

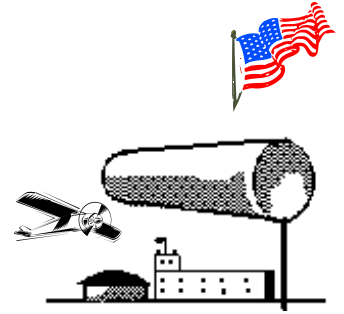
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BACK TO NORMAL



Above is snowbird and part time Texan, Jim Haney, having a conversation with Gary Merseal around a cozy fire. It is good to have most everyone returning for the spring flying season. The fun really gets going on April 18th with the first Fun Fly of the year.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Enjoyed being out at the field last Saturday and seeing all the guys there. It was a little chilly so Jim started a nice fire to warm up to. I flew my MX2 a couple of times and after several attempts and lowering my idle considerably, got it back on the ground safely. Everyone else flew their planes several times with no mishaps. The wind was just minimal, maybe 3-4 mph which was a real treat.

Gene bought a very nice new camera which takes about a gazillion frames per second....the only thing faster than that is Erv's plane. He shot a lot of pictures and the camera is terrific.

I got the flu on Saturday evening and had to go to Urgent Care on Easter morning. Been trying to get well with rest. I had a 102+ temperature along with all the other things that go along with the flu. Doctor says I am contagious and need to take it easy and estimates recovery in 4 days. Hope so!

Our first Fun Fly is this month. April 18th at 11:00 AM so dust off and tune up those contest planes. You have lots of time to practice.

Our meeting will be next Tuesday, April 14th at the South Port Clubhouse. Bring your new projects to share with everyone.

See you at the field.....John

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

It is spring, the snow birds have flown back north and the first Fun Fly of the year is just a week and a half away. The Club is officially Chartered with the AMA and the Certificates of Insurance have been received. The Club's treasury is \$10 fatter than it was at this time last year and we have 16 current members, compared to 18 at this time last year. I'm sure there are one or two just ready to renew their dues so we are about even with last year. Also there are a couple more that seem like prospective members.

Our first Fun Fly is April 18th and the events really are not difficult. It would be great to have several more members join the usual competitors. Just remember it is a "Fun Fly". The only thing that happens if you don't do well is a little friendly ribbing. So come out and join us, or at least come out and cheer us on. We also serve lunch. Anyone that has an idea for a future event, please let me know

Not much else going on so will land for this month.....ed.

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2015			
		MAR	YTD
BALANCE	3/1/2015	\$1,340.77	\$ 1,668.23
INCOME-DUES	-----	\$ 175.00	\$ 415.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-FOOD	-----	\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-50/50	-----	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.50
INCOME-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FIELD	-----	\$ 39.63	\$ 496.39
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD	-----	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-AMA	-----	\$ -	\$ 90.00
EXPENSE-Web	-----	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$ 20.70
BALANCE	4/1//2015	\$1,478.64	\$ 1,478.64



Above is Bud Austin's new Balsa U.S.A. Stingray. A real balsa and ply kit. He hung a big 150 4-stroke engine on the front and it will go straight up. Nice job, Bud.

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB MARCH 10, 2015

Vice-President Gene Fusion opened the meeting at 6:00 PM, at the South Port Clubhouse. There were 7 members present including the officers. President John Woods was absent. Treasurer, Fritz Corbin, reported that the Club had \$1,340.77 in the bank as of March 1st. The Minutes of the December Meeting were approved as written in the March Newsletter (there were no Club meetings in January and February). The 50/50 raffle was won by Fritz Corbin and he received \$2.50 of the \$5 pot.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fritz Corbin reported that two more members have renewed their Club dues for 2015, bringing our current membership to 15.

