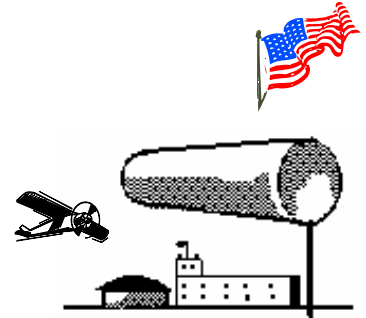


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## AUGUST MEETING

AUGUST 8 , 7:00 PM

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

## Program

Fly before the meeting. Bring your current projects for "Show and Tell"

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Once again, hello to all club members! We had a small crowd at the field on our meeting night, but we had some good feedback from the Rex-Plex fly show. If you know of any event that would help promote our club, bring your ideas to our next meeting, and we will talk it over.

It has been almost too hot to fly lately, but thank goodness summer is halfway over! I could not believe my guests at the resort kept going fishing in such heat.

Thanks to everyone who is helping put on the upcoming Fun Fly. John Woods is taking care

of the food, Roscoe is setting up the events, and Bud and his helpers will take care of the mowing.

I have a family reunion coming up next week, and my wife's uncle is a flyer, so I hope to get some pointers from him.

I look forward to seeing you all at the field, till then keep safe and healthy.  
 Gary

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## TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2006

		JUL	Y T D
BALANCE	7/1/2006	\$ 1,280.45	\$ 1,177.43
INCOME-DUES	-----	\$ -	\$ 1,300.14
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS	-----	\$ 5.00	\$ 92.00
INCOME-FOOD	-----	\$ -	\$ 114.00
INCOME-50/50	-----	\$ 7.50	\$ 61.00
INCOME-MISC	-----	\$ 20.00	\$ 256.00
EXPENSE-FIELD	-----	\$ 35.00	\$ 1,146.13
EXPENSE-NEW SLETTER	-----	\$ -	\$ 24.14
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS	-----	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD	-----	\$ -	\$ 51.70
EXPENSE-AMA	-----	\$ -	\$ 185.00
EXPENSE-Web	-----	\$ -	\$ 191.40
EXPENSE-meeting room	-----	\$ -	\$ 100.00
EXPENSE-MISC	-----	\$ 42.78	\$ 67.03
BALANCE	8/1/2006	\$ 1,235.17	\$ 1,235.17

# MEETING MINUTES

## TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

July 11, 2006

President Gary Acton opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. at Rocky Top Field. All officers were present. There were 14 members present. One member's wife, Doris Rohde, was in attendance. The minutes from the June meeting were approved as published in the July Newsletter. Treasurer Erv Rohde reported that the treasury balance as of July 1<sup>st</sup> was \$1,280.45. The 50/50 raffle was won by Bud Austin who received one half of \$15.

### Committee Reports:

Bud Austin reported that he's been having help mowing from several different Club members and that one of the mowers had a bearing go out. Mark Niebrzydowski is in the process of repairing it now. Annette McEvoy reported that the final printing for the recipe books will be the 15<sup>th</sup> and it appears that we will have collected enough when it's all through to pay for the first mower repairs which is what the whole project was about.

Roscoe Fudge reported that the June Fun Fly went well and another novice event will be held at a future Fun Fly.

John Woods reported that he really appreciated all of the help and participation for the RecPlex event. Our club put on a very impressive event and he was sending pictures and a story to the local newspapers. He asked for any pictures from members that could be used for the story. The only downside of the event was that the kids weren't allowed enough time to really see all that we had on hand to show them. Annette McEvoy has contacted AMA and will be sending in coverage to them. It will be approximately 6 months before it will appear in Model Aviation.

### Announcements and Old Business:

Erv Rohde reported that we still have one

large & one X-large red club shirts for sale. We also have hats. We will be able to order shirts in the near future after we get new prices.

Roscoe Fudge said that the August Fun Fly will be held on August 19<sup>th</sup> as many of our members want to attend the Black Sheep Float Fly on the 12<sup>th</sup>. John Woods will bring the hot dogs & buns. Annette McEvoy reported that after numerous emails it has been agreed that we will have a "Top Gun Shoot-Out" between Mike Anderson & Don Livermore at our fun fly.

### New Business:

There was no new business.

### Program:

Bud Austin handed out the certificates from the June fun fly event. 1<sup>st</sup> place Novice Timed Taxi event-Annette McEvoy; 1<sup>st</sup> place Dead Stick Spot Landing event-Don Johnson; 1<sup>st</sup> place Timed Task-Erv Rohde; 1<sup>st</sup> place Spot Landing-Erv Rohde; 1<sup>st</sup> overall-Erv Rohde; 2<sup>nd</sup> overall-Bud Austin; 3<sup>rd</sup> overall-tied between John Woods & Don Johnson.

Next meeting will be August 8<sup>th</sup> at Rocky Top Field.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m..



This was the scene at the RecPlex on July 9<sup>th</sup> as the Club set up for the flying demonstration prior to the crowd showing up.

## THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Well, the RecPlex flying demonstration is over and must be considered a complete success even though our audience's enthusiasm leaned a little more toward baseball than model airplanes. But the future looks a lot brighter for a good baseball player than a good model airplane pilot. Anyway in the process we found we could keep a continuous flying exhibition going and narrated for a couple of hours, we could fly in a fairly confined space, we could safely fly in winds up to 14 MPH without mishaps, we could put on a great static airplane display, we could put together a good PA system out in the middle of a field, we could do good PR work with the local community, we could do a pretty good job of crowd control and we could pack up and go home quickly when the demonstration was over. Not bad for a bunch of amateurs on their first big demonstration.

