

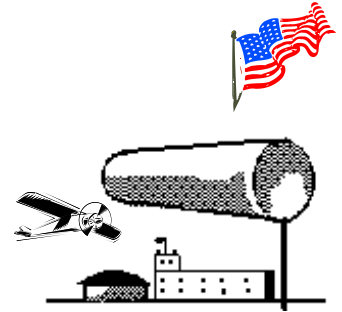
# THE WINDSOCK

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## FALL—A GREAT TIME TO FLY



**Ah, the air is brisk, the sun is bright, the wind is light, the trees are turning colors and the ticks and chiggers are gone. How could anyone not want to be outdoors enjoying a day of flying? So it was on the last Saturday of October as Howard Shire retrieves his plane after a successful flight and Greg Moody and Bud Austin enjoy chasing their planes around the sky. Life doesn't get much better than this! Though it does get cold in the winter, there are many days that we can enjoy a day of flying. Come out and join us.**



## THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD



Why do we use pilot stations as a safety feature at our field? Howard Shire decided to demonstrate the effectiveness of these stations by landing hot and running into one. Although the plane did get through the mesh, it is doubtful anyone in the station would have been hurt. It did its' job! See the front page for a picture of the same plane three days earlier.



We did manage to get all four scheduled Fun Flys in this year. Either the weather was good or we have learned how to handle the weather better. The Certificates for the October Fun Fly will be handed out at the November meeting on the 13th. The Certificates for the Top Gun 2012 will be given out at the Christmas Party on December 4th. At the December meeting we will also have the election of Club Officers for 2013.

The Club winter meeting site will be different. We will be at the Southport Condominium Club house. To get to the Clubhouse go south on HWY 13 through Kimberling City, across the bridge and turn left on Pt. 7 Rd. (the first paved road on the left after the bridge). Follow Pt 7 Rd up the hill about a quarter mile past 8 condo buildings and a gray water tank on your left. Turn left on Southport Ln and follow it down the hill and past 7 condos and three speed bumps. The Clubhouse is the last building past the pool. When leaving continue west on Southport Ln (one way) and up the hill to Pt 7 Rd, then right to HWY 13.

We seem to be losing quite a few airplanes lately. Erv Rohde, who has a new Futaba 2.4 GHz radio, thinks the receiver would lose the signal then crash. He has lost two or three planes this way. He has now mounted the receiver so the two antenna wires stick out of the fuselage and said that he has had no further problems. Hope this does the trick for him. One thing to remember about the 2.4 GHz systems is that if the receiver loses the signal it will not instantly reconnect like the 72 MHz systems, but will take some time to reboot after getting the signal back. Granted this may be a short time but one, two or three seconds is a long time when you have no control of your plane. The best advice is to follow the manufacturers suggestions, try to place the antenna wires where the transmitter can best "see" them and keep your batteries charged up.

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

### TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2012

		OCT	Y T D
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>10/1/2012</b>	<b>\$ 1,266.89</b>	<b>\$ 1,566.05</b>
<b>INCOME-DUES</b> -----		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,165.00</b>
<b>INCOME-SHIRTS&amp;CAPS</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 20.00</b>
<b>INCOME-FOOD</b> -----		<b>\$ 15.00</b>	<b>\$ 72.70</b>
<b>INCOME-50/50</b> -----		<b>\$ 5.50</b>	<b>\$ 45.00</b>
<b>INCOME-MISC</b> -----		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 5.60</b>
<b>EXPENSE-FIELD</b> -----		<b>\$ 63.15</b>	<b>\$ 1,226.98</b>
<b>EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>EXPENSE-SHIRTS&amp;CAPS</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>EXPENSE-FOOD</b> -----		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 75.03</b>
<b>EXPENSE-AMA</b> -----		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 105.00</b>
<b>EXPENSE-Web</b> -----		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 120.00</b>
<b>EXPENSE-meeting room</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>EXPENSE-MISC</b> -----		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 123.10</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>11/1//2012</b>	<b>\$ 1,224.24</b>	<b>\$ 1,224.24</b>

# MEETING MINUTES

## TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB

OCTOBER 9, 2012

Vice-President Gene Fuson opened the meeting at 5:59 PM, at Rocky Top Field. All Officers except President Jim Haney were present. There were 10 members present including the Officers. No guests were present. Fritz Corbin won the 50/50 split the pot. He received \$5.50 of the \$11 pot.

### Committee Reports:

Treasurer Roy Steinestel reported that there was \$1,266.89 in the bank as of October 1<sup>st</sup>.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as printed in the October Newsletter with the exception that PROFESSOR was spelled wrong on the front page. It should have been PROFESSOR. Seems the spell checker does not check words in all caps.

### Old Business:

The Christmas party at Ivy Jean's was cancelled due to lack of interest. However, it was voted (10 to 1) to have a Christmas party and the December meeting at the Southport Condominiums Clubhouse on Dec 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. Southport is at the south end of the Kimberling City bridge. Directions will be in the December Newsletter. John Woods will arrange for the food and will contact members, by email, to get a head count. It was estimated that the cost would be about \$10 per head. Since this is the Tri-Lakes RC Flying Club's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, it was decided to have a cake to celebrate the event.

