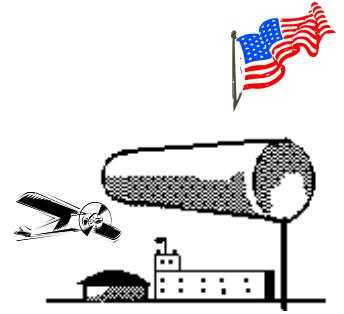


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ALMOST A WINNER



Above is Bud Austin's recently completed electric sport plane. He selected this plane to compete in the CLIMB, GLIDE AND SPOT LANDING event (his event). Really looked like a great choice as it climbed smartly into the sky. When the power was turned off it transitioned into a great glide. After gliding around for a while he took it down wind, turned perpendicular to the runway, then made his final turn for landing. Unfortunately he turned back down wind instead of north back toward the field. Realizing he had a long way to glide back to the field with very little altitude and some big trees to get over, he calmly turned the motor back on and flew under power back to the field. Of course this was a DQ of what looked to be a great flight but the plane landed undamaged— a much better outcome than when a wet fueled plane, on dead stick, can't get back to the field against the wind.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hi Fellow Pilots;

We had a good and successful final fun fly last month. It was a little chilly but any time you don't crash is good and successful.

My new electric plane flew good even though I stalled it in the final turn on the climb and glide and had to disqualify myself and bring in the power to get it back to the field.

I hope everyone is reserving Dec. 8th for our annual Christmas dinner. We will be planning it at our meeting on Nov. 10th. Bring any new projects and I'll see you at the RecPlex.

BUD

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2009			
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BALANCE	10/1/2009	\$1,805.69	\$ 2,524.58
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ -	\$ 1,123.36
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ 5.00	\$ 55.00
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ 16.50	\$ 112.30
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ 4.00	\$ 47.50
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 25.00	\$ 1,299.02
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ 8.40
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ 159.26
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ 17.75	\$ 93.95
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ 110.00
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ 195.00
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ 25.00	\$ 100.00
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ 133.67
BALANCE	11/1/2009	\$1,773.44	\$ 1,773.44

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

The year is coming rapidly to an end and there are a few dates to keep in mind. The November meeting is on the 10th where we will have nominations for 2010 Club Officers as well as planning for the Christmas party on December 8th. Also on January 1st is the Annual New Year's Day Fun Fly. Regardless of weather brave Club members will put in at least one official flight (good landing not required) before returning home to enjoy the football games. So, remember these dates and come on out and support your club.

With the Halberts and the Johnsons going to the SMALL meet in Little Rock for so many years it finally happened—They took our picture and put it on page 74 of the November issue of Model Aviation. OK a little help—lower right picture, Don in blue shirt flying either the Vapor or Taylorcraft, Jim to his right on the first row of seats and on the right side of the top row are Ardith and Marge. Also on Page 76 is a picture of Don's green and yellow 65 inch Ballanca Aircruiser.

The question of donating stuffed toys to the hospital came up at the October meeting. Erv Rohde said he belonged to an organization that made several hundred stuffed toys each year and donated them to the hospital, It was decided to pass on the toy donations this year.

Well we finished our 2009 Top Gun Fun Flies and were able to get all four events in. The surprise? winners will probably be announced at the Christmas party. The Fun Flies are a lot of fun but the attendance and enthusiasm seem to be waning somewhat. Maybe it is time for some creative thinking on how to get more people involved. Maybe fewer Fun Flies but more events in each Fun Fly. Maybe some non flying or limited flying events to include more members. Suggestions are not only welcome but asked for.

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

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

October 13, 2009

President Bud Austin called the meeting to order at 5:58 P.M. at Branson RexPlex. All officers were present. There were 10 members present including the officers. There were no guests. Gene Fuson won the 50/50 pot. He received \$4.00 of the \$8.00 pot.

Committee Reports:

Irv Rohde reported that we had \$1,805.69 in the bank.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Old Business:

Howard Shire questioned how the tires on the mowers were holding up. Fritz Corbin reported that two of the tires had slow leaks. After a brief discussion it was decided that Fritz should check on the availability of tubes for the tires and if none are available to purchase replacement tires

New Business:

Erv. Rohde read an email from a flier who wanted to fly at our field and was very upset when he wasn't given the combination for the lock on the gate. It was made clear to the membership that what we did was what our safety rules call for. (Item 16)

John Woods read an email from Annette McAvoy stating that she felt we needed to incorporate. After a short discussion the subject was tabled until more members were present.

Fritz Corbin will check with Mark Niebrzydowski

to see if he will check the mowers over the winter so they will be ready for spring mowing.

Saturday October 17 is the last Fun Fly of the year.

Meeting adjourned: 7:00 P.M.

Program:

Gene Fuson displayed his new electric plane that he just purchased.

A NOTE FROM ERV ROHDE

On October 17th, before the October Fun Fly, Jack and Jean from Grays Lake, IL showed up at the field. They were in Branson for the shows and Jack being an AMA member asked to fly at our field which he did. They had lunch with us and even stayed around for most of the Fun Fly. They seemed to have a good time and asked to donate \$10 to the Club as they were leaving. We thank them for their generosity and congeniality.

