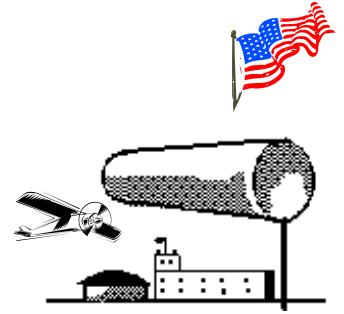


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HI—TECK RECON



Above is Gary Merseal's drone as it returns from a mission to assess the damage to Fernando's plane lodged in a tall tree in the deep forest across Dayton road. Gary found the plane but didn't want to get too close to it as the distance made it difficult to judge the position of the drone to the tree branches. If lost in the trees the drone would probably be more difficult to recover than the plane!

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hot, hot, hot..... this month has been almost unbearable at the Flying Field. I've been setting up my old 10x10 shade canopy to help get some relief from the sun. Last Saturday, while a bunch of us were at the field a storm front blew across the field with about a 45 MPH wind gust. In almost as fast as you can say, "Grab the canopy", off it went folding itself in half over one of the 4" fence posts. It was totaled. Really surprised us. We did get all the airplanes safely back in our trucks. Another canopy gone.

The good news is, as most of you know, we did order a replacement metal Carport Canopy last week. Gary Merseal checked out several sources and ordered a new one. It will be several weeks until it arrives. I'm sure there will be another temporary canopy set up very soon so don't hesitate to come out thinking you're going to fry without shade. You can still donate to cover the cost of the new canopy so if you can, please do.

Janet came out to the field Saturday to check out who is still flying. She didn't bring her famous lemon cake because she didn't know how much to bring – a whole cake or just a couple of pieces. Actually we had eight guys there – Don, Fritz, Fernando, Gene, Bud, Gary, Jim, Janet and me. Janet said she really enjoyed talking to you all and how nice to see everyone in person rather than Facebook and Walmart. Everyone is welcome to visit the field and enjoy all the action and friendships. We still fly Tuesdays and Saturdays. Janet said look for the lemon cake next Saturday.

Last week the airplane that Fernando landed in the trees was recovered by Hansen's Tree service. They brought in a 65 foot telescoping bucket truck to extract it from the top of the tree. A malfunction of the plane's power switch is the suspected cause of the incident. It is probably a total loss. He is looking for another replacement plane. He did have his beautiful 4Star 120 out and it looked fabulous flying across the sky – really nice plane.

Please continue to respect the safety guidelines recommended by doctors at WHO and CDC regarding the Corona virus safeguards. Keeping a safe distance of 6' or more and wearing a mask if

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Didn't think the big metal shelter would be missed but the weather lately makes us see out a shady spot when not on the flight line. Looks like we will have another one in a few weeks, same width but a little shorter than the last one. Special attention will be paid to anchors that will hold it on the ground in high winds.

Speaking of winds, last Saturday a front approached the field and everyone hustled to get their planes under cover before the wind hit. Your editor had his straw hat blown off and it disappeared. The wind direction was across the field but it was out of site on the other side of the runway. Bud drove his pickup out on the field and was able to spot it 15 or 20 feet out in the weeds. Thanks, Bud, glad to get my old Reno Air Races hat back.

Was contacted by Richard LeClaire of Rydal, GA., said he would be visiting Branson and would like to visit us, which he did on 8/11. He brought three planes with him, two of which were float planes which he hadn't found a place to fly yet. The third plane he flew and is show on page 4. Said his club membership varied from 100 members to a current 50, with a low of 34. He said their club has had to move a few times and the membership changes each time they move. A few days after his visit emailed me and said to thank everyone for their hospitality.

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

you like. Coughing, sneezing and loud singing is not allowed -laughter is OK.

We are going to continue having our Club meeting once a month, at the new time, 10:00 AM rather than 5:00 PM. You can come early and get some flying in then at 10:00 AM we'll pause the flying, have our meeting then resume the flying. Therefore, our next meeting will be held at the Flying Field, September 8th at 10:00 AM. See you there.

