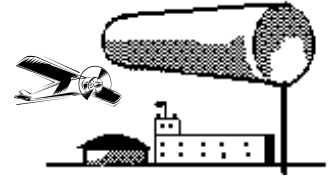


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FUTURE PILOT



Above is President, John Woods, with the Club's newest member, Isaac Thomas. Isaac is 13 years old and lives in Galena. He has shown a keen interest in learning to fly RC aircraft and has shown very good progress during the two times he has flown via the buddy box. We all look forward to his solo flight!

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We've had mixed weather conditions this month so not too many days of flying. We did get the last Fun Fly in for the season but it was a very windy day. You can read about it in this Newsletter.

I've signed up a new member, Isaac Thomas. He is the young man who was with his family at our last Fun Fly and BBQ. Isaac is 13 years old and very interested in R/C. I talked to his parents and they are real supportive of him becoming a member. Last month Charlie Schenk let Isaac fly his plane on the Buddy Box and he did exceptionally well.

At the upcoming November meeting the nominating committee for 2018 will nominate a slate of officers to be voted on at the December meeting. All those wishing to be considered to serve in one of the officer's position, let me know so we can include you in the nominating process.

We were unable to have the October meeting due to weather conditions. I sent out an eMail Meeting of some of the items I thought should be covered and hope you all were able to open it OK. If you have any questions please bring them up at our next meeting.

Don Johnson will be back for the next meeting so if the weather is bad we can probable have the meeting in the Club house. I hope we will be able to meet at the field so we can fly then meet like we usually do. Flying late in the day is so nice - great visibility and the sun is not glaring directly in our eyes.

Janet and I stopped by Jack and Annette McEvoy's home when we were returning from one of my doctor's appointments several weeks ago. Her doctors are going to try some new chemo therapy in a couple of weeks to help her with her cancer. I know you all join me in wishing Annette a full recovery and as always keeping her in our thoughts and prayers. Annette said to say hi to you all.

Just a reminder that our Christmas Dinner will be on the first Tuesday of the month, December 5th. We'll start planning for it over November. Mark your calendars so you don't miss it.

Thank you all for your nice cards, phone calls and visits while I was laid up. They were very encouraging.

Happy Landings John

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Your Editor spent three weeks of October on a road trip to Arizona, California and Nevada. In Phoenix the F-35s are stationed at Luke Air Force Base. Didn't see one but they were having night maneuvers and they really make a lot of noise! We also stayed at Grass Valley, CA which is the staging area for Cal Fire and watched the fire bombers and helicopters carrying flame retardant to the fires. Smelled a lot of smoke and saw some of the fire damage. Something extra besides visiting friends and relatives. We had a good trip but it is always nice to get back home.

Many thanks to John Woods for covering the October Fun Fly for me. From his write-up seemed like the weather was a little rough. Sorry I missed it.

Don't forget the November Club meeting at the South Port Clubhouse November 14th. We will cover Christmas party planning and Nominations of 2018 Club Officers.

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

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2017

		OCT	Y T D
BALANCE	10/1/2017	\$1,149.56	\$ 2,029.22
INCOME-DUES	-----	\$ -	\$ 400.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS	-----	\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-FOOD	-----	\$ 28.00	\$ 58.00
INCOME-50/50	-----	\$ -	\$ 16.00
INCOME-MISC	-----	\$ 4.95	\$ 5.95
EXPENSE-FIELD	-----	\$ 42.00	\$ 1,067.53
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER	-----	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS	-----	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD	-----	\$ 14.20	\$ 48.91
EXPENSE-AMA	-----	\$ -	\$ 120.00
EXPENSE-Web	-----	\$ -	\$ 135.17
EXPENSE-meeting room	-----	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$ 11.25
BALANCE	11/1/2017	\$1,126.31	\$ 1,126.31

NEW MEMBER

The Club picked up a new member during October. He is Isaac Thomas, is 13 years old and lives in Galena. President and Instructor, John Woods, is currently working with Isaac on his flight training.

Welcome to the Club, Isaac, we hope you will find flying RC aircraft a pleasant and long lasting hobby.

OCTOBER FUN FLY

BY John Woods

The weather channel said it may be a little windy and it was right! The wind was blowing but we decided since it was the last Fun Fly for the season, to have the event. The Thomas family, friends of John Woods', came out to enjoy the Fun Fly. Carrie Ann and her 5 kids. The oldest son Isaac has been to the field with John. Charlie let Isaac fly his plane using the Buddy Box. Isaac is very interested in RC so you'll see him again.

The Fun Fly took its toll. On the 2nd event Bud Austin didn't get his plane back to the field, crashing it short of the runway about 40 feet. It damaged the fuse so he had to change planes to compete in the last event. John had a hard landing in the 3rd event breaking his landing gear and prop. He carried his plane back to the finish point to complete the event. On the last event Erv stalled his engine and decide not to complete the event so took a DQ. Fritz's plane blew off the pilot's stand and broke the tail section off. He did compete with his Polaris but due to the very high winds in the 3rd event he decide not to compete. A real Train Wreck day.

The 1st event was the LOOPY MINUTE. Basically do as many loops as possible in 60 seconds. First place was Bud Austin with 12 Loops, 2nd was Erv Rhode with 11, John Woods with 9, and Fritz Corbin with 7 Loops.

The 2nd event was DURATION AND DISTANCE. Take off, do a loop if you think you have time enough, then after a maximum of 15 seconds you must shut off your engine/motor. Then glide to the X on the runway. Add distance from X plus time minus 30 seconds if you did a loop. Low score wins. Erv was 1st with 137 pts. Fritz was 2nd with 177 pts. John was 3rd with 237 pts. and Bud 4th with 285 pts.

The 3rd event was TENNIS ANYONE. Place three Tennis Balls in the square and take off, land, taxi into the square. Set your Transmitter down and walk out and retrieve one Tennis Ball and return it to the pilot station. Take off and do the same routing retrieving the other two balls. Low time wins. John came in 1st with 144 points, Bud second with 337 points and Fritz and Erv tied with a DQ.

First place for the days contest was a tie - Bud and John tied with 200 points. In third place was Erv with 170 points and forth place was Fritz with 100 points.

Thanks to Bud and Fritz for grooming the field. Thank you John for taking care of the food and Janet for sending her Killer Lemon Cake - um good! Also, thanks to the Thomas family for attending the event especially sense we had such terrible weather. They said they really enjoyed being there and will come again.

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB

There was no October Club meeting due to weather conditions.

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SAFETY FIRST

I haven't spent much time at our field lately. I have been out of the country, recovering from surgery, or bowling in tournaments. I finally did bowl a 300 game however. That took 74 years to happen.

So, I haven't observed very many safety violations this year, which is a GOOD thing. Maybe we are getting better at following the rules.

Having said that, if YOU observe someone breaking the rules or just being unsafe in any way, please let them know that they are operating their aircraft in an unsafe manner.

We all deserve to have a safe environment in which to operate our aircraft.

Remember.....Safety begins with YOU!

See you at the field,

Gene Fuson

Safety Officer

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING
 WILL BE NOVEMBER 14TH,
 AT 5:30 PM. WE WILL MEET
 AT THE SOUTH PORT CLUB
 HOUSE.**