OLD BUSINESS:

Don Johnson reported that he had received the certificate of insurance for the coming year from AMA. And AMA had advised that they had sent the original certificate directly to the land owner. Don also said that all 15 current Club members are current in their AMA dues per the AMA web site.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fritz advised that there seemed to be some armadillo activity at the field, maybe young ones that can get under the electric fence. He said he may be able to locate the den and catch them in the trap. Jim Halbert said that Organite Fertilizer (human) is effective in repelling ground hogs and armadillos.

Fritz also said that one of the posts on the north gate has broken and needs to be replaced. He will advise when he needs help in replacing it.

Howard Shire said he is having trouble bringing up the Club web site on his new computer. In describing the problem, Fritz said it is probably due to a security setting that is too tight. Howard will check it out.

Howard also described a crash that he had had. With that admission of guilt, he was awarded the month's crash trophy. It will be presented to him when we find it. We think Gary Merseal is currently in possession of it.

Don brought up the question of Club Fun Flys – should we keep doing them and/or change them up? The consensus of all present was to continue with the Fun Flys as in the past. The next Fun Fly is scheduled for April 18th.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM.

PROGRAM:

Bud Austin brought a new model to show off. It is a Balsa U.S.A. designed plane. He bought the Stingray 120 kit for \$159. Nice looking plane and it is big. It has an 83 inch wingspan and should weigh about 8 1/2 to 10 1/2 pounds, He hasn't got the motor yet but said it could possibly be and electric. Should be ready to fly in the near future.

YOUR 2015 DUES ARE DUE!!

Below are the names of the 16 members that are current in their 2015 Club dues.

Bud Austin, Sid Beckham, Fritz Corbin, Wayne Edson, Gene Fuson, Jim Halbert, Don Johnson, Don Livermore, Dave Medley, Gary Merseal, Randy Needham, Dick Peterson, Erv Rohde, Howard Shire, James Woodruff, and John Woods.

If you feel your 2015 Club dues are current but you are not on the above list contact Fritz Corbin for needed corrections.

APRIL 18TH FUN FLY

FIRST EVENT WILL START AT 11:00 AM

BBQ AFTER THE Fun Fly

There will be three events.

Event 1. TIME AND PLACE. From the square, take off and do a loop, land and stop in square (at least two wheels) in exactly 30 seconds. Then take off and do a roll, turn off the engine/motor (at least six feet above ground) and stop plane in the square. Restarts OK. One point for each second plus or minus 30 seconds and one point for each foot the plane stops from center of square. Low score wins.

Event 2. JOHNS FUNTANGO. Take off from the box, do a loop and land the aircraft. Taxi around the 2 pylons making a complete figure 8. Take off, do a roll and land and stop with at least 2 wheels in the box. Low time wins. Time starts when the plane moves and the time stops when the plane stops in the box. Penalties are an additional 10 seconds. for moving a pylon and 25 seconds. for being airborne during the taxi.

Event 3. TIMED AEROBATICS. Take off from square and do a loop, then a roll, then a hammerhead stall (all must be acceptable to the judge(s)). Then land and stop with at least two wheels in the square. Shortest time wins.

Pilots can fly any fixed wing aircraft in any event.



A couple of electrics seen at the field some time back-left is Gene Fuson's good looking ARF and right is Jim Halbert's scratch built.



Below, left, snowbird, John Woods chats with Gary Merseal while John's MX2 waits to get some sky exercise. At the right President Johns chats with Howard Shire. Maybe they are discussing the big black patch on Howard's Four Star 60.



Photo by Gene Fuson

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

If you find it necessary to go into the woods to retrieve a downed airplane, be aware of the terrain, take a buddy and take a cell phone.

This time of the year poses another problem in the woods and they are called TICKS. Check yourself after a trip in the woods, you may be amazed how many of these critters will be on you. It generally takes 24 hrs for them to get into your skin. Get them off!!!!!!!!!!!!!! They can cause serious health problems if left unattended. Spraying yourself with bug spray before venturing out can deter a lot of these nasty little bugs.

See You At The Field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING
WILL BE **APRIL 14**, 6:00PM,
AT THE SOUTH PORT CLUB-
HOUSE.**