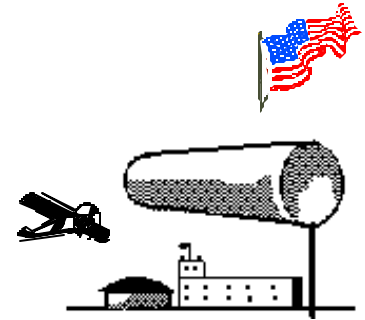


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OCTOBER MEETING

OCTOBER 14, 7:00 PM

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

Program

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

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I hope that everyone has had an opportunity to see the improvement at the flying field. Many thanks to Sid Beckham for brush hogging the field. It sure makes the field look good and also makes it easier to retrieve our downed planes.

The end of the year is here and it is time to once again consider candidates for next year's officers. I hope if you are asked to serve on the nominating committee or run

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for office, you will give it much consideration. The club belongs to all of us and I think the more fresh ideas we have the better off we will be.

We will appoint a nominating committee at the October meeting, they will present a slate of candidates at the November meeting and the floor will be open for nomination at that meeting, then the election will be held at the December meeting. Plan to attend these meetings if you can.

Howard

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	SEP	Y T D
BALANCE 9/1/2003	\$ 1,340.74	\$ 954.61
INCOME-DUES -----	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,577.60
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS	\$ -	\$ 35.00
INCOME-FOOD -----	\$ -	\$ 87.42
INCOME-50/50 -----	\$ 8.00	\$ 55.50
INCOME-MISC -----	\$ -	\$ 22.00
EXPENSE-FIELD -----	\$ 12.80	\$ 776.37
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER	\$ -	\$ 112.79
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----	\$ -	\$ 50.68
EXPENSE-AMA -----	\$ -	\$ 130.00
EXPENSE-Web -----	\$ -	\$ 176.35
EXPENSE-meeting room	\$ -	\$ 100.00
EXPENSE-MISC -----	\$ -	\$ 10.00
BALANCE 10/1/2003	\$ 1,375.94	\$ 1,375.94

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

September 9, 2003

President Howard Shire opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. at the Rocky Top Field. All officers were present. There were 20 members and one guest, Leonard McCoy of Lamar, MO. (a jumbo flyer) in attendance. The minutes from the August meeting were approved as published in the September Newsletter. Treasurer Erv Rohde reported that the balance as of September 1st was \$1,340.74. The 50/50 raffle was won by Curt Krause who received ½ of \$16.00.

Committee Reports:

There were no committee reports.

Announcements and Old Business:

Mike Anderson donated a refrigerator and delivered it to the Club. Curt Krause will check it out to be sure it is in working order.

The club shirt orders are pretty well filled out. It appears that the order will go in for 30 shirts (minimum required is 24). Also the club will purchase approximately 6 additional shirts so there will be some on hand for new members.

Howard Shire reported that he hasn't heard anything further about getting the field brush hogged. He and Sid Beckham will meet later this week to look at brush hogging the area, hopefully to the tree lines.

A discussion concerning the trash in the area was held. It was decided that the trash can should be removed. No one is bothering to dispose of the trash and the can is filled and overflowing. Also some folks are stuffing trash down the spools. **Please if you brought it with you, take it home with you! It's not the other members' job to clean up after you!**

There was also discussion regarding the Club rules and safety policies. This includes the proper use of frequency pins, calling out when you are taking off and landing, etc. Annette McEvoy volunteered to run off

copies of the rules for Erv Rohde to hand out to new members and have additional ones on hand for anyone interested in having a copy. There is a copy posted in the shelter area for review at any time. (And on the Club Web Site....ed)

New Business:

The certificates for the August fun fly will be handed out at the October meeting.

Mike Anderson announced that anyone wanting to update their pictures on the web page can now do so simply by attaching to an email and sending them to Mike's new email address at mike@webkaboom.com

The events for the October Fun Fly have not yet been determined. Mike Anderson will look into having some kind of demonstration/air show for the spectators between events.

There were questions regarding the health of Virgil Moon and Bill Rose. Roscoe Fudge and John Woods said that the latest that they are aware of is that Virgil is now getting around fairly well with a cane but unable to drive at this time. Bill is not fairing as well and apparently will be moving to his daughter's house.

Howard said that he received a letter from the Dept. of Transportation regarding the Club sign that had been placed at HWY 248 and Dayton Road. He removed it per their instructions. Annette McEvoy is to look into what is required to have it put back up.

Program:

John Woods said that Dale Snelling has a Sea Master (ARF) for sale \$225.00 Call 739-4045. **** Mike Anderson said that Jim Stewart is selling out his planes and equipment. Estimated value is about \$6,000-\$7,000. Will sell all to 1 person for one low price or piece it out. Call 546-6255. **** Jack McEvoy had a slide show presentation of the McEvoy's trip to the AMA museum in Muncie. It showed some of the numerous planes, engines, etc. that are on display. Also including the research room and flying field that are available to all AMA members.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Well the big thing coming up is the October Fun Fly. Not only is it the last Fun Fly of the year but is also the last chance to earn points toward the coveted TOP GUN 2003 Award. There are three or four members that have a chance at this award. If any one of them would win all three events, as has happened in the last two Fun Flies, he would probably be the Top Gun for 2003. Even if you are not one of the top pilots, Fun Flies are a lot of fun to compete in and do help to develop your flying skills. Novice pilots that have soloed are also encouraged to enter in and can use the help of a more experienced pilot. Also there is a possibility that Jeff Pfeiffer will give us a demonstration of his flying skills. He flew a couple of times at our June 2002 Fun Fly and impressed everyone with what he could do with an airplane. A BBQ is also planned just prior to the start of the Fun Fly, so come on out and join in the fun.

We picked up a couple of new members since the last Newsletter which brings the total membership to 57. This just happens to be the same number of members we had at this time last year. This seems to be a good club size since there is usually someone at the field on Tuesdays and Saturdays, but seldom is there so many flying that you have to wait to fly or to get your frequency pin. Of course a member can fly any day he wants but these two days seem to be the ones most members show up at the field.

Been a lot of trash talk the last few weeks. No, not members giving each other a hard time but real trash. The presence or absence of trash seems to cause a predictable response in most people. If an area is free of

NEW CLUB MEMBERS

At the September meeting Michael Haygood joined the Club as a new member. Michael lives in Kimberling City.

Also James Getman joined the club during the first week of October. James and wife Kena live in Hollister.

Welcome to the Club Michael and James, we are glad to have you join us.

trash, most people are reluctant to toss their trash in that area. However, if there is some trash in the area many people do not hesitate to add to the accumulation. So with the field now cleaned up, let's all abide by Club Rule #15 that basically says "if you brought it to the field, you take it home with you". If we all do this, then our flying field will always be a place we can be proud of.

Looks like it is time to start the process of selecting Club Officers for 2004 as outlined in President Howard Shire's column on page 1. All of us know that to have a good club, you need good leadership. We as members should remember that our leaders serve without pay, put in extra personal time for the Club's benefit and sometimes incur unreimbursed expenses. We should all thank Howard and his leadership team for all the time and effort they put in to give us a great field, solid membership, a good treasury, great communication, great events and great club morale. Thanks guys, we know it doesn't happen by accident.

Time to land for this month.

Words of wisdom from Club Safety Officer Roscoe Fudge

Remember, always observe and obey club rules. You may agree or disagree, but they are club rules.

Roscoe



We have a trio of gasoline burning big birds which were recently seen at Rocky Top Field. In the upper left corner we have Ray Dixson's big (1/3 scale?) Gee Bee Y. Looks great coming in for a landing. Directly above is Joe Major's 27% scale Patty Wagstaff Extra 300. Rumor is that Joe might sell this plane at a reasonable price. To the left is Gary Metzger's clipped wing Rearwing Speedster. Gary said he is going to build one with a full size wing—somewhere around 100+ inches. All three planes are great flyers. Not sure if it is the result of the pilots' skills or the just good aircraft design. Regardless they all look very good in the air.



