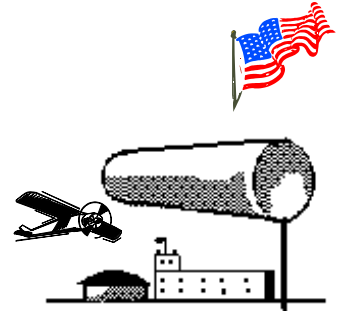


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THE THRILL OF COMPETITION



Above is Howard Shire with his Magic fun fly plane, as he is participating in the April, postponed till May, Club Fun Fly. He is just starting his engine in the John Woods' LAS VEGAS event. More pictures can be seen on pages 4 and 5.

Photo by Janet Woods

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Pilots;

Our first meeting at the field didn't happen as planned, mother nature ran us inside the Rex-Plex again. It looks like the wx has finally decided to get warm so we should start seeing some super flying days. John talked to the field owners and I am sure he will brief all at the next meeting. Next meeting is 10 June at the field, let's all try to get out and have a fun day flying. Coming up is the Fun Fly in June and the Cub Scouts on 21 June. The field is really in great shape thanks to the mowers. See you at the meeting.

Dave

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Well the April Fun Fly was finally held in May and the next one is on June 14th. Hope everyone will make an effort to attend and that we will have great weather. I also want to thank Janet Woods for taking the Fun Fly pictures that can be seen on pages 1, 4 and 5.

It was planned that Don Livermore would entertain us at the June Fun Fly with a turbine jet flying demonstration, but there was a little problem — he destroyed his plane. Maybe he will join us anyway and fill us in on all the grizzly details. According to Don he will build another jet and eventually follow through on his promised demo.

Sid Beckham has done it again. Below is a picture of Sid's pilot figure in his new Goldberg 300S. In last month's Newsletter there was a picture of one of Sid's pilot figures in a Piper Pawnee. He does a great job of simulating himself in these figures. He says he uses common but unusual items and materials to make them. It would make a very interesting program if Sid would put on a demo on how he makes these figures. Hint! Hint!

Time to land for this month. See you out at the field.....ed.



TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2008			
		MAY	Y T D
BALANCE	5/1/2008	\$ 2,700.26	\$ 2,351.20
INCOME-DUES	-----	\$ -	\$ 1,173.75
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-FOOD	-----	\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-50/50	-----	\$ -	\$ 17.50
INCOME-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$ 100.00
EXPENSE-FIELD	-----	\$ 40.08	\$ 725.02
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ 8.20
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD	-----	\$ -	\$ 69.05
EXPENSE-AMA	-----	\$ -	\$ 105.00
EXPENSE-Web	-----	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ 75.00
EXPENSE-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$ -
BALANCE	6/1/2008	\$ 2,660.18	\$ 2,660.18

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

May 17, 2008

President Dave Medley opened the meeting at 11:00 am at Rocky Top Field. Officers present were Dave Medley and Annette McEvoy. There were 12 members present. Don Johnson standing in for Treasurer Erv Rohde reported that the treasury balance as of May 1st was \$2700.26 The 50/50 raffle was won by Dick Ross who received one half of \$10.

Committee Reports:

There were no committee reports

Announcements and Old Business:

Fritz Corbin brought up the continuing grub control problem. He will do some research on what type of commercial grade chemical could be used to help us with our problem and pass on the information to Dick Peterson.

Howard Shire reminded everyone that if they are going to mow, BE SURE to check that there isn't any debris packed in under the hood. We have a problem with rodents trying to take up residence there and it will damage the mowers if they're run that way.

John Woods reported that as to the fixed wing/helicopter use of the field situation, a suggestion that we extend the fencing from where it presently ends down towards the shed would be a help, not only for the helicopter pilots but safety in general. The McEvoy's have already donated some steel fencing posts and we have extra netting so it wouldn't be a major problem to put this in place. We still need some sort of official policy so that we are able to share air time and not create any conflicts.

Annette McEvoy brought a plaque and hat pins that we received from AMA upgrading us to Silver Leader Club status. Anyone not at the meeting should contact her to obtain their pin.

New Business:

Dave Medley read a copy of the letter that we received from AMA along with a check for \$100 thanking us for our community effort with our Skaggs Christmas toy program.

Dave Medley reported that his visit with Cub Scout Pack 163 was a success and that they would really be interested in attending some type of event at the field. After discussion it was decided to try for a June 21st date. The event will probably consist of several demonstrations and perhaps actual hands-on flying with an intro-instructor for at least a few of the kids.

A recent problem has developed with the neighbor – Sandy. She has contacted us and informed us that she found the gate open a couple of times, that we've been throwing Armadillo remains on her property and that we are causing problems by removing dirt from the berm by the pond. There was discussion among all present about how to approach the situation and it was decided that John Woods would contact Sandy and see what this is all about.

Program:

There was no program.

Next meeting will be June 10th at Rocky Top field.

Meeting adjourned at 11:43 am.

APRIL FUN FLY

Well it finally happened. The April 12th Fun Fly was finally flown on May 17th after at least two postponements. The May Club meeting, that was postponed because of weather, was also held on the 17th before the Fun Fly.

Following the meeting there was the traditional Fun Fly lunch of hotdogs, sodas and chips as well as cookies and a cake. The ladies always bring delicious and tempting deserts so the diets are forgotten for a day.

