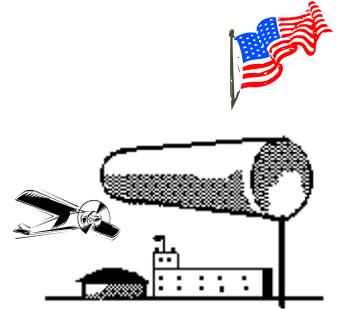


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## HISTORY

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Based on the popular Pro-Twister, the Pro-Twister LITE was reduced in size from 40 inches to 27 inches (65% scale), designed for electric power, flew with a 3 cell 800 mAH Li-Po battery and ready to fly, weighed only 21.3 ounces. it was finished in May 2012 and it was fast and agile, even on low rates and its' capabilities far exceeded the ability of its' pilot. After 19 flights and 51 minutes of flight time (yea, I keep track of things like that) it finally got away from its pilot and crashed high in a hickory tree. After two months in the tree it was recovered by a professional arborist. Aside from the damage done by the tree, the squirrels had chewed on the battery, foam wheels and fuselage. The plane and battery were deemed not salvageable but all other electrical parts were in working order even after several rain storms while in the tree. After recovery, it also had about a dozen web worms under the tail. Maybe it could be remade with fan-fold foam and powered with 2 cells and a bigger, slower prop. Something to think about!

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

A little bad news. Last Saturday while at the field I crashed my MX2. The damage is too much for me to repair so I'll be looking for a replacement. Early Saturday morning I was flying my plane out over the trees on the north end of the field so the sun would not blind me. After being up about 5 minutes, running the smoke system when suddenly it went into a flat spin. It was too far away to visually see what went wrong but I moved the sticks around but no response. Lowered the throttle to idle and shut the engine down as it went in on the far side of the trees - like in slow motion. Went out and combed the area behind the first group of trees but as it turned out it was a lot further out than I imagined. I got it back to the field and checked it out finding that one of the wing screws came loose which of course leads to a bad situation. It was a nice plane and I plan to hopefully find another MX2 to replace it. I bought the plane in Feb. 2014 and really have learned a lot and enjoyed it too.

The Walkie-Talkies and batteries are now being stored in the First Aid Kit under the Hanger Canopy so they are more convenient. For safety reasons, please use them if you go out looking for a lost plane. If you ever need a tree climber to retrieve your plane give Robby Benoit a call at (417)559-3777. He is a real nice guy and seems willing to help us if we need it. Bud called him a couple of weeks ago and he came out and retrieved his plane and Don's plane too. If you need any tree work done around your house, give Robby a call and let him know you're in the Flying Club.

A bunch of Club members and their wives came out to the field for our Fly-N-Eat get together. After flying we all went over to Reeds Spring Pizza for dinner. We had 16 members there. Jim and Ardith Halbert joined us and it was nice to visit with them too. It was nice to see everyone and hear about all the new stuff going on. Lots of fun. We will postpone our Fly-N-Eat get together until Springtime.

Remember our Club meeting on Tuesday the 8th at 5:30 at the South Port Condo Club house. The nominating committee will be nominating a slate of officers for 2016. The floor will be open for additional nominations at that time. All the officers would enjoy a break so if anyone is interested in serving as an officer, let us know. Any office you would like to serve in you would be trained for and guided by the exiting officer so you really don't need to have any experience. All are welcome.

See you at the field and happy landings ..... John

## THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

It was finally time. Bud Austin had a plane way up in a tree and your editor also had a plane that had been up a tree for over a month. On a Sunday afternoon Bud called the Benoit tree service and Robby Benoit came out and got both planes down for us without any further damage and the cost was very reasonable. Check out the pictures on pages 1 and 5.

President John had a loose screw and lost his big MX2. Seems like another member had a loose screw a few months ago and lost a plane. So the moral is if you have loose screws, don't fly! Looks like there will be some competition for the Crash trophy this month.

