

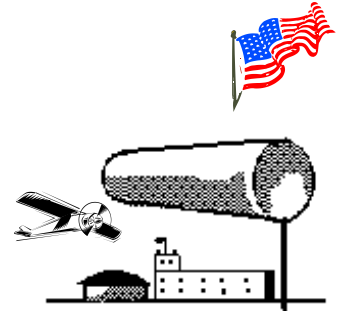
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AT THE END OF THE DAY



At the end of a warm afternoon of flying, a group of Club pilots and wives gathered at the Reeds Spring Pizza Company for an early dinner. As can be seen, everyone seems to be having a great time. President, John Woods, has set the fourth Thursday of each month as a Fly-N-Eat day. Weather permitting, come out to the field about 3:30 PM and fly until about 5:30 then head out to the pizza shop and meet in the back room. Family and friends are welcome.

Picture by Janet Woods' smart phone.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Very, very hot month and humid too. We did get some flight time in at the field but with the scorching heat we all tended to head home earlier than usual.

Jim Haney and Fritz went down some where out in the Ozark Jungle a couple of weeks ago. We were able to find both planes by taking the Transmitter with us when we were out searching. Both the planes were electric and by positioning ourselves near where we thought the lost plane would be, we would apply a little throttle and listen for any prop noise. Worked great. Had to use the bow-n-arrow to get Fritz's plane down and Jim had to climb a tree to get his down.

I crashed my Polaris and won the Crash Trophy a couple weeks ago. I had changed out a bad aileron servo and didn't notice that it was reversed. Upon take off it rolled hard left so I gave it hard right (which is hard left) and to my surprise crashed upside down taking off the nose and the motor mounted on the vertical stabilizer. When will I learn?? Jim's, Fritz's and my plane were all Polaris – must be a timing thing or something. I'm repairing it now.

Bud got the Alpha trainer plane up and running so we now have an almost brand new trainer plane to help instruct students on. The Alpha was donated to the Club by Bob Pilecki, one of our past members.

Also, Erv wanted to retire from being an Instructor so we accepted his request at the last meeting. I know the Club members join in thanking Erv for

helping with teaching students for so many years. Teaching is the main way a Club is able to grow and we are grateful to Erv for helping with his service. Bud offered to help if needed so the Club voted and approved Bud as an instructor.

Jimmy Cardenzana soloed last week on his Twist. He was presented with his Solo Certificate at July's meeting. Jimmy is one of those fast learners and was a lot of fun teaching. You all might check out Jimmy's landings – greases it in every time!

Jimmy set up a Face book page so we can post pictures/videos and information about our Club. You can check it out on your computer at www.facebook.com or on your iphone, just search for Branson RC Club on Face book.

We're celebrating National Model Aviation Day at our Aug. 13th Fun Fly. You can always invite your family, friends and neighbors to come out to see all the action and have a couple of hot dogs too. One of the events will be a Bomb Drop using an egg for the Bomb. You may make a special mechanism to aid in releasing the Bomb if you like.

The weather was a little hot but a bunch of Club members and their wives came out to the field for our Fly-N-Eat get together. We had 15 people at the field then we all went over to Reeds Spring Pizza for dinner, cold refreshments and air conditioning. It was nice to see everyone and hear about all the new stuff going on. Lots of fun.

See you at the field and happy landings John

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

The second Fun Fly of the year is behind us and the third Fun Fly is scheduled for August 13th. Spectators might be interested in attending as we will be dropping raw eggs on a target—should be a real crowd pleaser. It might be a point of interest that the only plane that DQ'ed during the last Fun Fly, due to handling problems, went AWOL behind the trees a few days later and may never be seen again.

You might have noticed in the July Meeting Minutes that the Club donated money to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in Mike Anderson's name. Mike is a past Club member and was a very good pilot. He also developed our Web Site and has been maintaining and updating it for years without charging the Club for his time. Mike and wife, Denise, ride a tandem bike in charity events that benefit M.S. These rides can include hundreds of bikes and travel several hundred miles. To get a feel for what he is doing, you can go to his web page at 10gears.com.

Time marches on. New member Jimmy Cardenana mentioned that to attract new, younger members, our Club should be on Facebook. Since Jimmy is quite a bit younger than most of our members he was asked to set up a Facebook account for the Club. The account has been set up as Branson RC Club. Your editor seems to be a little behind the curve on this as I seem to get something that I don't recognize as our Club. Guess I need to get Jimmy to help this old guy out a little.

Had a visitor show up at the Club for a couple of days, during July. His name was Ed Boyett and was retired in Tampa Bay, Florida and spends the summer motoring around the country. He had some interesting planes with him as can be seen above right. The top photo is of an ornithopter which flies like a bird by flapping its wings. It actually flew quit well flapping its way around the field. He also had a couple of small electric flying wings with a wingspan of about 30 inches. They flew well and were very fast. Ed was doing a good job of flying the wing until it got over his head and nose dived into the metal car port. Made a big noise and wiped out the plane. The results can be seen in the bottom picture. Ed said that being from Florida he was a little spooked by the trees and was making an effort to stay away from them.

