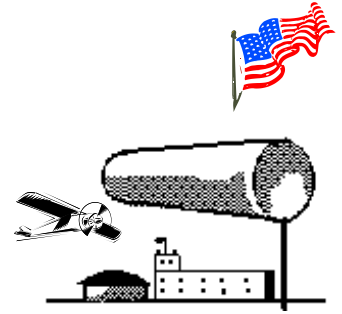


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A GREAT DAY TO BUILD A FENCE



It was a very pleasant day and the ten man crew of Bud Austin, Fritz Corbin, Gene Fuson, Don Johnson, Reeder Jones, Dave Medley, Erv Rohde, Howard Shire, Roy Stienestel and John Woods were ready for the task of replacing the safety fence. The old fence was still effective but the posts were rotting off and the fencing fabric was showing signs of abuse. By 8:30 AM on Monday the 17th, John had rented the gas powered posthole digger and was busy digging holes. Also Fritz had gotten part of the crew to remove the old fence fabric and pull out all the old posts. By about 11 AM the crews had about reached the top of the learning curve and the holes were all done, the posts were being set efficiently and the fabric was starting to be attached to the posts. By noon it was time for a break and lunch. Dave had been thoughtful enough to bring out some chili and drinks for the hard working crew. After lunch it was finish up attaching the fabric, thread and secure the top safety wire and clean up. Not a bad days work for a bunch of old guys. Many thanks to everyone that helped in this project, especially John for getting the posthole digger to the field and back and to Dave for feeding us lunch. Also a very special thanks to Fritz for his enthusiasm and guidance on this project and for having all the materials prepared and on the job site for our easy use. **Job well done, Fritz!**

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I would like to thank all of the members that came out to replace the safety fence at the field. The job moved along very well, and the new fence looks great. When you live with a situation long enough you don't realize how bad it is until you take the time to replace it and see how much better it looks. Special thanks to Fritz Corbin for taking on this project and getting the material and planning the work.

The November meeting is when we get the results of the nominating committee and open the floor for other nominations. If you know anyone willing to fill one of the offices this is the time to put them into nomination. Otherwise the slate the committee presents will be the officers next year.

This has been disappointing year weather wise. I hope we will have a nice long fall season so we can get some good weather and enjoy our hobby.

We will have our annual Christmas party again this year. It will be held in conjunction with our December meeting. My wife Claudia has again offered to organize the party, she will be at the November meeting to go over some of the details and have a sign up sheet to organize the dishes that you may wish to bring. If you are unable to attend the November meeting you can contact Claudia at 779 5069 and let her know what type dish you will be bringing. If she doesn't answer just leave your name and what you plan to bring, or just your name so she can get back to you.

If you plan to attend the party it would be appreciated if you would let her know so she can figure the amount of meat to order for the party.

I hope to see more people flying at the field.

Howard

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Before we know it, another year for the Tri-Lakes RC Flying Club will have gone by. We are ending the year with 24 members and we were able to get in three of our four scheduled Fun Flies. At the November meeting we will meet at the Coachlight Trailer Park club house where we will nominate next year's Club Officers and Plan the Christmas party to be held at the December meeting. Hope all members will plan to attend.

As mentioned last month we did attend BEST (Best Electrics in South Texas) at Willis, Texas but it was pretty well blown out this year. Some pilots flew but they usually flew the bigger faster plans—and some didn't do well, especially during landing. On the next page are a couple of pictures. Note the flags in the top picture as that is what it was like both days until the rains came. Also in the picture are two biplanes made of 3/4 inch flat blue foam. They flew well and slow, even in the wind. In the second photo is a group of cartoon planes developed by Keith Sparks. You may have seen the little jets in a magazine article. Even though they couldn't fly because of the wind, I was intrigued and had to have one. So I purchased a short kit of the Cartoon Mustang from Keith. I plan to have it finished in a couple of weeks.

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

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2011

		OCT	Y T D
BALANCE	10/1/2011	\$1,435.45	\$ 1,345.14
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ -	\$ 1,250.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ 30.30	\$ 82.30
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ 4.00	\$ 36.00
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 25.00	\$ 913.77
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ 19.80	\$ 105.88
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ 120.00
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ 120.00
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ 28.84
BALANCE	11/1//2011	\$1,429.95	\$ 1,429.95

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB

October 11, 2011

President Howard Shire opened the meeting at 5:58 PM, at Rocky Top Field. All Officers were present except VP Gene Fuson. There were 9 members present including the officers. There were no guests. John Woods won the 50/50 split the pot. He received \$4 of the \$8 pot.

Committee Reports: Treasurer Roy Steinestel reported that there was \$1,435.45 in the bank as of October 1st.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as printed in the October Newsletter.

Old Business: The plans to replace the safety fence on October 17th were reviewed. A reminder email will be sent to all members to remind them of the work day. A hotdog lunch is planned for after the work is done.

A nominating committee consisting of John Woods and Erv Rohde was appointed for 2012 Club Officers.

