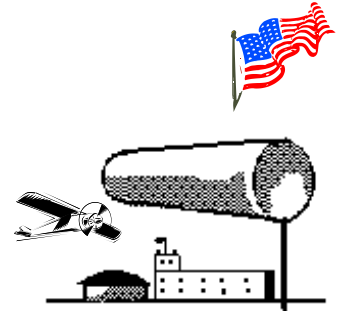


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NEW FIELD SHELTER



Jim Haney made a good deal on a car port type shelter and let the club buy it from him at his cost which was about half price of the retail price. On Monday, October 28th, Jim and his crew of volunteers erected it next to the old shelter. Looks kind of bare now but expect it will soon have tables, chairs, an electrical hook up and maybe some sort of wind break on the back side. Many thanks to Jim and his crew, the shelter will make a great addition to the

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Don't forget that the November Club meeting will be at the Southport Condominium club house at 6 PM on the 12. The nominating committee has a slate of candidates for 2014 Club officers ready to present to the membership. Also the Christmas party caterers (John and Janet Woods) find that they will be on the west coast on that date so other arrangements need to be made. Any volunteers?

Several members participated in the hot air balloon event at the Rec-Plex. Unfortunately it was too windy for the balloons and the event never really got off the ground. About the only things going on were the soccer games and the powered para-sails. You could get a ride on the para-sail for \$40. Don't think anyone in the Club went up on a ride. To the right are some pictures of this event. The balloon was supposed to give people tethered rides but got grounded by the wind. Also a photo of our Club's display and a pic of John Woods' Polaris flying over the ball field.

Check out Gene Fuson's safety column on page 5. He gives some good advise on some hazards of our hobby that many of us just ignore but should be very aware of.



TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2013			
		OCT	Y T D
BALANCE	10/1/2013	\$1,589.73	\$ 1,453.98
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ 80.00	\$ 1,489.35
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ 24.50	\$ 132.50
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ 7.00	\$ 39.50
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ 25.00
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 728.35	\$ 1,841.12
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ 51.33
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ 135.00
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ 140.00
BALANCE	11/1//2013	\$ 972.88	\$ 972.88

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB OCTOBER 8, 2013

President Greg Moody opened the meeting at 6:00 PM, at the Club flying field. There were 11 members present including the officers. The split the pot raffle was won by Don Johnson, and he received \$7 of the \$14 pot. There were no guests. The minutes of the September meeting were approved as printed in the October Newsletter.

Treasurer Roy Steinestel reported that the Club had \$1,589.73 in the bank as of October 1st.

Committee Report: The current Club offices were appointed as the Nominating Committee for the 2014 Club Officers.

Old Business: Jim Haney reported that he bought a 16' x 26' metal shelter for \$650 and he would sell it to the Club for that price. Gene Fuson moved that the Club buy the shelter from Jim. The motion was seconded and passed, unanimously. It will be placed on the north side of the present shelter.

New Business: Roy Steinestel reported that the Port-a-potty will be pumped this week.

It was announced that if there was severe weather for the Club Fun Fly on October 12th, it will be cancelled and not rescheduled.

Bud Austin reported that the Branson Balloon Event committee would like us to setup a static airplane display at the west side of the parking lot about 8:30 AM on Saturday, October 19th. Club members are urged to bring their best plane for display and another one to possibly fly, depending on available flying space. If there is severe weather, the event will be cancelled.

The November Club meeting is scheduled to be held at the Southport Clubhouse at 6 PM Tuesday, November 12.

It was decided to have the Club Christmas party again at the Southport Condominium Clubhouse. It will be at 6 PM, Tuesday, December 10th. John Woods will be the event Chairman.



Above is a shot of John Woods' Pro-Twister as he dead sticks it to a winning first place closest to the marked target in the foreground,

NEW MEMBER

We picked up a new member in October, bringing our total Club membership up to 25.

Chris Zellig has joined our Club. He and wife Paula live in Branson. Chris has already become active in the Club flying, participating in the Branson Balloon event and helping erect the new shelter.

