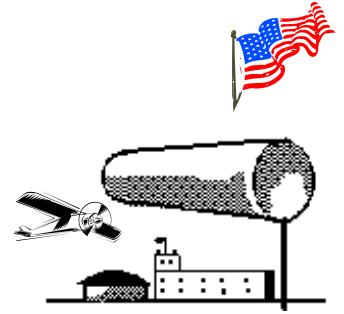


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## DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME!



This is not as scary as it looks. Don Livermore is just showing off as he catches his slow and agile bi-wing foamy. This plane, which I think is an ARF out of Florida, flies slow and looks easy to fly—at least with an expert on the controls. Don even let John Woods fly it and John did quite well—even got it back down with no damage.

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Even though the weather was questionable we had a few fliers out at our first Thursday afternoon Fly and Feast get together. It never rained but the wind would go from zero mph to about 15 mph so you would have to time your takeoffs and landings accordingly. I flew my Decathlon, Polaris and CAP a few times. Don flew his Polaris and one of his other electrics. Jim flew his Polaris and Ugly Stick and Gene flew his Cub and another one of his planes. A little bumpy flying at times but no mishaps.

It was nice to see some of the wives come out to the field. All those who were able to come out were Erv and Doris, Gene and Ellen, Janet and me. Jim Haney, Don Johnson and Fritz stopped by for a short visit. About 5:30 we left and had dinner at the Reeds Spring Pizza restaurant. We all had a good time and no mishaps. The next scheduled 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Fly & Feast will be June 25<sup>th</sup> so mark your calendars so you won't miss it.

As most of you know I crashed my MX2 a couple of weeks ago and damaged the wings considerably. Surprisingly the fuselage is OK. I got a little confused and flew it into a tree top just off the runway. Jim helped me get it out of the tree and back to the hanger where we surveyed the damage – really ugly. To rebuild the wings with all the graphic stuff on it would take quite a while so I'm presently searching for a duplicate wing set to buy ..... so far I haven't found any.

The field looks great and thanks to Bud and Fritz for mowing, repairs to the mowers, hanger and the fence post too – if you lean against a fence post make sure it will support you! Jim brush hogged all the perimeter area and it sure helps when you have to pick up a downed plane.

Our next Club meeting is June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Flying Field and the Fun Fly will be June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Happy Landings,

John

## THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

It is now June 1st and we seem to have a final count on our membership. Presently there are 19 members, including one associate member and one student. At this time last year we had 21 members. The Club website and AMA membership pages will be updated soon.

As can be seen in the photos on page 4, there was a little excitement at the field. Actually a Kaos 40 caused a little chaos in the pit area. This doesn't happen often but it does happen. One suggestion would be at the first sign that things are getting dicey, pull back on the throttle. It is a lot easier to gain control if the plane slows down.

Don't forget we will have our second Fun Fly of the year on June 13<sup>th</sup>. The second event is scheduled to be Erv's 6 Ground Targets. In this event participants see how many of Erv's targets they can destroy as they taxi around the course. Also trying to figure a fair handicap for our northern member. Maybe one hand tied behind his back or make him stand on the narrow side of a 2 x 4. Or maybe we will just have to compete harder. Nothing like a challenge to make you a better pilot. Also would love to see more members participate in the events. Win or lose, it's fun!

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

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2015			
		MAY	YTD
BALANCE	5/1/2015	\$1,507.22	\$ 1,668.23
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ 160.00	\$ 655.00
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ 16.00
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ 2.50	\$ 7.50
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ 70.00	\$ 71.37
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 258.07	\$ 798.75
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ 27.00
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ 90.00
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ 211.25	\$ 231.95
BALANCE	6/1/2015	\$1,275.40	\$ 1,275.40

## MEETING MINUTES

### TRI-LAKES RC FLYING CLUB MAY 12, 2015

President John Woods opened the meeting at 5:59 PM, at the Rocky Top Field. There were 8 members present including the officers. Treasurer, Fritz Corbin, reported that the Club had \$1,507.52 in the bank as of May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Minutes of the April Meeting were approved as written in the May Newsletter. There were no guests or new members present. The 50/50 raffle was won by Bud Austin and he received \$2.50 of the \$5 pot.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

#### OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made, at the April meeting, to donate \$150 to MS in the name of Mike Anderson for all the work he has done on the Club Web Site over the past several years. This was reported in the May Newsletter. This motion was tabled until the May meeting due to the small number of members at the April meeting. At the May meeting the motion was passed unanimously to donate \$150 to MS in Mike's name. Also individual members donated another \$70 to be included with the Club's \$150, for a total of \$220. Treasurer Fritz Corbin, said he would send the donations to the MS society via his credit card. (Members can keep up with Mike's bike riding for MS at <http://www.10gears.com>. He did 3,000 miles last year and is on pace to do more this year, on a bicycle built for two no less. ed.)