CURRENT 2009 CLUB MEMBERS

Below are the names of the 29 members that are current in their 2009 Club dues:

Rick Almond, Bud Austin, Sid Beckham, Fritz Corbin, Gene Fuson, Larry Gliser, Jim Halbert, Jim Haney, Don Johnson, Reader Jones, Joe Major, Annette McEvoy, Jack McEvoy, Dave Medley, Tom Mckenzie, Randy Needham, Mark Niebrzydowski, Keith Oxby, Richard Peterson, Robert Pilecki, Mike Porter, Henry Racette, Erv Rohde, Howard Shire, Gary Smith, Robert Smith, Roy Steinstel, Joel (Bill) Walker, and John Woods.

If you feel your 2009 Club dues are current but you are not on the above list contact Erv Rohde for needed corrections.



Above left is Gene Fusion's new German Albatross D5A. It is an ARF that he purchased from Green Models out of Joplin. It has a wing span of 52 inches and weighs about four pounds with a 2100 mAH battery. When completed it should be a great looking model and also fly well with all that wing area. Above right is another shot of Bud Austin's no name scratch built electric. It flies very well. Below are a couple of shots of Don Johnson's "The Lancer" old time free flight converted to 3 channel RC. It weighs in at 2.5 pounds, including about 4 ounces of weight added to the nose. Not sure how old the design is but it may be as old as your editor. It is a short kit from Bob Holman Plans. If you have built from old time plans, you have probably noticed that they don't give you details like center of gravity or wing and stabilizer incidences. Don't know how well it will fly since I had to work to get a built in wing warp corrected. We will soon see as it is ready for its maiden flight.



NEW MEMBER

The Club gained a new member in July, but due to the Editor being in the Hospital, formal recognition of him joining the Club got lost in the shuffle. Well, hopefully better late than never.

Randy Needham joined the Club in November. He and his wife Jean live in Cape Fair.

Randy, sorry about the delay but we are very happy to have you join us.

OCTOBER FUN FLY

Well here it was, the last Fun Fly of the year! The last chance to earn 2009 Top Gun Points for the prestigious honor of being the Club's Top Gun Pilot of the year. The weather was quite cool and a little gusty and the spectators were few. Although we did have a couple that were visiting Branson and came out to the field to fly and stayed to watch the Fun Fly.

After a lunch of dogs, sodas and chips (hmm.. No cakes or cookies) and a short Pilot's meeting, it was off to the first event.

The first event was the THREE CITY BARN-STORM. Place the plane in the circle (first city airport) and draw the barn storm routine. Take off (time starts when plane moves) and do the routine, Then land at the second city airport and taxi or carry plane into circle (same circle). Follow the same procedure for the second city and the third city as with the first city. Time stops when plane stops in the third city circle. Restarts allowed with time continuing to run but the total time allowed is 5 minutes. John Wood came in first with a time of 142 seconds followed by Fritz Corbin in second with 167 seconds. Third place went to Don Johnson at 199 seconds and fourth was Bud Austin at 222 seconds. Fifth place was Erv Rohde as he needed a restart and ran out of time when his engine would not restart.

The second event was BUD'S CLIMB AND GLIDE TO SPOT LANDING. Climb for 25 seconds and shut down engine/motor and glide to spot on the field. Time starts when plane moves and stops when plane stops. Score equals flight time in seconds less distance from target in feet. High score wins. Landing off mowed area is a DQ. First place again went to John Woods with a score of 82 (87 seconds less 5 feet) and Fritz Corbin was second again with 46 (67-21). Third

was Don Johnson with 29 (87-58) and fourth was Erv Rhode at 25 (56-31). Bud Austin had a great glide going with his new scratch built electric plane—at least until he got down wind then turned the wrong way and had to turn the power back (DQ) on to keep from landing in the trees.

The third event was TIMED FLIGHT WITH LOOPS AND ROLLS (90 SEC). Take off, do as many loops and rolls a possible and land and stop in exactly 90 seconds. 5 points for each loop and roll less 1 point for each second over or under 90 seconds. Timing help OK. 20 point penalty if plane lands off runway. High score wins. John Woods was on a roll and again took first place with 55 points (12 loop rolls less 5 seconds). Second place went to Erv Rohde with 50 points (12 l-r-10) and third was Bud Austin at 43 points (11 l-r-12). Fritz Corbin was fourth with 33 points (9 -12) and Don Johnson was fifth with 25 (10-25).

Over all results were First Place John Woods with a perfect 300 Top Gun points and Second was Fritz Corbin with 170 Points. Tied for Third place was Erv Rohde and Don Johnson each with 120 points and Fifth was Bud Austin with 100 points. All things considered it was a good Fun Fly. The weather was brisk but all the planes and pilots competed well and survived without damage.

Again thanks to all the members and family that helped make this and all the other Fun Flies this year a success. Though the participation was down at times we were able to get all four scheduled Fun Flies in this year.

The next Fun Fly event will be New Year's Day. Come out around noon regardless of the weather and get your obligatory flight in. Then go home, get warm and watch the football games.

NOVEMBER MEETING

NOVEMBER 10, 2009 6:00 PM

Meet at **THE BRANSON REC
-PLEX.**

Program

**Bring your current projects
for show and tell.**

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SAFETY FIRST

On August 1st. one of our members was seriously injured in an automobile accident. Don Johnson was returning home from the Cub Scout event that was held at our field, and was involved in head on collision with another vehicle. He was badly injured and was flown by life flight helicopter to St. Johns Hospital in Springfield. He spent many days in intensive care and rehab. He is now home and expected to recover, albeit, slowly.

Safety is not just an issue when we are flying at our field. There are always safety concerns at home, in the car, or on the water.

Drive carefully; we want all of you to return to the field to fly another day.

See You at the Field
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

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