Happy Landings John

TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 2020

President John Woods opened the meeting at 10:00 AM, at the Club flying field. There were 6 members present including all officers. There was one guest, Richard LeClaire from Georgia. Treasurer Fritz Corbin reported that there was \$1,744.74 in the Treasury as of August 1, 2020. The Treasurer's Report was approved. There were no Club meetings in January, February, March, April, May, June or July of 2020. The raffle was won by guest Richard LeClaire and he received \$5.50 if the \$11 pot.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

John announced that the recycle center is now open and we should be able to recycle our damaged steel shelter.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was decided to plan to load up the damaged steel shelter on August 18th and take it to the recycle center, weather permitting. John will check that they are open on that date.

It was discussed whether or not to get a replacement shelter to replace the one that was destroyed. Gary Merseal will work up a cost estimate to build a lean-to type shelter next to the exiting old shelter and present it at next month's meeting.

John asked if meeting at 10 in the

morning, in the future, was OK with everyone since the Condo Clubhouse is no longer available during the pandemic. Everyone agreed.

John announced that Hernando Valiente had successfully earned his Solo Certificate which had been presented to him the previous week.

John said he had finally got in touch with Erv Rohde. Erv and Doris have not moved yet but have their house on the market and plan to move to Wisconsin as soon as it sells. Erv also donated a box of miscellaneous building materials to the Club. It is in the shed, first come first serve.

John also announced that Bud had put a new door on the shed.

The Crash Trophy was discussed and informally decided to let Bud keep it for at least another month

Fritz said that is time to renew our Drone registration.

PROGRAM:

Flying before and after the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:23 AM

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2020			
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BALANCE	8/1/2020	\$ 1,744.74	\$ 1,888.28
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ 108.00	\$ 938.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS			\$ -
INCOME-FOOD -----			\$ -
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ 5.50	\$ 5.50
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ 0.01	\$ 200.59
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 31.00	\$ 965.12
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER			\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS			\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----			\$ -
EXPENSE-AMA -----			\$ 120.00
EXPENSE-Web -----			\$ 120.00
EXPENSE-meeting room			\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----			\$ -
BALANCE	9/1/2020	\$ 1,827.25	\$ 1,827.25



Looks like Bud had a little problem with his big motor falling off the front of his plane. But easy fix with some glue and a cowl swiped from another plane.



Bud does it again! He obtained a wing and a tail and had to whip up a complete plane from spare parts. Looks and flies good but could use a nice big spinner on the front.

Had a visitor at the field on August 11th, Richard LeClaire, from Rydal, GA. He brought an interesting plane to fly. Looks a lot like the Polaris XL but with the motor way in the front and made with 1/2 inch foam. It also had a short kite tale hanging out the back. The plane flew very well.



Two E-Flite Timbers, both the same size. Left is Fernando's regular Timber and right is Jim Haney's Turbo Timber. The difference seems to be a three blade prop, fake turbo exhaust different paint job and some more bells and whistles. Oh, probably the Turbo costs more!

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Wow, it has been really hot here, and it still is as I write this. It is over ninety degrees.

Recently, some of us took a field trip into the woods surrounding our field. We were playing "Find the airplane that came down here somewhere." And..... it was brutally hot and brutally humid, and.....everything was UPHILL. We got pretty hot and tired, and had to rest quite a bit. Let's face it, we, most of us, are in pretty sad shape to be climbing hills, and plowing through weeds and trees in very high heat and humidity. I had the sole of my shoe come off, and that was even more fun stepping on rocks with just a thin piece of canvas under my foot.

We did find the airplane remains about 75 feet up in a large Oak tree.

So.....Robbie, the tree climber guy, is going to get it down soon.

We were pretty hot and tired when we got back to the field. We did take cell phones, but some of us were in shorts, not so good in the bramble bushes.

Don't go out there alone, don't go without some sort of hydration, put on bug spray, take a phone and wear some long pants.

See you at the field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING
WILL BE THE SEPTEMBER
8TH, 10:00AM, AT THE CLUB
FLYING FIELD.**