Christmas is coming and we will again collect stuffed toys for donation to the Branson hospital so you might pick up a teddy bear, or two or more and bring them to the Club Christmas Party on December 13th. You just might bring a smile to someone confined to the Hospital during the holiday season.

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

### TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2016

		OCT	YTD
BALANCE	10/1/2016	\$1,089.55	\$ 1,794.54
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ 15.00	\$ 685.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ 55.00
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ 14.00	\$ 75.50
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ 3.50	\$ 28.00
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ 196.80
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 30.66	\$ 1,273.32
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ 7.00	\$ 44.89
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ 130.99
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ 301.25
BALANCE	11/1/2016	\$1,084.39	\$ 1,084.39

## NEW MEMBER

The Club picked up a new Member in October bringing our membership to 24.

Marvin Renyer has visited our Club a couple of times and decided to join our Club as an Associate Member. He and his wife, Theresa live in Topeka Kansas and frequently visit our area.

Welcome to our Club Marvin, we are happy to have you join us.

## MEETING MINUTES

### TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB OCTOBER 11, 2016

President John Woods opened the meeting at 5:33 PM, at the Club Flying Field. There were 6 members present including all officers except V-P Gene Fuson. There were no new members or guests. Treasurer Fritz Corbin reported that there was \$1,089.55 in the Treasury as of October 1, 2016. The Treasurer's Report was approved. The Minutes of the September meeting were approved as written in the October Newsletter. The 50/50 raffle was won by John Woods and he received \$3.50 of the \$7 dollar pot.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None

#### OLD BUSINESS:

John Woods placed a sign in the shelter for Benoit's Tree Service. Robby will climb trees and retrieve planes for about \$40 to \$50 depending on how difficult it is. If you need this service call Robby Benoit at 417 559-3777.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Not much damage being done to aircraft this past month but Charlie Schenk was awarded the Crash Trophy of the Month when he tumbled the trainer while landing from the south. Not altogether clear whether or not Charlie was on the buddy-box with John when this happened.

Fritz said he would clean out the Port-a-Potty but didn't think it needed service at this time.

John mentioned that the last Fun Fly of the year will be this Saturday. He also asked all members to think up some new and different events for next year's Fun Flies.

He also said the Fly-N-Eat will be the 27th of October (weather permitting). Meet and fly at the field about 3:30 and adjourn to the Reeds Spring Pizza Co. about 5:30 for dinner.

John reminded members that next month (November) is time to select a slate of Club Officers for 2017. As in the past it was decided to have the current Officers act as the Nominating Committee. The nominations will remain open until just before the election of Officers at our December meeting.

Don Johnson brought "Bombs" (wood blocks and

garden hose segments) for anyone that did not have these bombs from last year's event. Let Don know if you need a set to practice with for the final Fun Fly event of the year in October. A few bombs were left on the table in the shelter in case someone needs a set.

**PROGRAM:** None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 PM.



**Fritz had his new Pro-Twister, with its modified rudder, out for a test flight in preparation for the Fun Fly. However when he came in for a landing his angle of attack was a little off. Its' nose was pointed somewhat down instead of a little up and he wiped off the landing gear. So his day was done as far as flying in the Fun Fly but he did assist in scoring and timing the events. A tough day for the Club's 2015 Top Gun defending champion!**



# OCTOBER 15TH FUN FLY

It was going to be a windy and gusty day but the big boys (Bud Austin and John Woods) wanted to fly. Only your editor was foolish enough to join them in the events. Bud had already put a plane high up in the trees on a practice flight!

**Event 1 John's LOOP IT – ROLL IT – LAND IT** Take the Plane off and Loop it - Roll it - Land it. \* Taxi around 2 pylons making a complete figure 8. \* Take off Loop it - Roll it - Land it. \* Taxi & stop Plane in the box. \* Only one wheel needs to be in the box. Time starts when Plane moves and time stops when Plane stops in the box. Lowest time wins. It was John's event and he took First place with a time of 105 seconds with Bud very close behind for Second place at 107 seconds. Don took Third place with 156 seconds after his Lazy Bee was flipped over several times by the wind.

