

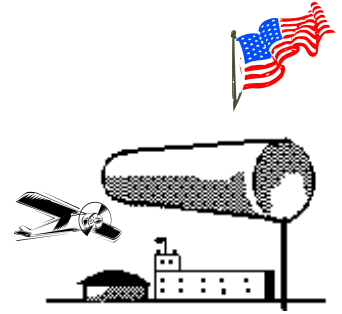
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FINALLY



Yep, finally John Woods put a pilot into his large FAGEN. He also put in an instrument panel. It is now IMMA legal. It just seems wrong to fly an airplane with an empty canopy. Maybe this is the reason some planes with empty cockpits sometimes go astray and crash without any identifiable reason. Not sure if John or Janet dolled up the bald headless kid, or where the cap came from, but it makes the plane look more realistic in flight. Good move, John!

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Getting colder and it's really looking like WINTER is here.

We had a great turnout for the Fun Fly. Very active with some creative flying along with many surprises too. Good food and deserts for all and how nice it was to see some of the wives at the field - Claudia, Val and Bobbie. I know they couldn't believe how we have all progressed with our flying skills since the last time they were out at the field!

Thanks again to Don Johnson for organizing all the events. Thanks to Gene, Dave and all the others who jump in to help make the Fun Fly a success. Thank you Jim for cooking those delicious Hot Dogs and to those who help with the food. The Flying Field always looks immaculate due to the efforts of Bud and Fritz who take the time each week to make sure the turf is manicured. We all appreciate having a Club with people who help.

Thanks to those who were able to make it out for the Work Day. We were able to do some repairs to the old Hanger so it will have a little more life left.

The Club's officers have formed a Nominating Committee to come up with a slate of officers for serving in 2015. Be sure and be at the next meeting to vote or offer your own nominations for any of the offices, i.e. President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer.

Also at our November meeting we will be discussing the end of year Christmas Dinner so your input will be welcome.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 11th, 6:00PM at the South Port Condo Club House.

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Well our Fun Flys are over for the year and we were able to get in three of the four scheduled. Your editor wanted to do a Time & Glide event but thought his powered glider might be unfair so put in a 20% handicap for powered gliders. As it happened the plane caught a good thermal and even after doing extra loops and rolls and landing way away from the target, the net time was more than double anyone else. Soooo, if we do it again next year we may want to give powered gliders a 50% handicap. But keep in mind these are "Fun" Flys and not really contests. But after many events (9 this year) the better pilots are almost always at the top and get the year end certificates to hang on their walls.

The Club Officers have developed a slate of officers which we will vote on during the November meeting. The slate looks much like the current group of officers, however if anyone would like to be a Club officer please let us know or nominate that person at the November meeting. It would be good for the Club if some newer members would take on leadership roles in the Club Officer ranks.

Don't forget the Club meeting at the South Port Clubhouse, November 11th, at 6 PM. Hope to have a scale indoor plane to fly at the meeting. Come take a look.

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

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2014			
		OCT	YTD
BALANCE	10/1/2014	\$1,012.83	\$ 1,371.33
INCOME-DUES	-----	\$ -	\$ 1,101.68
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-FOOD	-----	\$ 38.00	\$ 95.00
INCOME-50/50	-----	\$ 3.00	\$ 30.00
INCOME-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$ 1.34
EXPENSE-FIELD	-----	\$ 185.02	\$ 1,451.08
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD	-----	\$ 9.46	\$ 66.37
EXPENSE-AMA	-----	\$ -	\$ 90.00
EXPENSE-Web	-----	\$ -	\$ 120.00
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$ 12.55
BALANCE	11/1//2014	\$ 859.35	\$ 859.35

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB OCTOBER 14, 2014

President John Woods opened the meeting at 6:09 PM, at the South Port Clubhouse. Vice-President, Gene Fuson and Treasurer, Fritz Corbin, were absent. There were 5 members present including the officers. Don Johnson gave the Treasurer's report for Fritz and reported that the Club had \$1,012.83 in the bank as of October 1st. Don Johnson won the 50/50 raffle and received \$3 of the \$6 pot. The Minutes of the September Meeting were approved as written in the October Newsletter.

Committee Reports: John Woods gave a report on, wife, Janet's recovery from her cancer operation. She has had 4 of the planned 6 chemo treatments and is showing continuing good progress. Except for the one or two yucky days after each chemo treatment, she is getting back into many of her normal routines.

Old Business: John Woods said there had been no contact with the LUC Boys Ranch or the Boys and Girls Club of Branson. John said we would just wait for them to contact us.

The work day previously discussed was scheduled for October 25th, before the normal flying day starts. Most of the work will be on the shed.

John woods said that Jim Haney was agreeable to brush hogging the field outside the runway for \$20 per mowing hour. It takes about 4 to 5 hours to do and is done about twice a year. A motion was made and passed to pay Jim \$20 per hour to do the brush hogging.

Airplane scout, Fritz Corbin, found Bud Austin's big Harrier, which seemed to be way north of where it was thought to go down. Think it was full of water and Bud will have to recover it to fly it again.

New Business: President John Woods thanked Fritz Corbin (in absentia) for repainting the Club sign in red and white on a blue gate. Looks good!

Fritz had the Port-o-potty serviced for the one and only time this year.

The monthly Crash Trophy was discussed and voted to Gary Merseal and will be given to him by Bud Austin the next time he sees Gary.

Program: Don Johnson brought a HORIZON Vapor (13") and a Mini-Vapor (8.5") which he and John Woods both flew in the Clubhouse. Both agree that the Vapor is easier to fly than the Mini-Vapor. See page 5 for photos.

