

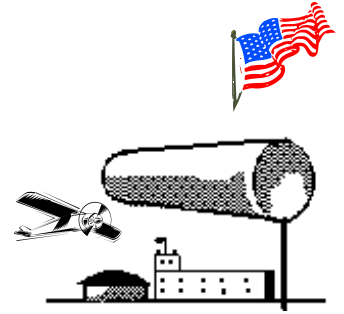
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DRONE'S EYE VIEW



Phil Rogers sent in a drone photo of our flying field's pit area. Can you identify who was at the field that day? Phil said the picture was from last year. From the green leaves it must have been in the summer. Catch another view of the field (PAGE 5) where the drone is over the north end of the field.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER *April 2017*

By the time you all read this we'll be home. We have had a nice trip to Florida and I'm looking forward to returning home. Hope you all are well and it will be nice to see everyone.

We'll plan on having our Club meeting on April 11th and it will probably not be at the field. If you have been working on any winter R/C projects, bring them along to share with the group. Also, we will have our first "Fun Fly" the Saturday after the meeting. Don will be outlining the events in this newsletter.

I had a difficult time setting up the two planes I bought while in Florida. Both planes had Spektrum Receivers so I tried to set up the first plane using my Spektrum Transmitter. I was getting a glitch when operating the left aileron and thought it was the servo. I checked out other servos in the aileron position and the problem was still there so I thought it was the Rx. I borrowed a friend's Tx and bound it to my plane and the problem went away. As it turned out my problem was with my radio. Did a search on repair and found a reference to a Spektrum Service Bulletin recalling the radio because of a problem with the potentiometers in both stick positions. I changed the two Rx's out for Futabas and have successfully flown both of the planes, YAK-54 and the Nemesis 66. You might check out your transmitters to make sure they are OK.

I sent Don a few pictures of the planes he may put in the newsletter. The pictures were taken at the I.R.K.S. flying field, the club I join while in Florida. Both models are from Seagull Models. The Yak 54 has a 64" wing and an OS .91. The Nemesis 66 has an 80" wing and an OS 1.60 engine..... yes they are fuel burners. There is a hobby shop in Orlando, Graves Hobbies, where I bought a case of fuel last week at \$14.94/ gallon. Don't know why fuel is \$22 - \$28/ gallon in our areas – must be a shortage.

They have an armadillo problem at their flying field like we used to have and also a wild pig problem too. They have installed an electric fence wire, 12" high, around the perimeter of the field which helps with the pigs but not the armadillos. I've talked to the club members about the success we've had with our fence and they will probably string another wire 4" high to better manage the 'dillos.

Janet and I went to the Daytona "Bike Week" yesterday. I still like motorcycles. It is estimated that there are around 500,000 bikes that attend Bike Week over the 10 days the show runs – crazy. There is a lot to do and we had fun at Bike Week.

We'll be leaving around March 30th so I'll get this article to Don early so it will make the newsletter while we're on the road. Thanks to all for taking care of things while I've been gone. I really appreciate it.

See you all soon John

Here is President John Woods, in Florida, with his new YAK-54. Hope he gets it back to Missouri in one piece. Photo by J. Woods



THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

O.K. The flying season is here, the weather is warming up, our snow bird President should be back, the first Club meeting of the year is April 11th and our first Fun Fly is April 15th. If you didn't check out your planes this winter, now is the time! Charge up your batteries, buy some fuel and come on out to the field.

If the weather is decent, we will have our meeting at the Club field, if not we will meet at the South Port Clubhouse. We will send out an email on location as soon as we get a good feel for the weather.

The Fun Fly has been designed so almost anyone that has soloed can easily compete, even with a Sturdy Birdy. So, consider joining in on the fun. Want to thank Bud Austin for contributing his event even though he gave the glider pilots a little anchor. Oh well, we will overcome.

Want to thank Gene Fuson. Phil Rogers and John Woods for contributing photos that were used in this issue of the Windsock. It is always good to get some new blood into the Newsletter. Probably more interesting also.

The Club has received its' AMA Club Charter and Insurance Certificate for 2017 so we are good to go for the rest of the year. We are running a little shy on members so if you know someone that isn't on the list to the right, that should be on that list, feel free to bug them, good naturedly of course.

As can be seen on page 5, the reincarnation of my 65% Pro Twister is completed and ready for its' maiden flight. Now that it is ready to fly, not sure what to call it, certainly not FANCY. Maybe 65% Foamy Pro Twister w/ Long Wing. or Long Wing Foamy PT. It will be interesting to see what the 9 inch longer wing will do to the flight characteristics. Also haven't decided whether to fly it with 3 cells and short prop or 2 cells and a long prop. It is fairly light so both setups should work.

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

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB

There was no Club meeting in March.

YOUR 2017 DUES ARE DUE!!

Below are the names of the 12 members that are current in their 2017 Club dues.

Bud Austin, Sid Beckham, Fritz Corbin, Don Johnson, Dave Medley, Gary Merseal, Phil Rogers, Erv Rohde, Charley Schenk, Howard Shire, John Woods and James Woodruff.

If you feel your 2017 Club dues are current but you are not on the above list contact Fritz Corbin for needed corrections.

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2017			
		MAR	YTD
BALANCE	2/1/2017	\$1,612.57	\$ 2,029.22
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ -	\$ 160.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 28.29	\$ 484.94
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ 120.00
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ -
BALANCE	3/1/2017	\$1,584.28	\$ 1,584.28

APRIL 11TH FUN FLY

FIRST EVENT WILL START AT 11:00 AM

BBQ AFTER THE Fun Fly

There will be three events.

Event 1. PARK IT. Place plane in the square, time starts when plane moves, take off and do a loop or roll, land and park plane in the square **with no part of the plane touching the ground outside the square.** Repeat two more times. Time stops with plane parked the third time with no part of the plane touching the ground outside the square. Low time wins.

Event 2. BUD'S CLIMB AND GLIDE. Climb and glide to spot landing. Climb and shut off engine at 25 sec. Stop plane as close to spot as possible. Must do a loop some time during the flight. Score is time in seconds minus feet from spot. Failure to do loop is minus 30 seconds. Highest score wins. (1/2 time penalty for glider.)

Event 3. ONE MINUTE DRILL. In exactly 60 seconds take off from square, time starts when plane moves, do a loop, land, taxi east between the two pylons and stop plane in the square, with no part of the plane touching the ground outside the square. One second penalty for each second, plus or minus, the 60 seconds is missed. Plus a 5 second penalty for each time a pylon is hit during the event. Low time wins.

Pilots can fly any fixed wing aircraft in any event.

Phil Roger's drone photo of our total flying field from the north end.



John Woods with his new Nemesis—66.

Photo by J Woods



FANCY



Your editor's newest project.

PLAIN JANE



Here is a photo from Gene Fuson where he is updating/repairing a trainer for the LUC Boys Ranch. Not sure what the complete story is but we will probably find out at the April meeting. Nice job, Gene!

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I am reviewing the CLUB SAFETY RULES for all members, but in particular for our newer members. These rules will continue to be published every month until they are all listed here. If you can't wait to see them all, e-mail me and I will see that you get a copy.

Please read and comply with the following rules:

The following SAFETY RULES were adopted by the TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB Membership in October 1997 and revised November 2010.

13. Pilots must announce that they are going to be landing and taking off to the other pilots on the field.

14. Spectators must remain behind the flying area.

15. It shall be each member's responsibility to police the flying field at the end of each flying session. If you brought it to the field, take it home with you.

See you at the field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING
WILL BE APRIL 11, 5:30PM,
AT THE CLUB FLYING FIELD.
IN CASE OF SEVERE WEATHER MEET
AT THE SOUTH PORT CONDO CLUB-
HOUSE.**