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



TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2016			
		JUL	YTD
BALANCE	7/1/2016	\$1,346.06	\$ 1,794.54
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ -	\$ 590.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ 29.00
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ 6.00	\$ 17.00
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ 100.00	\$ 176.80
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 167.93	\$ 1,155.38
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ 31.58
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ 120.00
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ 280.00	\$ 301.25
BALANCE	8/1/2016	\$1,024.13	\$ 1,024.13

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB July 12, 2016

President John Woods opened the meeting at 5:40 PM, at the Club Flying Field. There were 8 members present including the officers. There were no guests or new members. Treasurer Fritz Corbin reported that there was \$1,346.06 in the Treasury as of July 1, 2016. The Minutes of the June meeting were approved as written in the July Newsletter. The 50/50 raffle was won by Gene Fuson and he received \$6 of the \$12 dollar pot.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: John Woods reported that Phil Rogers had brush hogged the areas outside the runway and pit areas for \$90.

John mentioned that July 28th will be Fly n Eat (weather permitting) and that August 13th will be our next Fun Fly and we will also be celebrating National Model Aviation Day.

OLD BUSINESS: John ask if anyone would get the Alpha Trainer, which Bob Polecki donated to the club, ready for flight. Bud Austin volunteered to do it.

John reminded everyone that had not registered with the FAA that they should do so and put their assigned 10 digit FAA number on all their planes weighing between 0.55 and 55 pounds. Failure to do so could possibly result in very substantial fines.

John reminded all members of Gene's Safety Message that when going into the woods looking for a plane, either alone or in a group, make sure they have a means of communication. Either the Club's walky-talkys or cell phones. It is very possible that one could slip and injure themselves or sustain a health emergency. Better safe than sorry.

NEW BUSINESS: Erv Rohde said he would like to resign from being a Club Instructor. A motion was made and passed to accept Erv's resignation.

John asked Bud Austin if he would become a Club Instructor. Bud said he would. A motion was made and passed to make Bud a Club Instructor.

Don Johnson mentioned that former Club member Mike Anderson does an outstanding job on our Club web page without charging us anything for his effort. Mike does have a favorite charity, the National Multiple Scleroses Society, and he and wife, Denis, ride their tandem bike in many charity events to generate money for this cause. A motion was made and passed for the Club to donate \$200 to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in Mike's name. The donation will also include any additional donations made by individual Club members.

Jimmy Cardenzana mentioned that having a Facebook page would be a good way to reach younger potential members. After some discussion Jimmy said he would set a Facebook page up for the Club. A motion was made and passed to have Jimmy move ahead with the Facebook project.

PROGRAM: President John Woods was awarded the month's Crash Trophy for his customizing and the partial destruction of his Polaris XL due to reversed ailerons. It is expected to have a complete recovery.

John awarded Jimmy Cardenzana his Solo Certificate after Jimmy had successfully completed his solo flight.

Gene Fuson distributed certificates for event and overall winners of the June Club Fun Fly.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 PM.

AUGUST 13TH FUN FLY

FIRST EVENT WILL START AT 11:00 AM

BBQ AFTER THE Fun Fly

There will be three events.

Event 1. 2 MINUTE FLYBY. Take off (time starts when plane moves) and do a recognizable loop, then fly by in front of the judge, flying south, and earn a point. Then do another loop and fly by the judge going south again and earn another point. Repeat as many times as possible in exactly two minutes. Most points win.

Event 2. THREE GATES Take off (time starts when plane moves), do a good loop, land and taxi through the gate (between the two pylons) going south. Repeat again and then repeat a third time. Time stops when plane clears the third gate. Penalties— 10 seconds for becoming airborne going through a gate and 10 seconds for moving a pylon. Low time wins.

Event 3. EGG BOMB. Each pilot will be given one medium size raw egg. Pilot will drop the egg from the plane on the target from at least a 10 foot altitude. The egg must break when it hits the ground to count. Shortest distance from broken egg to target wins. Pilot can use any means to drop the egg from the plane. The pilot must be in the pilot station during the bombing run. In the event that the egg does not break, the pilot can land, re-arm the plane with the same egg and make a second bomb run but will incur a 20 foot penalty. **FLY SAFELY!**

Pilots can fly any fixed wing aircraft in any event.

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SAFETY FIRST

Last month wasn't too good of a safety record out at our flying field.

We had at least two pilots fly over the pit area, I was one of them. We had a pilot taxi his airplane into the pit area with the engine running, "a no no". He turned around to lay his transmitter on a flight station, his aircraft, still running and parked on a slight down slope, began to move towards a parked truck. It was stopped by a fellow member before it could make it to the truck. I don't know if the pilot bumped the throttle slightly or if the airplane just started to roll. Never have your airplane running on the ground in the pit area unless someone is attending it or it is restrained by a mechanical device.

I also shut my transmitter off before unplugging the battery on my electric airplane and it promptly went to full throttle on the picnic table. Fortunately my good buddy Erv grabbed it before it hurt anyone. He's really quick for an old guy. Whew, I must be a slow learner because that is twice I've done that. I could have blamed it on old-timers, but I didn't. I know it woke Erv and me up fast.

Anyway, you can see that we did have some exciting moments out at the field, all of them preventable if we just THINK! These airplanes aren't toys. They can, and will, put the hurt on you.

See you at the field,
 Gene Fuson
 Safety Officer

THE NEXT CLUB MEETING
WILL BE AUGUST 9TH,
5:30PM, AT THE CLUB FLY-
ING FIELD.