New Business: It was decided to again have a Christmas party at our December meeting. Claudia Shire will be at the November Club meeting to go over the party logistics.

President Howard Shire mentioned that in addition to keeping our speed down on Dayton Road, per the October safety message, Club members should be very aware that the locals tend to enter Dayton Road from their fields or driveways without looking for other vehicles.

Program: None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 PM.

Photos from BEST at Willis, TX



Above is a picture of the wind and one lone guy trying to fly. The two Ultimate Bipes are made of 3/4 inch flat blue foam, with about a 5.5 foot wing span. They look like a flying board but they fly well and slow and handle the wind very well. They are really 3-D planes. Below are cartoon planes developed by Keith Sparks. They are cute and have a wingspan of about 26 inches. They are made of 3 and 6 mm foam and vacuum formed plastic parts. Hope to have the Mustang ready to fly soon.



Another shot of part of the fence crew, Bud, Roy, Howard, John, Erv and Reeder. Looks like they are doing a MODOT pose while digging fence post holes.

OCTOBER 2011 FUN FLY

This was it! The last Fun Fly of 2011 and the weather could not have been better—a nice autumn day with a gentle breeze and the trees starting to show fall colors. At 11 AM, seven brave aviators joined the pilots briefing and were ready for the events to follow.

The first event was **2 MINUTES OF PYLONS**. From the box, slalom north through the pylon then south through the pylons. Repeat this for 120 seconds from the time the plane first moves. Score 1 point for each pylon slalomed and minus 2 points for each pylon moved. High score wins. Missing a slalom gate results in disqualification. Coming in First was Erv Rohde with 31 Pylons and 4 penalty points for a strong 27. In Second Place was Fritz Corbin with 22 pylons and Third was John Woods with 16 pylons. Neither Fritz or John had any penalty points. Fourth Place went to Bud Austin with 10 (14-4) points and Fifth went to Don Johnson with 9 (11-2) points

The next event was **JOHN'S BROKEN ARROW** event. Attach an arrow to one of the planes wing tips. Taxi through the start gate (time starts), then through gate #1 and break balloon #1. Take off and do a roll and a loop, land and taxi through gate #2 and then break balloon #2 (time stops). 20 points are added to the time for missing a gate, breaking wrong balloon, hitting a gate cone, or breaking the balloon with the prop. Lowest net time wins. Breaking or losing the arrow results in disqualification. John Woods came in first with 66 seconds and no penalties. Not surprising since it was his event and he probably secretly practiced. In second place was Bud Austin with 68 seconds and Third was Erv Rohde with 75 seconds. Neither one had any penalties. Fritz Corbin came in Fourth with 131, including a 20 second penalty. Don, Dave and Howard did not finish the event.

The final event of the day and of the year was **THREE MINUTE LANDINGS**. From the square take off, do a loop, land and stop in square (all three wheels). Continue doing the same sequence as many times as possible. Time starts when plane moves and stops at 180 seconds. The pilot with the most stops in the square after landing wins. In case of a tie for first place, these pilots will take off from square, do a loop, land and stop in square. The shortest time wins the tie breaker. Erv Rohde was hot and won First Place for the second time with 6 stops in the square. Bud Austin and John Woods tied for Second Place with 5 stops and Fritz Corbin and Don Johnson tied for Fifth with 4 stops.

The Overall winner was Erv Rohde with 250 event points, thereby earning 100 Top Gun 2011 points. In Second Place was John Woods with 210 event points and 70 Top Gun points. Third Place went Bud Austin with 160 event and 50 Top Gun points. Fourth was Fritz Corbin with 125 event and 30 Top Gun points. Fifth went to Don Johnson with 50 event and 20 TG points.

Many thanks to all that participated and joined in in helping with the Fun Fly. A special thanks to John Woods for his interesting event, for Gene Fuson and Roy Stienestel for their help in timing and scoring the events and to Dave Medley for procuring the food and cooking the hot dogs. He also prepared a three meat chili which was excellent. There were some rumors about the three meats being raccoon, possum and armadillo but in any event it was very good. Also appreciated were the cookies and cake for desert. We had a few guests at the event including Annette and Jack McEvoy. It was good to see them again.

The Top Gun 2011 results will be announced at the December meeting and Christmas Party.

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SAFETY FIRST

Well, I seem to learn certain things the hard way. I had an out of control airplane crash on the field, actually just off the field. It seems that my 72 Mhz transmitter works a whole lot better if the antenna is in the EXTENDED position. Down is O.K. for a range check, but you need the thing UP if you are flying. Duh, Duh, Duh.

I was fortunate that it crashed on the far side of the field, and therefore nobody was endangered by my stupidity. It was just a little Fokker, but it hit hard.

Sooooooooo, another hard lesson learned. Check the antenna!!!!!!!!!!

See you at the field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING WILL BE
NOVEMBER 8TH, 6:00PM, AT THE
COACHLIGHT TRAILER PARK CLUB
HOUSE.**