**Event 2 Bud's SPOT LANDING** Take off, do a loop or a roll, shut down the engine ( or motor) on the downwind leg ( before the 180 degree turn to land), stop plane as close to X as possible. Time starts when plane moves and stops when plane stops. Score is time in seconds plus distance in feet from X. Lowest score wins. This was Bud's event and he took First Place with a low score of 33 (26 seconds plus 7 feet), John took Second place with a score 42 (25 plus 17) and Don came in Third with 64 (37 plus 27).

**Event 3. BIG BANG FINALE** Drop one or two bombs, released at least 6 feet above target (pylon). Bombs will be a 2 inch square wood block, with a hole and a 6 inch length of garden hose-both supplied. Two bombs can be dropped but each bomb must be dropped on a separate bomb run in the same direction. Any method can be used to drop the bombs but nothing can be **attached** to the bomb when it hits the ground, like tape, glue, nails, screws, wire, rubber bands or knotted cord, etc. Scoring will be **A** -one bomb, distance to the target in feet. **B** -two bombs, total distance from the target in feet divided by 3. **C** -both bombs somehow dropped on same bomb run, distance the furthest bomb is from the target. **Bonus** minus 25 points for dropping both bombs on the runway in two separate runs in the same direction. **Penalty**-plus 25 points for each bomb that lands off the runway. Low score wins. **Double Top Gun 2015 points for the FINALE!** Bud kept his winning ways with a First place total of 23 feet divided by 3 minus 25 bonus points for a net low score of -19. John was a close Second with 30 divided by 3 minus 25 for a net-15. Don carefully hooked up his wing servos but had one aileron servo backwards and in a haste to take off before the next wind gust only got a few feet up before disaster struck. But since he did participate in the event he still got a third place finish since only three members had entered.

Overall winner was Bud with two first and a second place finish and 370 Top Gun 2016 points. John was a close second with a first and two second place finishes earning 310 points and Don was third with three third place finishes and 200 points.

This was the last Fun Fly of the year, the Next Fun Fly is January 1, 2017 and is non competitive except maybe with the weather. It has been fun and we got all four scheduled Fun Flies in. The results of the Top Gun 2016 winners will be announced at the Awards Ceremonies at the December meeting and Christmas Party. Nothing happens without volunteers and many have helped with the Fun Flies this year. Many thanks to Fritz and Erv for timing and scoring, John Woods for food procurement, Janet Woods and Jim Haney for lunch and food preparation, Janet for her lemon cake, Marge for her brownies and as always Bud and Fritz for having the flying field in such great shape.

Unless the Club membership decides to do something different, the next Fun Fly is scheduled for April 15, 2017!



Bud tried to fly through a sycamore tree and only the tail fell out. Upper right the rest of the plane is being retrieved by Robbie Benoit and below Bud has it repaired and back in the air.



John said he had a little problem and it was terminal. For more details see the President's Corner.



Didn't know squirrels liked foam rubber wheels.



Don found out that you have to hook up the servo wires correctly and check your controls before rushing to take off to nail the Bomb Drop event. But a little glue and some tape and it's already back in the air.



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JOHN WOODS 338-8419****SAFETY FIRST**

Any new model or any model that has been repaired after major damage should be inspected by someone other than the "owner" for structural integrity and proper control surface movements. The plane's balance and a range check should also be done before flying.

See you at the field,  
Gene Fuson  
Safety Officer

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Anybody lose a field box. Looked a little lonely at the field all by itself.

It is always a good idea to look around the area just before you head home.



**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING  
WILL BE NOVEMBER 8,  
5:30PM, AT THE SOUTHPORT  
CONDOMINIUM CLUBHOUSE**