#### NEW BUSINESS:

President John Woods said that Matt Ward (local farmer) showed some interest in mowing the hay outside our fenced area but has had trouble getting back in contact with him. If this does not work out, Jim Haney will continue to mow this area a couple of times a year.

It was moved and passed to **not** have Club meetings in January, February and March. If necessary a meeting can always be arranged by phone or email.

It was decided to continue the INTRO Pilot program.

John suggested that we pick one day a month, possibly a Thursday, to fly in the afternoon and then quit about 6 PM and adjourn to the Reeds Spring Pizza Parlor. Kind of a Fly and Eat event. Sounded good to all members present.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM.

#### PROGRAM:

Vice-President Gene Fuson passed out Certificates to the April Fun Fly winners. Of the six certificates Don Livermore received four of them.

John also talked about his planned trip to the Joe Nall event. This is for quarter scale planes and larger. He said it was a great week long event and encouraged other members to attend. If you want more info contact John.

Bud Austin showed the quarter scale Piper PA-18 that he is completing for Gary Samuelson. Gary requested help from someone in our Club since his injuries from a roadside bomb is preventing him from completing it. Bud offered to help and the plane looks very impressive. Check out the photo below. Wingspan is 105 inches!





Don Livermore doing more stunts with his foamy ARF.



Above is the first Thursday Fly & Feast gathering at the Reeds Spring Pizza place, after an afternoon of flying. The flying was kind of windy but it looks like the pizza gathering went great.



We missed Gene Fuson at the last Fun Fly as he was up north fishing for small mouth bass with wife, Ellen. Told him I would put a picture of the biggest fish in the Newsletter. Well here it is, about 5 pounds, caught by Ellen. Seems like this also happened last year.

Stuff happens! Randy Needham was cutting holes in the sky with his neat Kaos when suddenly things got bad. The plane took a dive into the ground and made a hole, scattering parts all over. The only thing left to do was bring a bag to pick up the pieces. The repair work will probably consist of buying another Kaos ARF.





# JUNE 13TH FUN FLY

## FIRST EVENT WILL START AT 11:00 AM

### BBQ AFTER THE Fun Fly

There will be three events.

**Event 1. TWO MINUTE LANDINGS.** Take off, (time starts when plane moves) do a loop, land and stop on the runway. Earn one point. Do it again and again as many times as possible in exactly 120 seconds. Earn 1/4 point each for the last take off, last roll, last landing and last stop on field. Most points wins.

**Event 2. ERV'S 6 GROUND TARGETS.** Time starts when you touch starting line between two targets. Knock over 2 targets, come back and knock over one starting line target. Continue to knock over 2 more targets, then back to the starting line. Knock over remaining starting line target and clock stops.

**Penalties:**

5 seconds if you break a piece. 2 pieces.

10 seconds if you get airborne.

15 seconds if you destroy a stick; more than 2 pieces.

20 seconds if you don't follow the rules.

**ONE WITH LEAST SECONDS WINS.**

**Event 3. TIMED EIGHTS.** Take off from square and do as many figure eights as possible, with center of the eights in front of the judges (all must be acceptable to the judge(s) to count). Then land and stop with at least two wheels in the square in exactly 120 seconds. Time starts when plane moves and ends when plane stops with at least two wheels in the square. Earn 10 points for each acceptable figure eight and deduct 1 point for each second over or under 120 , Most points wins. Restarts and timing help O.K.

Pilots can fly any fixed wing aircraft in any event.



Don Johnson thought his Polaris XL flew nice so he reduced it by 47% and called it the Polaris XS. The XS also seems to fly quite well as seen to the right under control of test pilot John Woods. The XS has a wingspan of 18 inches. Don is now working on the Polaris XXS with a span of 13.5 inches. Not sure if it will fly on one or two cells, or fly at all!

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JOHN WOODS 338-8419****SAFETY FIRST**

One of our club rules requires that you have a label or tag in, or on, your airplane with your name and address or AMA number on it. I see very few of these actually in use. If you have not labeled your airplane, please do that so you will be in compliance with our rules. It will also identify your aircraft if it makes an un-planned landing away from our runway.

See You at the Field,  
Gene Fuson  
Safety Officer

**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING  
WILL BE JUNE 9TH, 6:00PM,  
AT THE CLUB FLYING FIELD.**