What's the big flap about trash at the field? Well a picture is worth a thousand words so we put in two pictures to show the problem. This trash has been cleaned up so the field is currently in a clean and neat condition. We need to keep it that way. **The Club rule is simple. If you brought it to the field, you take it home with you.** This includes drink containers, food wrappers, pieces of broken airplanes, cigarette butts and anything else you brought with you. If you bring guests to the field, make sure they also follow this rule.

Build Your Own Hinges

by Michael Brown

Ever have that happen to you, you are finishing a model you have built and the hobby shop is closed or they just might not have what you are looking for or your budget is non-existent and the fun-fly is only a few days away. What do you do?!

Well, calm down as there are several ways to solve your dilemma. You can build them! Yep build hinges. There are three ways I have made hinges. The first is for very small models. For these you can simply sew the moving surfaces together. A lot of the ACE Simple series planes are made this way and it works quite well.

The second method is to take and cut two pieces say 12 inch x 1 1/4 inch of the same, clear or very light colored covering such as Monokote®. Lay one piece glue-side down and the other glue side up, overlapping them about 1/4 inch and use your covering iron to glue them together. You then cut one-inch strips and these are the hinges. Let's say you are doing the elevator.

Take the horizontal piece and the elevator piece and take the one-inch pieces of hinge and lay them in between the balsa pieces each having the glue side towards the balsa. It looks like a checkerboard.

The third and, in my opinion, the best method is to take two lengths of covering material and sew them together. You can sew a 5-, 6-, or even a 7-foot hinge this way but remember to sew them adhesive side to adhesive side.

With the last two methods of hinges you have a sealed surface and that can even help stop the dreaded flutter.

from the *Transmitter*

Northern California Radio Control Unlimited Flyers

Mike and Sandie Brown, editors

Bella Vista CA Feb 2002 National Newsletter

Hints and Tips from various sources

Lead Shot by Fred Harvey

Lead shot is a useful modeling tool. Most aircraft need some weight added to them, usually in the nose, to move the center of gravity (CG) to its proper location. If your aircraft tend to come out as tail-heavy as mine do, it often takes more than just putting on a heavy prop hub to fix the problem.

I use a plastic sandwich bag and slowly pour a bit of shot into it. The bag is usually located in the fuel tank compartment and I can get just the right amount of weight, in just the right spot.

from *Vapor Tales*

Derby Radio Control Club

Fred Harvey, editor

Derby KS

Re-warp a Wing

Use a hot air popcorn popper! I came across this idea while perusing an old publication. It was timely in that I was tuning up two ships, both of which were heat-shrink covered, and both needed more washout in one wing panel. Being an Orville Redenbacher connoisseur, I happened to have a hot air popper, so away we went. Unlike working with a heat gun, you can just set the base of the popper down, freeing both hands to twist the wing panel. At first it didn't seem as if the popper would get hot enough, but you just work closer to the opening than with a heat gun. And the broader area of coverage lets the whole wing panel heat more uniformly. I'd do it again!

from the Society of Antique Modelers

SAM 26

Robert Angel, editor

Santa Maria CA

Articles from AMA National Newsletters

Fun Fly

FINAL EVENT OF THE YEAR

When? October 18 th
BBQ starts at noon
Pilot's Meeting at 1 PM
Where? Rocky Top Field

There will be three events.

Events to be held will be selected by the pilots entered just prior to the start of the Fun Fly

Pilots can use any heavier than air aircraft they want in any event.

Novice pilots (meaning new or inexperienced) are encouraged to enter and can have an instructor stand by or be on a Buddy Box in case of trouble.

Come out and join the fun as a hot pilot or come as a spectator and cheer or jeer your favorite flier

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