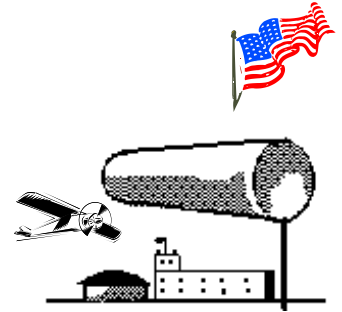


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## LAKE MIOLA FLOAT FLY



Above is a picture John Woods gave me of a great looking Stearman bi-plane on floats. The plane is probably 1/3 scale and is seen taxiing on Lake Miola in Kansas. John and other Club members, Jim Haney, Dave Medley and James Woodruff attended this fun float fly event on the June 4th weekend. From the pictures, it looks like all the planes are at least quarter scale or large sport float planes. It is always enjoyable to visit other club's events to see different aircraft and how the clubs handle the events. John is also trying to arrange an informal float fly for our Club, maybe later this month.

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well it looks like the weather is going to let us get a few days of flying in. Make sure you bring your water with you because the rain and wind have given way to some hot weather.

The flying conditions haven't been the best, but we have been flying. It would be nice to have more participation from all the Club members. It is a flying club and you can only improve your flying if you get out and fly. Come out and join in on the flying and conversation.

Fritz found the electric fence wasn't working so he went out and purchased a new fence controller. After looking inside the controller the fence must have taken a lightning strike because the coil was burnt. Thank you Fritz for being Johnnie on the spot and taking care of the problem.

We should be having the scouts etc. coming out soon so the intro-pilots should be making sure that the Club planes are ready to go. I took mine home and will be cleaning it and making sure it is in good running condition for the events.

Hope to see you at the field.

Howard

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2011			
		JUN	Y T D
BALANCE	6/1/2011	\$1,790.99	\$ 1,345.14
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ 15.00	\$ 1,235.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ 27.00	\$ 27.00
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ 5.00	\$ 20.50
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 77.33	\$ 688.24
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ 16.64	\$ 61.54
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ 105.00
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ 28.84
BALANCE	7/1/2011	\$1,744.02	\$ 1,744.02

## THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

The Club Roster is now up to 23 since Craig Mckenzie, Tom's son, re-joined as an Associate Member. Glad to have you back and out flying with us, Craig. Now that the weather is more flyable (less wind) we may be able to pick up a few more new members.

Some members may have noticed that the trees around the field are getting taller and are able to reach out and grab unsuspecting aircraft. So even though it takes a minute or two, it could be worth the effort to check the plane carefully before flying. Make sure the controls are all working correctly and smoothly, motors and engines are working OK, and all the batteries are charged or the trees may reach out and get you.

Was at TPA Hobby Center a couple of weeks ago to pick up some things and found out that club discounts had been discontinued. Seems like the current economic situation eventually effects everything. Oh well it was great while it lasted.

Jim Haney has now brush hogged the areas beyond the runway making plane recovery much easier. Thanks Jim!

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

## 2011 CLUB MEMBERS

Below are the names of the 23 members that are current in their 2011 Club dues.

Pat Adams, Rick Almond, Bud Austin, Sid Beckham, Fritz Corbin, Gene Fuson, Jim Halbert, Jim Haney, Don Johnson, Reeder Jones, Craig Mckenzie, Tom Mckenzie, Dave Medley, Randy Needham, Mark Niebrzydowski, Roy Pepper, Dick Peterson, Erv Rohde, Howard Shire, Roy Steinestel, James Woodruff, John Woods and Homer Zobel.

If you feel your 2011 Club dues are current but you are not on the above list contact Roy Steinestel for needed corrections.

# MEETING MINUTES

## TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB

June 14, 2011

President Howard Shire opened the meeting at 5:58 PM, at Rocky Top Field. All Officers were present. There were 11 members present including the officers. There were no guests. Roy Steinestel won the 50/50 split the pot. He received \$2.50 of the \$5 pot.

### Committee Reports:

Treasurer Roy Steinestel reported that there was \$1,790.99 in the bank as of June 1st.

The minutes of the May meeting were approved as printed in the June Newsletter.

### Old Business:

The safety fence was discussed again and it was moved and passed to rent a powered post hole digger and replace the posts and safety fencing. This to be done in the fall – probably in October.

It was announced that the June Fun Fly will be June 18<sup>th</sup>.

### New Business:

John Woods and Jim Haney will meet with Team Challenge and arrange a date for a flight demonstration. As yet there has been no response from the Scouts or LUC Boys Ranch on a date for their flight demonstration.