There was no further discussion on gates for the openings in the safety fence.

### New Business:

Don Johnson showed a white tee shirt with an ironed on computer generated Club logo decal. It looked good but he felt a silk-screened shirts would look and last better. He has more decals if anyone wants one.

John Woods announced that the OV-1 Osprey veterans group has cancelled their trip to Branson so the Club will not be hosting an event for them.

The Club decided that there will be no rain date if the October Fun Fly is cancelled due to weather.

It was decided that the nominating committee for 2013 Club Officers will be the current Club Officers, They are to submit a slate of candidates at the November meeting.

The November Club meeting will be held November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Southport Condominium's clubhouse.

### Program:

John Woods passed around a flyer for a fun fly to be held at Hammer Field on October 26, 27 and 28. If interested contact John for more details.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40PM.

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Below Bud Austin looks over Greg Moody's Cub, trying to determine what needs to be done to repair it after it flew into the trees. Greg seems to like Cubs as this is his second and probably fourth or fifth major repair. Full size Cubs are known to be great flyers but for some reason the Cubs at the flying field don't seem to last very long. But then again many other planes don't either!



# OCTOBER FUN FLY

The forecast was for high winds but by 11 AM it was not too bad, so six brave airmen said they were ready to fly in the last Fun Fly of the year. Actually there were seven. Craig McKenzie was in the area and would have flown but his plane wasn't running well enough to compete.

The first event was the **MINUTE TO WIN IT**. In exactly 60 seconds, take off from the target, do as many loop-rolls as possible, land and stop on the target in exactly 60 seconds. 5 points for each loop-roll minus 2 points for each second more or less than 60. High score wins. Bud Austin led the way with 7 loop-rolls and 62 seconds for 31 points. Second place went to John Woods with 6 loop-rolls and 62 seconds for a 26, Fritz Corbin was third with an 8 (4 l-r and 66). Fourth went to Howard Shire at -36 (2 l-r and 83) and in fifth was Don Johnson with a -63 (7 l-r and 109). Erv Rohde Was having problems making his Super Sportster do loops and rolls, ending up in the weeds with minor damage. Since he was out for the day, he decided to be the chef for the noon BBQ.

The next event was **JOHN'S DEAD STICK LANDING**. Take off from the target and circle the field and set up for landing. Kill the motor/engine on the backstretch as the plane crosses an imaginary line from the target perpendicular to the runway. Dead stick back to the target. The plane stopping closest to the target wins. Bud Austin again earned first place stopping 23 feet from the target. Howard Shire was second at 48 feet and broke off his landing gear, John Woods was third at 85 feet. Fourth place went to Don Johnson with 170 feet and fifth went to Fritz Corbin at 250 feet out in the weeds.

The last event was **THREE MINUTE**

**L A N D I N G S** . From the square, take off, do a loop and land and stop with all three wheels in square. Repeat as many time as possible in 180 seconds. The most landings win. In case of tie for first place only, take off from square, do a loop, land and stop in square. Shortest time wins the tie. John Woods came in first with a smooth 6 landings. Bud Austin was second with 5 landings and Don Johnson was third with 3 landings. Fritz discovered his plane had been damaged in the previous event and took an uncontrolled trip into the grass. Erv and Howard also had planes on the sideline with damage. The last two events were being effected quite a bit by the wind.

Overall results were first place with 270 Top Gun 2012 points was Bud Austin. In second place was John Woods with 220 points, third went to Howard Shire at 120 points. Fourth was Don Johnson with 100 points, fifth was Fritz Corbin with 90 points and sixth was Erv Rohde with 40 points.

As usual there are many people to thank for making the Fun Fly FUN. Thanks to Reeder Jones for being the event scorer along with everyone else that pitched in to time and measure. To John Woods for procuring the grub, especially for bringing wife Janet's chocolate cake. For Erv Rohde being the chef of the day. And last but surely not least is Bud Austin and Fritz Corbin for keeping the flying field in such great shape and keeping the critters at bay.

It was an interesting day. During lunch the wind really kicked up sending plates flying and table cloths flapping. Also past Club members Jack and Annette McEvoy dropped by and we all had a nice visit.

The Top Gun 2012 certificates will be awarded at our Club Christmas party on December 4th.



## **TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB**

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## **SAFETY FIRST**

As we head into colder weather, make sure your batteries are fully charged before heading to the field. Most batteries lose some effectiveness at lower temperatures. You might also consider taking a charger with you and re-charging if your batteries are reading a little low. I have heard some pilot's state that they charged their battery "overnight" and it checks low at the field. It is time for a new battery at that point. I did have a bad charger that fooled me into thinking my battery was bad, so check the charger too. You can also have your buddy check your battery out on his charger just to make sure of the problem.

See you at the field,  
Gene Fuson  
Safety Officer

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING WILL BE  
NOVEMBER 13, 6:00PM, AT THE  
SOUTHPORT CONDOMINIUM CLUB-  
HOUSE.**