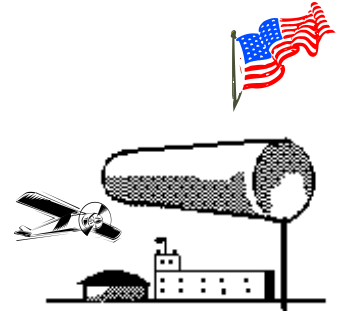


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LAST OF THE PUSSYCATS



Don Johnson built 5 Pussycats from Bob Benjamin plans. The first one was in 1996. It was designed for electric flight, had a 61.5 inch wingspan and was a great flyer. It crashed in 2002 after 321 flights. A replacement was built and it crashed in 2003 after 57 flights. Don then decided to scale the design down to 80%, giving it a 50.4 inch wingspan. First flown in 2005 it crashed after 151 flights. Another one was built and flown in 2008 and crashed in 2012 after 88 flights. The last 80% Pussycat was built in 2013 and crashed in October of 2018 after 123 flights. The cause of the crash was the plane was fast and managed to out fly the pilot's ability to see it well enough to control it. During the 22 years of flying this design the batteries, motors and electronics got smaller and lighter and the power to weight ratio got much higher which really increased the plane's performance. Don thinks bigger and slower planes are in his future.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Seems like we had a lot of windy and rainy days this month which of course interfered with our flying. Winter is nearing therefore our flying days will be drastically affected. Time to do a little indoor repair and building.

The nominating committee for the 2019 Club officers was formed consisting of the present officers. The committee will nominate a slate of officers at the upcoming meeting. Anyone who would like to nominate another member may do it at November's meeting. All those wishing to consider serving in one of the officer's positions, let me know so we can include you in consideration during the nomination process. The new officers will be voted in at the December meeting.

This month's issue of Model Aviation is filled with information regarding the FAA and the Re-authorization Bill now in the House for acceptance. After that it will go to the Senate for their approval. There will be many changes to how we will be able to fly our planes. Apparently we as "recreational unmanned aircraft operators" will have to take an aeronautical knowledge test - hope I pass. Apparently the test may be set up and done by the AMA. You can read more about this legislation in November's issue on page 6 and page 14.

Janet and I attended the Glue Dobber's Fun Fly event near Tulsa, OK last month. We were able to camp out for two nights at their flying field and really enjoyed being there and flying. There were 42 RC pilots with a whole bunch of airplanes. The event was for foam planes only and was titled "Go Foam or Go Home". Horizon Hobby and Flex Innovations were represented at the event and had a lot of stuff to show off. Horizon gave away several prizes to the public and also the participating pilots. Nice planes and radios too. I didn't win anything.

This month we plan on having our Club meeting at the Flying Field. As usual, due to the weather, we will determine the exact location probably the day before the meeting

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Well ye ole' editor has gotten rid of another plane. You probably noticed all the gory details on the front page.

Now having an empty spot on the garage ceiling, have decided to design a slow plane. It will have very similar size and geometry of a Lazy Bee, but a little longer fuselage and made of blue foam. I still have several sheets left of the 50 sheet pack bought several years ago. Maybe I'll call it Foam Bee. Should have enough spare parts laying around so it shouldn't cost much to build. You may see updates in the Wind Sock as the project progresses.

While looking at the Telefaom for construction methods to use on the Foam Bee, noticed the elevator servo that was glued to the side of the fuselage was no longer glued but just sitting loose in the hole in the fuselage. "Nuff said, **safety check your plane before flying.**

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

NEW MEMBER

The Club picked up a new member in October bringing our membership to 17.

Bobby Pruitt has joined our Club. He and wife, Maxine, live in Blue Eye, MO.

Welcome to the Club, Bobby, we are very happy to have you join us.

and will let you know via email. The meetings are held at 5:30PM. Most members fly before the meeting so come on out and enjoy. Flying late in the day is so nice, great visibility and usually no wind.

We plan on having our Christmas party December 4th. I'll send out more information this month but it will follow pretty much what we've done last year. If you have any ideas for entertainment or comments as to what we should include, let me know.

Wishing you all a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Happy Landings John

MEETING MINUTES TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB

On 10/11/2018 3:01 PM,
jandjwoods@centurytel.net wrote:
To all Tri-Lakes Members,

Since the weather was unsettled the day we were supposed to have our Club meeting, it was decided to cancel the meeting and I would write a brief outline of what was supposed to have been covered.

1. The Club opened a new bank account at US Bank in Branson West. The account offers free banking. The current account at Arvest Bank will be closed.
2. The Nominating committee is formed. They will prepare a slate of officers to be voted on and serve for 2019. The committee consist of John Woods (Chairman), Gene Fuson, Fritz Corbin and Don Johnson. Anyone can nominate an individual to serve as one of our officers.
3. The BBQ's propane bottle was refilled and will last several years.
4. The Oct.25th Fly-N-Eat is still on and John will send a reminder later.
5. Saturday's Fun Fly is still on. This is our last Fun Fly for the year. The Flying event starts at 11:00 AM. The field will be closed to flying other than those participating in the Fun Fly.

John will bring the food and drinks etc. Check on our web site for the 3 Events for the Fun Fly.

