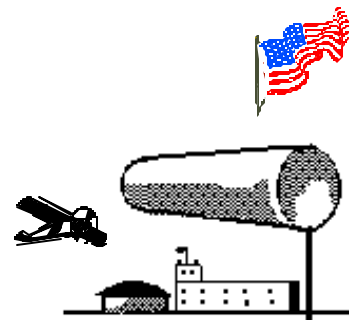


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SEPTEMBER MEETING

SEPTEMBER 14 , 7:00 PM

Meet at Rocky Top Field. In case of bad weather we will meet at the Branson Community Center.

Program

Bring your new projects for Show and Tell.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

In last month's column I forgot to thank Gary Metzger for taking the bull by the horns and looking at and purchasing the new mower. Thanks Gary!

It is very important to have the membership take part in club activities. This includes holding office, mowing the field, activities connected to the fun flies, workdays and all the activities that the club undertakes. The easy way out is to pay your dues and fly when you choose. Just think what it would be like if everyone did that,

there would be no fun flies, no meetings and when you showed up at the field to fly you would find the grass so high that you can't get your plane off the ground. If it weren't for the efforts of someone pitching in the past there would be no shelter, no safety fence, no flight stations and no field. In fact there would be no club.

This is your club! Give some serious thought to getting more involved.

I guess that is enough preaching for this month.

See you at the field.

Howard

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TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT

		AUG	YTD
BALANCE	8/1/2004	\$ 655.30	\$ 1,645.95
INCOME-DUES	-----	\$ 60.00	\$ 1,045.90
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS	-----	\$ -	\$ 87.50
INCOME-FOOD	-----	\$ 48.31	\$ 80.31
INCOME-50/50	-----	\$ 4.50	\$ 51.50
INCOME-MISC	-----	\$ 48.00	\$ 52.00
EXPENSE-FIELD	-----	\$ 22.49	\$ 1,616.93
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER	-----	\$ -	\$ 60.17
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS	-----	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD	-----	\$ 10.02	\$ 112.11
EXPENSE-AMA	-----	\$ -	\$ 130.00
EXPENSE-Web	-----	\$ -	\$ 200.35
EXPENSE-meeting room	-----	\$ -	\$ 60.00
EXPENSE-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$ -
BALANCE	9/1/2004	\$ 783.60	\$ 783.60

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

August 10, 2004

President Howard Shire opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. at the Rocky Top field. All officers were present except Gary Metzger. There were 12 members present. We have two new members, Dick Haan and Craig Schmidt. No guests were present at this meeting. The minutes from the July meeting were approved as published in the August newsletter. Erv Rohde reported that treasury balance as of August 1st was \$655.30. The 50/50 raffle was won by new member Dick Haan who received ½ of \$9.00.

Committee Reports:

No committee reports.

Announcements and Old Business:

Howard announced that the Club now has another White riding mower like the new one purchased last year. Gary Metzger arranged the trade in of the old Craftsman for \$200.00 and the club wrote a check for the \$800.00 balance. This should be a big help in keeping the field in such good shape.

Howard reminded everyone that the fun fly has been moved back from the 14th to the 21st of August due to conflicting dates with Springfield R/C's Float Fly.

Tickets are still being sold for the \$75.00 Tru Turn spinner certificate. Price is 6 tickets for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each. We also have a \$25.00 certificate from Fiberglass Specialties. Price is 10 tickets for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each. Tickets will be sold until the drawing for both certificates which will be held at the August 21st fun fly. Winner need not be present.

Howard displayed the new pilot flight log to be signed off by instructors for pilots undergoing training.

New Business: John Woods opened discussion regarding the possibility for paying the people something for mowing the field. It takes at least a couple of hours each week to do this job and these volunteers not only are donating a lot of time but using their own gas to go get the fuel for the mowers plus driving to and from the field. Everyone is asked to consider what would be reasonable to help defray their expenses, a set amount per mow job, adjustment of their dues, ?????? Please bring your ideas to the September meeting for discussion and a vote. Our new member Dick Haan volunteered to come out for a "test drive" to see if he can help out in the mowing.

Roscoe Fudge gave some information regarding the Bomb Drop contest to be included in the 21st Fun Fly.

Program:

John Woods gave a report on his and Janet's trip to the EAA's annual Oshkosh event. They camped out along with over 30,000 other campers. There was over 5 miles of air planes in the parking area with people actually camping out beneath the wings of their planes. The vendors with items for sale were in excess of 800 and continuous events including seminars were held daily, not to mention celebrities the likes of Chuck Yeager & Dick Ruten being there. John says that the size of this event is beyond description and it's a "must do" at least once if at all possible.

Jack McEvoy brought a new digital wind gauge as tested by R/C magazine that they recently purchased from Radio Shack. Should have bought it long ago, hasn't been any wind since they got it! Will give an update after it's field tested.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Mike Anderson asked to remind Club members that the Chat Room is up and running on the Club web page bransonrc.org or bransonrc.com. Just click on the Chat Room and follow the directions. Just remember it's OK to disagree with someone but be nice and polite when you do.