The day came with gusty winds of over 11 miles per hour so at least one participant decided not fly. However there were five brave pilots that would not let a little wind stop them and anxiously awaited the start of the first event and drew for starting slots.

The first event was TIMED FLIGHT WITH LOOPS. Take off and do as many loops as possible in 60 seconds then land and stop in exactly 30 seconds (90 seconds total). Score 5 points for each acceptable loop and subtract 1 point for each second above or below 90 seconds. Also subtract 10 points if the plane stops off the field. High score wins. Bud Austin took first place with 17 loops and only 3 penalty points for a score of 82. Second place went to John Woods with 16 loops and 3 penalty points for a 77 score and in Third place was Howard Shire with 15 loops less 8 seconds for a 67. Fourth went to Dick Ross with 14 loops less 4 seconds for 66 and fifth was Fritz Corbin with 13 loops less 4 seconds for a score of 61.

The next event was John Woods' LAS VEGAS. Clock will start at "GO" and the pilot will roll the dice for his "Point". He will then start his engine, go through the

starting gate, then another gate, around a cone and take off and do two ROOPs, then land and stop his engine/motor. He will then throw the dice until he makes his "Point" and time stops. Low time wins. Bud Austin again took First place with 128 seconds. He didn't have the best flight time but he hit his "Point" on the first roll. In Second place, with 136 seconds was Fritz Corbin and John Ross was Third with 138 seconds. Fourth place was John Woods with a 142. He had the best flight time but had to roll the dice at least a dozen times to make his "Point", and Fifth place went to Howard shire with 146 seconds. Pretty close competition.

The last event was PRECISION DEAD STICK LANDING. Take off and climb to sufficient altitude say "NOW" and stop your engine/motor. Then glide to and stop on a target in exactly 30 seconds. Time starts at "NOW" and stops when the plane stops. One point penalty for each second more or less than 30 and one point penalty for each foot away from the target the plane stops. Low score wins. There was a tie for First place. John Woods had 32 feet and 6 seconds for a 38 and Dick Ross had 31 feet and 7 seconds for a 38 also. In third place was Bud Austin with a 61 (61+ 0), Fourth was Fritz Corbin with an 83 (78 + 5) and Fifth was Howard Shire with a 192 (191 + 1). The wind seemed to have more effect on this even than the other two events.

First place overall went to Bud Austin with 250 Top Gun 2008 points. Second place was John Woods with 185 points and Third place went to Dick Ross with 165 points. Fourth place was Fritz Corbin with 120 points and Fifth was Howard Shire with 90 points. A great job by all pilots under windy conditions with only one plane sustaining any damage.

As always thanks to everyone that contributed to the lunch and assisted in running the Fun Fly



Above left is Fritz Corbin and right is John Woods as they participate in the Club Fun Fly.

Photos by Janet Woods

JUNE FUN FLY

When? JUNE 14th
BBQ starts at noon
Pilot's meeting at 1 PM

Event 1. BOX EVENT (2) Pilot will initially taxi or place his plane in the marked box. Time starts when plane starts to move. Take off, do a 360 around the field and land in the same direction as take off, then taxi and stop with at least two wheels clearly within the box. At this point a judge will say "good" and the pilot will again take off, do a 360 around the field and land in the same direction as take off, and taxi into the box and stop with at least two wheels in the box. At this point the judge will say "good" and time will stop. Shortest time wins. Each pilot has a time limit of 4 minutes to complete the task. The plane must taxi from the landing site into the box under its own power.

Event 2. ERV'S GROUND TARGETS NEED A PLANE WITH STEERABLE WHEEL. TIME STARTS WHEN PLANE TOUCHES STARTING LINE. OBJECT: KNOCK DOWN 5 TARGETS WITH WING, THEN TIME STOPS WHEN YOU TOUCH FINISH LINE. SHORTEST TIME WINS. PENALTYS; 1 BREAK A TARGET, 5 SECONDS. 2 WHEELS LEAVE GROUND, 10 SECONDS. 3 DESTROY A TARGET WITH PROP, 20 SECONDS.

Event 3. SPOT LANDING (2) Take off, do a touch and go (minus 10 points) and land on the runway marker. Score 1 point for each foot away from the marker the wheels first touch on landing. The plane must touch down on the runway. Perfect score is minus 10 points. Low score wins. Two tries will be allowed but touch and go must be made on each try. A novice pilot will get an extra minus 10 point bonus if judge is advised and agrees before the flight.

Pilots can use any fixed wing aircraft they want in any event.



Two more action shots of the Club Fun Fly, Bud Austin left and Dick Ross above.

Photos by Janet Woods

JUNE MEETING

JUNE 10, 6:30 PM

Meet at the Rocky Top Field In case of severe weather meet at the RexPlex.

Program

Bring your current projects for show and tell.

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SAFETY FIRST

We have quite a few aircraft that are powered by gasoline. If you mix oil into your gasoline, DO NOT use a plastic funnel. Using such a funnel can allow static electricity to build up, causing a flash fire. To prevent such an occurrence use only a metal funnel, and only mix your fuel out of doors. That is the best ventilated area there is. Remember, gas is a lot more volatile than nitro fuel.

See you at the field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

Below is Sid Beckham's Goldberg 300S ARF on its maiden flight. Looks Good!



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