John showed and demonstrated a torque wrench which he got at Harbor Freight. He uses it to torque down head bolts among other items.

John also showed a Flight Simulator that can be downloaded to a tablet. The download is free with two aircraft. Other aircraft can be purchased as well. Adjustments can be made to the flight settings. The download website is Real Flight Mobile: <http://www.realflight.com/rf-mobile/index.html>

Meeting adjourned at 6:50PM.



Here is a nice photo, that Don Livermore took of Bud Austin's quarter scale (or less) Cub, coming in for a good landing.

AUGUST FUN FLY

This was it! The last Fun Fly of the year! The last chance to win Top Gun 2014 points! There were nine pilots ready to go, more than any Fun Fly this year. The judges and scorers were ready and we had spectators (three spouses). A little wind could not dampen the enthusiasm. After a short pilots meeting it was off to the first event.

The first event was **FLY TAXI FLY**. Take off from box, do a loop and land. Taxi around the pylons making a complete figure eight. Take off, do a roll and land and stop with at least two wheels in the box. Low time wins. Time starts when plane starts to move and stops when plane stops in box. Penalties are 10 for moving a pylon and 25 for being airborne during the taxi. John Woods was in the groove and posted a net 70 for first place. Don Livermore posted a close 73 for second place and Jim Haney came in third with an 81. All other pilots were over 100 seconds, some way over! Check the pictures to see why Erv Rohde didn't place well.

Event 2 was **ERV'S GROUND TARGETS**. Time starts when you touch starting line between 2 targets. Knock over 2 targets, come back and knock over one starting line target. Continue to knock over 2 more targets, then back to starting line. Knock over remaining starting line target and the clock stops. Penalties: 5 seconds if you break a stick in 2 pieces, 10 seconds if you get airborne, 15 seconds if you destroy a stick; more than 2 pieces, 20 seconds if you don't follow the rules. ONE WITH LEAST SECONDS WINS. John Woods was again in first place with a net time of 90, which included 15 seconds of penalties. Jim Haney came in second with a 94, including 40 seconds of penalties, and Don Johnson came in third at 95 with no penalties. Don Livermore was fourth with a net 96, Bud Austin fifth with a net 105 and Wayne Edson was sixth with a net 109. Three pilots were unable to finish this event.

The last event of the year was **TIME & GLIDE WITH A LOOP & HANDICAP**. Take off, climb and stop motor/engine at 20 seconds. Do a loop sometime during the flight. There will be a -30 second penalty for not doing a loop. Glide to and stop on the target. Time starts when plane moves and stops when plane stops. Score is flight time in seconds less distance in feet plane stops from target. Handicap will be gliders X.8, high wings X.9 and mid or low wings X1.0. High score wins. Even with a 20% deduction and landing further from the target than any other pilot Don Johnson still took first place with a net 125 seconds. (294 sec—138ft x .8). In second place was John Woods with a net 54 (69—15 x 1.0) and third place went to Bud Austin with a 33 (93—60 x 1.0). Don Livermore almost put his plane out of sight in 20 seconds then lost a lot of altitude when his light plane had trouble doing a loop during the glide. He ended up in fourth place with a 23 (82-66 x 1.0). Fifth place went to Wayne Edson with a 15, sixth to Jim Haney at -12, and seventh to Fritz Corbin at -14.

Over all, John Woods was in first place earning 270 Top Gun 2014 points. In second place was Don Johnson with 160 points and third place was a tie between Don Livermore and Jim Haney with 130 points each. Fifth place went to Bud Austin at 100 points and Sixth went to Wayne Edson at 40 points.

Manny, many thanks to all that help and support our Fun Flies. The timers and scorers like Gene Fuson and Gary Merseal, our chef for the day like Jim Haney, those that see we have food for the BBQ like Fritz Corbin and those that bring or send special treats like Janet Woods and Claudia Shire. Also thanks to our spectators, we do enjoy showing you our flying skills or lack there of.

Winners of the Top Gun 2014 Fun Flies will be announced and awarded Certificates at the Club Christmas Party.



Who will be the recipient of the Crash Trophy this month? At left we see the remains of Erv Rohde's once nice looking Super Sportster and on the right is Bud Austin (center) with crew Don Livermore and Wayne Edson bringing the parts of Bud's plane out of the woods. Also keep in mind that Gene Fuson lost his great looking Mr. Mulligan in the woods in the general area between where Bud's plane went in and where Erv's plane went in. Kind of a "Branson Triangle". Unfortunately there is no photo evidence of Gene's plane. Come to the November meeting to see who wins the trophy.



Losing a plane in the woods is easy, but getting it, or its' pieces back can be dangerous. Left is Howard Shire just back from helping Erv Rohde recover the remains of his plane and while doing so sustained an injury. We see wife, nurse Claudia, applying a bandage while Nurse Val assists with the medical supplies. Howard is expected to make a full recovery. Actually he recovered in time to enjoy lunch with everyone.



Above, John Woods flies Don Johnson's two Horizon Vapors before the October Club meeting. The one on the left has only an 8 1/2 inch wing span, the one on the right has a wing span of 13 inches. They both flew well in the clubhouse, but the larger black one seemed more docile to fly than the smaller red one. Maybe we will have another small plane to fly at the November meeting.

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We have had a few crashes of the variety, "I don't know what the heck happened, it just went down." I had one of these myself. Try to trouble shoot the problem, even picking through the wreckage to see if you can shed some light on the cause of the crash. Sometimes you will find a clue, and sometimes not. So far, I'm in the "NOT" category. Anyway, it is worth a shot. After crashing, rebuilding if it is possible, make sure you do a range check on the aircraft.

See you at the field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

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PORT CLUBHOUSE.**