Don't forget the Springfield club's Float Fly at Springfield Lake on August 12th and 13th. This is mostly free flying with one short event on Saturday. Anyone with a float plane and an AMA card is welcome to fly for a small landing fee.

Our third Fun Fly of the year is on August 19th. The race for Top Gun 2006 is still wide open so come out and compete or just cheer or harass your favorite pilot during the competition. Lunch will be served at noon.

Thought this would be an interesting month. Saw a bunch of emails going back and forth from two old Top Gun winners about a shoot out at noon at the August Fun Fly. Also something about another Top Gun Winner from Florida that can't spell his name correctly. Not sure where this is going! Anyway things seemed to have turned to posturing and hot air for now. Will keep you informed if anything of substance develops with these old, tired competitors. Maybe at the October Fun Fly!

There was also some talk of having a Powder Puff event (women pilots) by utilizing Interim Pilots and Buddy Boxes. This could turn into an crowd pleaser but this too seems to be on the back burner due to some peoples' (womens') schedules. Maybe in September.

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

## IN MEMORIAM

Sadly we have lost one of our Club Members. On Friday July 27th Del Silva passed away after a lengthy illness. Del joined the Club in June of 2003. Due to health problems he wasn't an active flier but would bring his airplane out, work on it and have someone else fly it and sometimes fly it himself via the Buddy Box. He also enjoyed just coming out to the field, watching others fly and talk about airplanes. We will miss his enthusiasm for our hobby. Del's services will be at 7:00 Friday evening at Snapp-Bearden Funeral Home 1638 E. Hwy 76 Branson 334-3670.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to his wife Cheri and his family.

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## SAFETY 1<sup>st</sup>

Gary Metzger mentioned that some people had been seriously hurt by a prop & spinner "exploding" when the engine was revved up. The plane's owner and the bystanders were in front of the propeller when the incident took place. If you have to rev up your engine, you and any onlookers should stand clear of the path of the prop.

John Woods  
Safety Officer  
Officer

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Below is a group shot of the Club members that participated in the static and flying demonstration at the Branson RexPlex on July 9th. Great job people.



Photo by Janet woods



# REC-PLEX R/C FLIGHT DEMONSTRATION

On July 9th the Branson RecPlex hosted the Little League World Series for 11 year olds and under. As part of their opening day activities they had asked our Club to put on an R/C flying demonstration, which we gladly agreed to. Several Club members spent several



hours practicing at the RecPlex to develop an interesting program and to insure safety in the limited area we had available. John Woods was the Club's chief planner and liaison with the RecPlex staff and did a great job.

On the big day, led by John and the McEvoy's, the Club busily put together the static displays and prepared for the planned two hour flight demonstration. The PA system was actually stereo components taken from the McEvoy's home and run on a generator at the field.

Nine Club members flew during the event and all seemed to enjoy putting on the show. The weather was a little iffy with wind gusts measured up to 14 MPH but all the pilots handled this well with no incidents or broken airplanes. With the number of planes and pilots available there was hardly any dead time between flights. At the static display, Club members were busy talking to the kids and parents and handing out AMA literature and model magazines.

At top is a picture of John Woods getting ready for the first flight of the demonstration. Top right is Ray Dixson giving an excellent running dialog of the flight maneuvers and some info on the pilots. The top two pictures along the left side show the static display area and the bottom two show some of the kids that were watching the show and asking questions. Credit for the pictures goes to Annette McEvoy, Janet Woods,





Photo by Annette McEvoy

How big a plane can you fly at our Club field? Don't know but Joe Major's new P-51 has to be getting close to the limit. For it's size it seems to fly steady and docile—big just flies better. Impressive as it is it would be awesome with a pilot figure, retracts and a larger (more effective) muffler.

Below is Jim Halbert with what is left of his scratch built 1 1/2 meter powered glider. He eventually found the wing but the motor is still missing. What happened? It went into a dive from high altitude and never recovered. Although few people saw the crash, everyone at the field heard it go through the tree.

Why did it crash? Not sure but it could have been the receiver—a brand that is supposed to be bullet proof or it could be because the

antenna wire was run through a carbon fiber fuselage. Or maybe it is what Jim first suspected, the tail fell off because of damage in a previous crash. Or maybe no one will ever know!



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Fritz Corbin and Don Johnson. Above is another shot of the static display area. Not only did the members show their planes but also on display were planes from T.P.A. Hobby Center in Hollister and Sleeth Hobby Shop in Springfield.

Taking some time to reflect, would we do a show like this again. The general consensus is sure! While we would want to do some fine tuning, for a first time event this flight demonstration went off very well and everyone involved had a lot of fun doing it.

## FOR SALE

Sid Beckham has the following three ARF's for sale. He would like to sell the planes with engines but not the electronics. Of course if you want the electronics I'm sure that's negotiable. If you're interested in any of these planes or want more info, call Sid at 417 538-4182.

**Stinger 60 with .90 O.S. engine**

**Spacewalker, 80" W.S. with .91 Saito engine**

Both these planes fly very well!

**P-51 with retracts and .61 Evolution engine.** This plane has never been flown.

# FUN FLY

**When? August 19th**

**BBQ starts at noon—pilot's meeting at 1 PM**

**Where? Rocky Top Field**

**There will be three events.**

**One event will be a LIMBO event (wind permitting), another event will be a CARRIER LANDING event and the third event will remain a MYSTERY until the day of the Fun Fly.**

**Also a possible Novice TAXI event if there is enough interest!**

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

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