Jim Haney will brush hog the areas bordering the flying field.

Flight training for the Civil Air Patrol was discussed and it was decided that a meeting should be held with the CAP to determine exactly what would be involved and expected from this training.

Don Johnson reported that the Club Web Site was up to date. It was pointed out that the Safety Rules did not have the new changes and Don said he would get them updated.

John Woods said he was planning a Club Float Fly with a tentative date in July.

### Program:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM.



Here is John Woods' big, 1/4 scale?, Edge 540 coming in to land on one of our more flyable days. Actually in John's hands the Edge can handle quite a bit of wind with little trouble.

# JUNE FUN FLY

Dawn broke with very breezy conditions but by 11AM it was calm enough to have the pilot's meeting and start the events.

The first event was called FLY AND DRIVE. Take off from the plate and fly at least 20 feet, land and slalom north through the pylons then back south through the pylons and stop (or place) the plane on the plate. Shortest time wins. Add 10 seconds for each pylon knocked over. John Woods learned from the five pilots that went before him and posted a score of 64. Bud Austin was close behind with a 79 for second place and Fritz Corbin came in third with a 93. Fourth went to Erv Rohde with 118 seconds, fifth to Don Johnson with a 150 and sixth was Howard Shire at 221.

The second event was HOWARD'S PRECISION LANDING. Take off and then landing exactly on the runway centerline and at the cross mark on the centerline. Plus 10 points if touchdown is exact or minus 1 point for each foot to the side of the center line and minus 1 point before or past the cross mark. High score wins. First up and with the highest score was Bud Austin with a -8. Coming in second was Don Johnson with a -9.5 and Jon Woods was third with -15. Fourth went to Fritz Corbin at -17, fifth was Howard Shire at -25.5 and sixth was Erv Rohde with a -27.

The last event was a TWO MINUTE TRIP. Take off from the plate, do a loop and a roll and land. Then take off again and do a loop, roll, loop and roll, land and stop on the plate in exactly 2 minutes. There is a 1 point penalty for each second plus or minus 120. The pilot has the option of stopping the plane and calling stop time after landing the second time and taking a 1 second penalty for each foot away from the plate the plane stopped. The low penalty count wins. Erv roared into first place with a 10 second pen-

alty with Howard second at 12 and Bud third at 14 seconds. Fourth place was Fritz at 16 seconds, John was fifth at 28 and Don sixth at 30 seconds.

Over All Scoring. With 220 points Bud Austin took First Place and earned 100 Top Gun 2011 points. With 170 points Second Place went to John Woods earning him 70 Top Gun Points and with Erv Rohde's 140 points he earned 50 Top Gun Points. Earning 30 Top Gun points with a 110 was Fritz Corbin and Don Johnson and Howard Shire tied for Fifth Place each with 100 points earning 15 Top Gun Points. It should be noted that this Fun Fly had no damaged aircraft.

Many thanks to everyone that helped in the Fun Fly, especially Dave Medley, Roy Steinestel, Gene Fuson and other pilots on running and scoring the events—and to Howard Shire for his event. Also Dave Medley for food procurement and Chef duties. A special thanks to Claudia Shire for the chocolate cookies and Janet Woods for the orange cake —always welcome treats.

The next Club Fun Fly is scheduled for August 13th.



Another of John Woods' pictures from the Miola float fly in Kansas, This is a neat and big WWI fighter on floats. Notice most of the big planes have pilots!

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## **SAFETY FIRST**

We are starting to see more electric powered airplanes at the flying field. These airplanes require the same safety precautions as the nitro/gas powered airplanes.

A lot of these smaller airplanes do not have an on/off switch. Be very careful when plugging in the battery on this type of aircraft. Always make sure that your transmitter is on and in the "safe" throttle position as required by your electronics.

Airplanes that have the room for a safety switch should have one installed.

Treat these airplanes like they are loaded and cocked and ready to go. I also noticed a lack of restraints for these airplanes. They should be restrained like any other airplane that is being prepared for flight.

Respect the power of electrics, they just keep chopping until you turn them off.

See You at the Field  
Gene Fuson  
Safety Officer

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING WILL BE  
JULY 12TH, 6:00PM, AT THE CLUB FLY-  
ING FIELD. IN CASE OF SEVERE  
WEATHER, MEET AT TNE COACHLIGHT  
TRAILER PARK CLUB HOUSE**