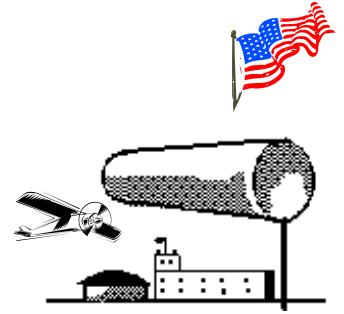


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SMOOTH FLYER!



Coming in for a low pass over the runway is Gene Fuson's Advance 25-E. Nice clean looking electric plane that flies quickly on four Li-Po cells.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

October is here already. The weather has been great at the Flying Field, not scorching hot and with light winds right down the runway. Nice just being there.

Just wanted to mention a couple of things about our August 13th Fun Fly that I forgot to mention last month. Several members were out of town but we still had 6 contestants. Jimmy Cardenzana and Gary Merseal were first time contestants and did very well. Jimmy and his wife Lisa invited their whole family so we had around 17 people who enjoyed the day of flying. Lots of kids too which is always nice to see at the field. Guests are always welcome and if you invite someone, let me know so I can plan on having enough food. Be sure and not forget to pay for the hot dogs and stuff – all proceeds go to help sustain our Club. Fritz and Gary tied for 1st place, I took 2nd place and Jimmy 3rd place.

Charlie Schenk joined our Club and he and his wife Cyndi attended the Fun Fly too. I've been instructing Charlie to fly and he is doing exceptional. He's taking off and landing now and it won't be long until he solos. We need to spend a little more time landing from the dreaded South end of the field. Welcome them to the Club.

Jack and Annette McEvoy showed up at our Thursday's Fly-N-Eat get together bringing gifts – lots of Club Shirts. I've been wondering where all our shirts went. Anyway, they gave away a bunch of shirts to our members. They also brought a big box of Monokote that is stored in the Shed so please help yourself. We're all grateful for their generosity and kindness. Airplanes, Shirts, what next?

The Walkie-Talkies and batteries are now being stored in the First Aid Kit under the Hanger Canopy so they are more convenient. For safety reasons, please use them if you go out looking for a lost plane. If you ever need a tree climber to retrieve your plane give Robby Benoit a call at (417)559-3777. He is a real nice guy and seems willing to help us if we need it. He thought \$40-\$50 would be fair for retrieving a plane. Of course you have to locate it first.

The weather was pretty hot but a bunch

of Club members and their wives came out to the field for our Fly-N-Eat get together. After flying we all went over to Reeds Spring Pizza for dinner. If you like you can always join us at the restaurant if you can't make it to the field. Call Janet or me to let us know so we can let the restaurant know how many to expect. We had 17 members at the last get together. It was nice to see everyone and hear about all the new stuff going on. Lots of fun.

Remember our Club meeting on Tuesday the 11th at 5:30 and the Fly-N-Eat will be Thursday the 27nd. Next Fun Fly is Saturday the 15th and Don will be having the "Hose" and Block" bomb drop event again so start practicing.

See you at the field and happy landings John

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

October 15th is our last Club Fun Fly of the year. Final chance to win Top Gun 2016 with all the riches and bragging rights that go with the honor. Hope there is great weather that day and a lot of spectators like we had in August.

Just getting into the quadcopter technology and it is not as easy as it looks. My quadcopter doesn't have GPS so it moves around a lot if there is a breeze. It is also small and if it gets out a little ways it is hard to determine its' orientation. Going to take some practice before I can get good at taking aerial photos.

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

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2016

		SEP	Y T D
BALANCE	9/1/2016	\$1,074.84	\$ 1,794.54
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ -	\$ 670.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ 30.00	\$ 55.00
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ 61.50
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ 3.50	\$ 24.50
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ 20.00	\$ 196.80
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 38.79	\$ 1,242.66
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ 37.89
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ 130.99
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ 301.25
BALANCE	10/1/2016	\$1,089.55	\$ 1,089.55

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB September 13, 2016

President John Woods opened the meeting at 5:31 PM, at the Club Flying Field. There were 8 members present including the officers. There were no new members or guests. Treasurer Fritz Corbin reported that there was \$1,074.84 in the Treasury as of September 1, 2016. The Treasurer's Report was approved. The Minutes of the August meeting were approved as written in the September Newsletter. The 50/50 raffle was won by Bud Austin and he received \$3.50 of the \$7 dollar pot.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

John stated that the Club's walky-talky's and batteries are now available and are stored in the First Aid box at the back of the shelter.

John also said that the article sent to all members about FLAPS was very informative and recommended that everyone read it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bud Austin was awarded the Crash Trophy of the month but Don Johnson forgot to bring it to the meeting. Don will bring it later and give it to Bud.

John Woods reported that Benoit's Tree Service would climb trees and retrieve planes for about \$40 to \$50 depending on how difficult it is. If you need this service call Robby Benoit at 417 559-3777.

John also reported that he has learned how to braise aluminum and said he would help any member learn how to do it or help him repair aluminum parts. John has the equipment.

John also said that the FAA has changed the 400 foot maximum limit when flying five miles or more away from any airport. It is now a maximum 400 foot recommendation but not a

mandatory 400 foot limit.

He also said the Fly-N-Eat will be the 27nd of September. Meet and fly at the field about 3:30 and adjourn to the Reeds Spring Pizza Co. about 5:30 for dinner.

Don Johnson brought "Bombs" (wood blocks and garden hose segments) for anyone that did not have these bombs from last year's event. Let Don know if you need a set to practice with for the final Fun Fly event of the year in October.

PROGRAM:

Gene Fuson handed out the Fun Fly certificates for the August Club Fun Fly.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 PM.



Here is your editor with his new birthday toy—a VISTA FPV quadcopter. Got everything working including the smart phone camera hookup. It has no GPS so it drifts a lot in the wind. Hope to soon be able to take some spy pictures.



OCTOBER 15TH FUN FLY

FIRST EVENT WILL START AT 11:00 AM

BBQ AFTER THE Fun Fly

There will be three events.

Event 1 John's LOOP IT – ROLL IT – LAND IT Take the Plane off and Loop it - Roll it - Land it. * Taxi around 2 pylons making a complete figure 8. * Take off Loop it - Roll it - Land it. * Taxi & stop Plane in the box. * Only one wheel needs to be in the box. Time starts when Plane moves and time stops when Plane stops in the box. Lowest time wins.

Event 2 Bud's SPOT LANDING Take off, do a loop or a roll, shut down the engine (or motor) on the downwind leg (before the 180 degree turn to land), stop plane as close to X as possible. Time starts when plane moves and stops when plane stops. Score is time in seconds plus distance in feet from X. Lowest score wins.

Event 3. BIG BANG FINALE Drop one or two bombs, released at least 6 feet above target (pylon). Bombs will be a 2 inch square wood block, with a hole and a 6 inch length of garden hose-both supplied. Two bombs can be dropped but each bomb must be dropped on a separate bomb run in the same direction. Any method can be used to drop the bombs but nothing can be **attached** to the bomb when it hits the ground, like tape, glue, nails, screws, wire, rubber bands or knotted cord, etc. Scoring will be **A** -one bomb, distance to the target in feet. **B** -two bombs, total distance from the target in feet divided by 3. **C** -both bombs somehow dropped on same bomb run, distance the furthest bomb is from the target. **Bonus** minus 25 points for dropping both bombs on the runway in two separate runs in the same direction. **Penalty**-plus 25 points for each bomb that lands off the runway. Low score wins. **Double Top Gun 2015 points for the FINALE!**

Pilots can fly any fixed wing aircraft in any event.

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SAFETY FIRST

Today, I was standing in the middle of the runway ON the field, taking pictures of another club member's quad copter. The quad copter went down in the long grass just off of the runway, and the pilot was looking for it.

I then watched another club member getting his airplane ready to fly. I am standing on the field right in front of him, with both arms extended over my head. The member then takes off, evidently not seeing me on the field, and starts to fly around. Then he flew right over me about 40 feet in the air. He continued to fly until we got off the field. A very dangerous thing to be doing.

No set of rules, no matter how inclusive, can replace good **COMMON SENSE** and **COURTESY**. All club members are asked to think about what is going on around them when operating their aircraft.

It is calledsituational awareness.

Remember..... **SAFETY BEGINS WITH YOU.**

See you at the field,

Gene Fuson

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING
WILL BE **OCTOBER 11,**
5:30PM, AT THE CLUB
FLYING FIELD.
FUN FLY OCTOBER 15TH.**