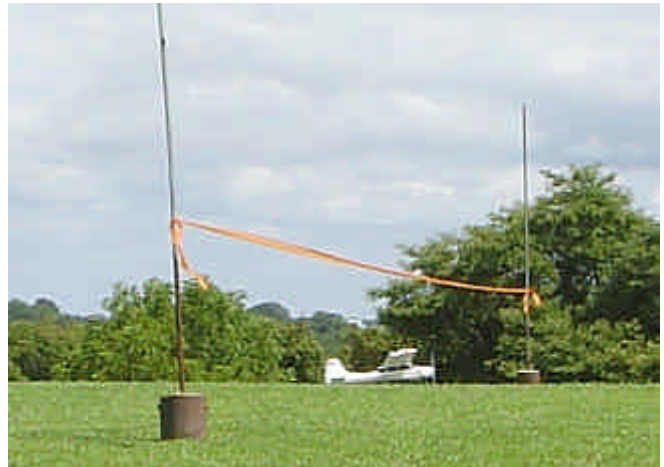
There seems to be some misunderstanding about eligibility for a Club Associate Membership. The Club Bylaws state you can be an Associate Member (as opposed to Full Membership) if you do not live in Taney County or if you don't live in a county touching Taney County. In other words if you live in Taney County or a county that touches Taney County you can only join the Club as a Full Member. Thought the Club Bylaws were on our web page but they don't seem to be so will see if Mike can post them there for everyone's benefit.

Attended the Springfield Annual Float Fly on August 14th. The Black Sheep did their usual good job and the weather was great compared to the usual windy weather for this event. Did see one of our members participating. Roscoe Fudge had entered the Float Fly's only event but finished out of the money. Yes they actually give cash to first, second and third place winners. The rest of the time is just free flying time.

As you can see by the column to the right, the Club has gained a few new members. According to my count we now have 46 members. It probably would be good to have a few more members but on the other hand you rarely have to wait for a flying station or frequency pin.

Above right is your editor flying his Lazy Bee as captured by photographer Janet Woods. Many thanks to Janet for taking pictures of the Fun Fly for the Newsletter and a thanks also to Annette McEvoy and John Woods for the event results and comments on the Fun Fly. Since your editor was AWOL for this Fun Fly it would have been difficult to report on this event without their input.

Time to land for this month.



Above is the plane of Gary Metzger's as he demos (shows off) how you should do the Limbo. Eye witnesses swear the plane never touched the ground. Of course this was not under the pressure of direct competition.

NEW MEMBERS

We have gained five members since the last Newsletter.

Richard Haan of Kimberling City joined the Club during August. Also **Craig Schmidt** of Garfield, AR has joined the Club. Craig and wife Marsha own Fiberglass Specialties.

In addition **James Dodd** of Spokane and **Harold Pettyjohn** of Nixa have joined the Club. And last but not least, **Don Livermore** of Springfield renewed his membership.

Welcome to the Club guys, we are pleased to have you join us.

THE AUGUST FUN FLY

It was a great day for a fun fly, the third of the year and a chance to gain valuable points toward the coveted TOP GUN 2004 award. About noon Phil Equi had a bunch of hot dogs ready for all the pilots and guests. After lunch it was time for the pilots' meeting and the Fun Fly was under way. There were only six contestants but they were ready to go.

The first event was a Spot Landing—Touch and Go event. First Place went to Mike Anderson, Second Place went to John Woods and Third Place went to Roscoe Fudge. The other three pilots could not find the ground, or at least the right place on the ground.

The next event was the much anticipated LIMBO. The pilot flying under the tape at its lowest level wins. Bud Austin took First Place with John Woods coming in at Second Place. Everyone else came in last. Mike Anderson added some comedy to the event by snagging the tape and pulling down the whole LIMBO setup.

The last event was the BOMB DROP. Strap a cup with an egg in it on your plane and then drop it on a target. First Place went to Mike Anderson and Second went to Bud Austin. Again everyone else finished last. The highlight of the event was John Woods' flight. When he dropped the egg, he watched the egg, not the plane, and flew into the ground.

Overall Mike Anderson was First with 210 Top Gun points, Bud Austin was Second with 180 points and John Woods was third with 150 points.

An added feature to the Fun Fly was a drawing for a \$75 gift certificate from Tru Turn won by Henry Racette and a \$25 gift certificate from Fiberglass Specialties won by Dick Haan.

Many thanks to Fun Fly Director, Roscoe Fudge, and those that helped in the event, Chef Phil Equi and those that set up the lunch and Claudia Shire for bringing cookies. The next and last Fun Fly of the year will be October 16th.



Above is John Woods as he successfully flies under the LIMBO tape on his way to a second place finish in this event.



Above you see Mike Anderson's Ugly Slab (Pro Twister) after he ran into the tape instead of flying under it and he tore down the LIMBO setup. Below is John Woods recovering his broken Gee Bee during the bomb (egg) drop. When John released the egg he watched the egg fall instead of watching the plane. That's a no no John!





As promised last month, here are some more pictures from the Rally of the Giants at the AMA headquarters in Muncie, Indiana. Top left is a really nice looking biplane. Maybe a Sopwith Camel? According to John Woods there were a large number of biplanes at the rally.



The following three pictures show our fearless Club members and their planes. First is Gary Metzger with his clipped wing Rearwing Speedster. Next we see John Woods with his Cub. John said it was underpowered for the conditions and only flew it once. The last picture shows Jack McEvoy with his Taylorcraft. Jack, John and Gary did a tag team on the Taylorcraft until it eventually ran out of gas. However, Gary saved the day and made a successful dead stick landing. According to their comments everyone had a good time at the rally



Above Jack McEvoy and Cody get Jack's Avistar ready for a flight sometime during the day of the Fun Fly. Should have entered the Fun Fly with your Avistar, Jack. A little completion should accelerate the learning curve a little.



Above are a couple more photos from the Fun Fly. The first is a shot of the group having lunch prior to the start of the competition. In the background is Chef Phil Equi as he grills some dogs. To the right is Ray Dixon flying his big Ultra Stick as he comes in to land or do a touch and go within a marked square on the runway. Don't think it worked out too well for him this time. But there is always a next time like on October 14th.

Words of wisdom from Club Safety Officer Roscoe Fudge

Check your check list twice before leaving for the flying field

Roscoe

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