rockaway Beach. Yes, the Club has two Smiths from Rockaway Beach and they are not related. Robert "Smitty" Smith is Gary's friend and was his flight instructor.

Welcome to the Club Gary, we are happy to have you join us.

B.E.S.T.

Best Electrics in South Texas New Waverly, TX

Below are some pictures from BEST that your editor attended the first weekend in June.



The Pilot's Choice award went to this B-29. It has about a six foot span and was covered in aluminum foil and had lots of panel lines and details. Flew well in the wind

Recipient of the President's award went to Keith Spark's B-58 Hustler powered by two pusher props on the inboard engine pods. He's thinking of re-powering it with 4 EDF's.



The above plane (probably some sort of "STICK") was small with about an 18 to 20 inch wing span. It looked great and was fast, very maneuverable and flown by a kid about 18. He was doing very well until he was mid-aired, then the little plane came out second best. To the right is a picture of a couple (actually three) of my planes that were posted on the Internet.



Here is a picture (from the internet) of a couple of large 540 Edges from 3-D Hobby Shop. They manufacture ARF's this size on down to about 31 inches. Flew great in the wind. No problem to hover or make them tail dance—if you are an expert pilot.



OCTOBER FUN FLY

Finally the last Fun Fly of the season and it was a great fall day. It was cool, the sun was shining and the wind was not much of a factor in the flying. With John Woods providing the hotdogs, sodas and chips and Howard Shire doing the cooking honors, everyone had a great lunch to start things off. Even President Dave provided desert in the form of a nice chocolate cake. Actually the cake had a little story to it but we'll skip it for now.

After a short pilots' meeting it was on to the first event which was a TWO MINUTE DRILL. Time starts when plane moves off starting mark, taxi completely around pylon one then completely around pylon two, take off and do a roll then a loop and land. Taxi completely around pylon one and also pylon two, then stop, touching the target, time then stops. No timing help allowed. Penalties are 1 point for each second under 120, 2 points for each second over 120 and 10 points for each pylon displaced. Low points wins. First Place went to Erv Rohde with 111 seconds and 9 points, Second Place was John Woods with 107 seconds (13 points). In Third Place was Fritz Corbin with 131 seconds (22 points) and Fourth was Bud Austin at 158 seconds (76 points).

The second event was HOWARD SHIRE'S EGG DROP. Attach the supplied foam cup to your plane and place a large egg in the cup. Take off, fly to the end of the runway and turn back without dropping the egg (1 point), do a loop without dropping egg (5 points) then fly over target and drop egg. Get 4 points if egg hits runway or 10 points if egg hits inside target area on runway. High points win. No one hit the target area but Bud Austin, Don Johnson and John Woods tied for first at 10 points each. Howard Shire was in Fourth Place with 1 point. After a two to one vote it was decided to have a fly off for first, second and third. With another egg, take off, fly to the end of the runway, turn back and drop the egg. Closest hit to the target wins. First Place went to John

Woods, Second Place to Bud Austin and Third to Don Johnson.

The third and final event of 2008 was SPOT LANDING (2). Take off, do a touch-and-go and land on the runway target. Minus 10 points for the touch-and-go and +1 point for each foot away from the target the plane first touches down. Then do it again and take the best score from the two tries. Low score wins. John Woods was on a hot streak and had a touch down of 10' - 6.5", for a net score of 1, and his second First Place of the day. Don Johnson was in Second Place with 16' - 9.5" and a net 7- and Erv Rohde was in Third Place with 17' - 4" and a net 7+. Coming in Third was Fritz Corbin with 19' and a net score of 9. Fritz had the honor of having the last official Fun Fly flight of 2008 and decided to take off again after touching down and ran into a fence post. Bummer!!

The overall winner was John Woods with 270 Top Gun 2008 points. Second Place overall went to Erv Rohde with 165 points and Third overall was Don Johnson with 140 points. In Fourth Place overall was Bud Austin with 120 points.

It has been an interesting year. We got all four of the Fun Flies in. We also had a different overall winner in each of the four Fun Flies and the Top Gun 2008 Award was in doubt until the final event was over, We will probably find out who that skilled pilot is at the November or December meeting. A special thanks to the guest event directors, Howard Shire at this last Fun Fly and John Woods, Bud Austin and Erv Rohde at previous Fun Flies. They provided a welcome diversity to the events. Again many thanks to all those that stepped in to help with the events and the lunches and contributed goodies for the lunches. And also to those that keep the field in such great shape even though there are a bunch of critters trying to dig it up. Great job guys!

MOVEMBER MEETING

NOVEMBER 11, 2008 6:00 PM

Meet at the **BRANSON RecPlex**

Program

Bring your current projects
for show and tell

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SAFETY FIRST

If you are going out in the woods to locate a downed airplane be sure to take someone with you and take a cell phone or walkie-talkies. Some of the ground out there is steep, rutted, and some of it has very high weeds. Getting through that type of terrain has some inherent dangers, so be careful, and be prepared. All of that is in addition to the fact that **MOST** of us are not in the shape we were in 30 years ago. That could be a dangerous situation by itself. So, take your time, take a buddy, and take a phone.

See You At The Field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

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