If the weather prevents us from having the Fun Fly, an email asking those who planned on participating in the event if it is OK to postpone it until the following Saturday, Oct. 20th.

If you plan on having several guests/family attending the Fun Fly, please let John know so he can bring enough food for everyone. All guests are always welcome.

We need a volunteer cook for the preparing of the food.

Announcements:

Dave Medley is home from the hospital and doing very good.

Howard and Claudia Shire have sold all their things at auction and are on their way to their new home in Illinois.

Fritz still holds the Crash Trophy until the next meeting.

See you at the Fun Fly John

Last month Pat Adam's Beaver was featured on the Newsletter front page--up a tree. This month the same plane is shown being flown by new owner, John Woods. Seems that John hired the local arborist to climb up and get it down. The plane actually had very little crash or weather damage. Pat told John he could have the plane if he would give him back the receiver. Sounds like a heck of a deal!



TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2018

		OCT	YTD
BALANCE	10/1/2018	\$1,359.64	\$ 1,928.49
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ 80.00	\$ 520.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ 10.00
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ 14.00	\$ 96.00
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ -	\$ 18.50
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ 160.00	\$ 160.00
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 69.28	\$ 882.44
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ 13.43	\$ 64.45
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ 120.00
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ 15.17	\$ 150.34
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ 22.78	\$ 22.78
BALANCE	11/1/2018	\$1,492.98	\$ 1,492.98

OCTOBER 13TH FUN FLY

It was the last Fun Fly of the year and the weather had turned cold. The four brave pilots stood alone on the field and at 11 AM they were ready to get it done. Dave and Val Medley showed up during the second event to cheer the pilots on but decided to call it a day after it started to rain during the third even. Always nice to have an audience no mater how small!

Event 1. T & G's Take off and do as many touch and goes as possible in two minutes. Time starts when plane moves and stops in exactly 120 seconds. Most T & G's wins. Touches can be either north to south or south to north, only one T & G per pass. Flying in the third slot, John Woods came in first with and impressive nine T & G's and 100 Top Gun 2018 points. Close behind was Don Johnson with seven T & G's for 70 points. Even with a good score Don managed to end the event with a bang (crash). Third was Bud Austin with four for 50 points and Fritz Corbin had three for 30 points.

Event 2. JOHN'S POP IT FOR POINTS Take off and do 3 sets of ROOPS (Loop & Roll or Roll & Loop). Land and taxi around two cones doing a complete figure 8.

Continue taxiing to the center circle and POP the Balloon in the circle and finish in the circle.

* Time starts when the plane moves to take off and time stops when the Balloon is popped and any part of the plane is touching inside the circle. Low time wins.

* If the Balloon is popped by the pilot during the taxi segment, a 20 second penalty is assessed to the pilot. If a cone is knocked over a 10 second penalty is assessed to the pilot.

* The field is laid out with a 6 foot diameter circle with an inflated Balloon anchored in the middle of the circle. Two cones are used and placed 50 feet apart on a North/South line crossing the center of the circle.

* Restarts are OK - time continues. *If a Balloon is popped due to unforeseen circumstances it will be replaced. * Balloons and anchor nails will be supplied by John. John again was on a roll and took first place with 76 seconds, earning another 100 points. Bud was second with 100 seconds and got 70 points. Fritz came in third with 207 seconds and 50 points. Don was having problems with his plane (or the plane was having problems with Don) and DNF'ed and was awarded 10 points for trying. He did manage to wipe out his landing gear when he landed.

Event 3. SPEED TAXI From the circle taxi north and around the pylon then south around the pylon and back THROUGH the circle. Do this five times. Time starts when plane moves and stops when the fifth circuit is complete and plane stops with some part of the plane touching the ground inside the circle. Low time wins. There will be a 10 second penalty each time the plane becomes airborne or fails to go through the circle. Moving a pylon will also be a 10 second penalty. The plane must be capable of flying and pilot may be asked to demonstrate this for score to count. The last event of the year and John still comes in first with a net 95 seconds for another 100 Top Gun 2018 points. Bud Austin is second with a net 101 seconds and 70 points. Fritz was third with a net 207 seconds and 50 points. Don was fourth with a net 313 seconds and 30 points.

Overall John took all the first place finishes and earned 300 Top Gun 2018 points. Bud was second overall and earned 190 points. Third place went Fritz with 130 points and Don came in fourth with 110 points.

After the events all four of us enjoyed BBQ'ed brats with the rain coming down. Janet Woods was even kind enough to send a lemon cake even though she was working an event in Hollister.

Many thanks for everyone pitching in to put on the last event of the year. Our next event will be the NEW YEAR'S DAY FUN FLY. Show up and receive bragging rights on how tough a pilot you are for 2019. Hope to see a good group there.

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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 of their 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 then it checks low at the field. It is time for a new battery at that point. You can also have someone else check your battery out on their charger just to make sure.

See you at the field,
 Gene Fuson
 Safety Officer

THE NEXT CLUB MEETING
WILL BE NOVEMBER 13TH,
5:30PM, AT THE FLYING
FIELD OR SOUTH PORT
CONDO CLUBHOUSE. Email
will notify of location day be-
fore meeting.