Welcome to the Club, Chris, we are

OCTOBER FUN FLY

The weatherman promised rain but a couple of hours before the scheduled starting time the rain stopped, some blue sky showed up and the winds moderated. After several phone calls seven members showed up and the final Fun Fly of the year was underway.

After the pilot's meeting it was on to the first event which was **3 Minutes of Landings**. Take off and land and completely circle the pylon (360 deg) to complete the landing. Take off and repeat as many times as possible. Time starts when plane moves and stops in 180 seconds. Most landings wins. John Woods was back to his winning ways with 7 landings for First place. Fritz Corbin and Don Johnson tied for Second place with 5 landings and Bud Austin was Forth with 4 landings. Jim Haney was Fifth with 3 landings and Howard Shire had 2 landings for Sixth place.

The second event was **Howard's Spot Landing**. Take off, do a loop, and land in the square on the field. Closest touch down to the square wins. Don Johnson came in First with a touch down 9 feet from the target. Bud Austin was Second with 10 feet and John Woods was Third with 12 feet. Fourth place went to Jim Haney at 17 feet, Fifth was Fritz Corbin at 21 feet and Sixth, at 24 feet, was Howard Shire.

The last event was **Precision Dead Stick**. Take off, climb to altitude, cut the power (turn off motor) and glide to and stop on target. Plane must glide for at least 30 seconds or be disqualified. Closest to the target wins. Again, John Woods was First stopping only 9 feet from the target. Second place went to Jim Haney at 31 feet and third was Fritz Corbin with 36 feet. In Fourth place was Don Johnson with 39 feet and at 66 feet was Bud Austin for Fifth place.

The Overall winner with 250 Top Gun 2013 points was John Woods. Second place went to Don Johnson with 190 Top Gun points and Third was Fritz Corbin with 130 points. Fourth place was a tie between Bud Austin and Jim Haney with 120 Top Gun points each. Sixth place was Howard Shire with 30 points.

Many thanks to Chief Scorer, Gene Fuson, who kept every thing on the up and up and the events moving smoothly. Also thanks to Fritz Corbin who brought the food and was the Chief Chef for our traditional hot dog BBQ.

This has been a good year as we were able to get all our Fun Flies in as scheduled even though the weather was a little iffy a couple of times. The Top Gun Awards will



Above is Howard Shire's Chipmunk seen doing a landing in the October Fun Fly first event . The object was to do as many landings as possible in three minutes.

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**THE NEXT CLUB
MEETING WILL
BE NOVEMBER
12TH, 6:00PM, AT
THE SOUTH-
PORT CONDO-
MINIUM CLUB-**

SAFETY FIRST

If we caught our kids out in the garage sniffing paint or glue, we would send them to counseling. Yet, as adults we do this and call it modeling.

I read an article about a man who was working with acetone in his house. After using it, he almost collapsed. Getting out of the room and lying down, he returned to normal. Fumes and skin contact with acetone is particularly dangerous.

When I look at the shelves in my work room, the chemicals stored there range from various spray cans, paint, lacquer, pesticides, etc., to CA to acetone. I also use balsa and do a lot of sanding, creating particles to clog my lungs.

In the process of repairing and maintaining our aircraft, our hands come in contact with several hazardous materials. Our body absorbs these chemicals, and consistent exposure to them can be a danger to your health.

If you dissect our hobby, it quickly becomes apparent that we often spill fuel and CA on our hands. We sniff the paint and glue fumes and use grease and oil in our maintenance. It all gets on our hands. If you are an active modeler, you have some exposure to hazardous materials.

Below is a list of a few items you may want to keep around the workshop. They should help minimize the risk of exposure to hazardous materials.

1. Get a fire extinguisher.
2. Pick up a good face mask.
3. Buy a small fan for ventilation.
4. Buy a box of rubber gloves.

Always work in a room that has ventilation. Be careful using flammable items around your furnace.

Our hobby is great fun, but some chemicals deserve serious attention to keep you from being in harm's way.

See you at the field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer