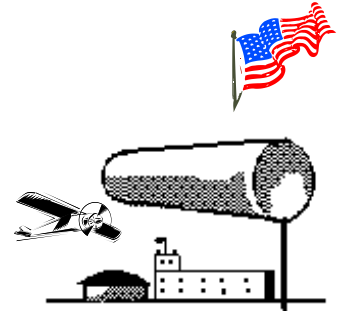


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## LIFE CYCLE



Based on a Four Star-40 plan, Don Johnson's mock PT-19 first flew in July of '03 with a geared electric motor and a couple of pounds of nicads. After 36 flights, in April of '08, it was converted to a brushless motor with a 3 cell li-po battery as shown in the upper left photo and flew with much better performance. On New Year's Day, 2011, it crashed due to a broken aileron horn and servo gear, probably hanger rash. It then had 96 flights on it. The mid right photo shows it stripped down, repaired and with a new fuselage. It now is back flying as a front line fighter in the proud colors of the Banana Republic on some island way south of here. The change also included upgrading to a Spektrum radio system.

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

What can I say? The year is a quarter over and we still haven't had many real good flying days. I have complained about the weather for the last four months and it hasn't done any good. I said it had to clear up and it got worse. I would say it couldn't go on forever but then it probably would.

By now our planes should be in good shape and ready to go if the weather ever breaks. I know that my batteries are fully charged and ready to go. They should be, after charging them so many times only to find the weather wouldn't co-operate.

Dave was all ready with the food for the first Fun Fly. Sorry I had to wait so long to cancel but the weather was iffy and I didn't want to cancel unless I had to. I think it was the right decision. Sorry about that Dave!

Since we haven't been able to fly much there isn't a lot to write about so I guess I'll just sigh off and hopefully see you at the field.

Howard

## THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

I too would like to gripe about the weather but from what we see in the media we probably should consider ourselves fortunate. Also on the bright side it has given us plenty of building, repair and maintenance time. I'm sure all members have taken advantage of this time.

As seen on the front page, your editor has resurrected his modified Four Star-40 that he crashed on New Year's Day and has it back in the air. Also have a little 25 inch Stinson Voyager ready to go, just waiting for a fairly calm day.

A couple of events are coming up on the first week-end in June. The Heart of America Float Fly in Paola, KS is one that John Woods likes to attend so if you are interested contact him. Also SMALL is in Wrightsville, AR on that same weekend. It is for planes of .25 Cu In or less or electric equivalent and includes two nights of indoor flying. If interested talk to Don Johnson or Jim Halbert for details.

Now is a good time to check your batteries. Put a blank mailing label on any new battery you get and write the date on it. You'll be surprised how old some of your batteries are. If your battery seems to be running down faster than it used to check it out and or replace it. It is not fun to have a battery go dead while you are flying.

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

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2011			
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BALANCE	4/1/2011	\$1,803.80	\$ 1,345.14
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ 80.00	\$ 1,140.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ 4.50	\$ 12.00
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 25.00	\$ 500.00
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ 44.90	\$ 44.90
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ 105.00
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ 28.84
BALANCE	5/1/2011	\$1,818.40	\$ 1,818.40

## NEW MEMBER

We picked up another member in March bringing our total membership to 21.

Although Mark Niebrzydowski is not really a new member, he has renewed his membership after about a year's absence.

Welcome back Mark, its great to have you flying with us again.

# MEETING MINUTES

## TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB

April 12, 2011

President Howard Shire opened the meeting at 6:01 PM, at the Coachlight Clubhouse. All Officers were present. There were 10 members present including the officers. There were no guests at the meeting. Howard Shire won the 50/50 split the pot. He received \$4.50 of the \$9 pot.

### Committee Reports:

Treasurer Roy Steinestel reported that there was \$1,803.80 in the bank on April 1st. Roy also reported that he, Erv Rohde and Howard Shire had met with the IRS and were told to get a 990-N form off the internet and fill it out. This was done and the IRS responded by email that our tax reporting obligation was complete and accepted for this year.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved as printed in the April Newsletter with the exception that the April Fun Fly date was erroneously listed as October instead of April.

### Old Business:

It was reported that the Civil Air Patrol had made no contact about an indoor flight demo at the Branson West airport. Dave Medley said he talked to the Airport Manager and said he was not in favor of any R/C flying

outside but that maybe a static display sometime would be welcome.

Dave Medley said he had not yet contacted the Cub Scout or LUC boys ranch about a flight demo day but would do so.

### New Business:

Fritz Corbin presented a detailed proposal and cost estimate, along with a pass out, on redoing the safety fence. The estimated cost of replacing the fence was \$318.03. After considerable discussion, it was decided to continue the discussion at next Month's meeting.

Fritz Corbin said that most members do not change the combination on the gate lock when opening the gate thereby leaving the combination for anyone to see. Since the combination has to be changed before it can be re-locked anyway, he suggested it would be good to change the combination immediately after opening the lock.

The Club roster has been updated for 2011 and it was suggested that it be emailed to all current members. Don Johnson said he would do that and have the Club web site also updated.

### Program:

Gene Fuson handed out New Year's Day and Fun Fly certificates to John Woods and Bud Austin who had been absent when they were first passed out.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM.

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# APRIL FUN FLY RESULTS

MOTHER NATURE .....1

TRI-LAKES R/C PILOTS .....0

**Due to sever weather the April Fun Fly was canceled The next Fun Fly is scheduled for June 18th.**

## **TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB**

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**HOWARD SHIRE 779-5069**

**JOHN WOODS 338-8419**

## **SAFETY FIRST**

We have new AMA safety rules that will soon be posted at the field along with the revised Club safety rules. Please take the time to review and comply with these rules.

Remember, all the safety rules we make does not replace common sense when we are at the field. Actually, common sense is a plus off the field too.

See you at the field,  
Gene Fuson  
Safety Officer

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING WILL BE  
MAY 10TH, 6:00PM, AT THE CLUB FLY-  
ING FIELD. IN CASE OF SEVERE  
WEATHER, MEET AT THE COACHLIGHT  
TRAILER PARK CLUB HOUSE**