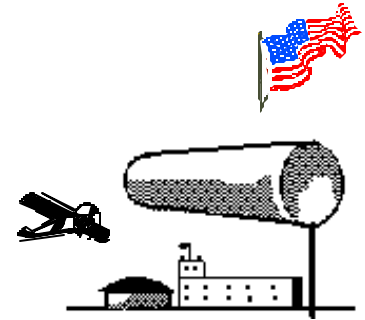


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AUGUST MEETING

AUGUST 12, 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

First off Claudia would like to thank the members for the nice card she received. It is nice to know that people are thinking of you when you are in the hospital. She is home and doing real well. Thanks again for the nice get well card.

One of these days we are going to have some good flying weather. I find it just as hard to fly with the sweat running in my eyes, as it is when the wind is blowing across the runway at about 10 mph.

We are still on the list to have the field brush hogged. Sid Beckham says that he can do the field if we can't get it done. Maybe that is what we have to do so we can retrieve those downed planes easier!

I think Homer has kept the field in great shape this year. Homer thanks for your efforts so the club can have a good place to fly.

They tell me that Frank (Jack McEvoy) finally soloed. Congratulations Jack now you have to get Annette flying.

Howard

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TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT

		JUL	Y T D
BALANCE	7/1/2003	\$ 1,284.00	\$ 954.61
INCOME-DUES	-----	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,497.60
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS	-----	\$ -	\$ 20.00
INCOME-FOOD	-----	\$ -	\$ 87.42
INCOME-50/50	-----	\$ 4.00	\$ 42.50
INCOME-MISC	-----	\$ -	\$ 7.00
EXPENSE-FIELD	-----	\$ 38.64	\$ 754.75
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER	-----	\$ 7.40	\$ 105.39
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	8/1/2003	\$ 1,281.96	\$ 1,281.96

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

July 8, 2003

President Howard Shire opened the meeting at 7:04 P.M. at the Rocky Top Field. All officers were present except Ray Dixson. There were 13 members attending. There were two guests, Dick Peterson & Kathy Metzger, in attendance. The minutes from the June meeting were approved as published in the July newsletter. Treasurer Erv Rohde reported that the balance as of July 1st was \$1,284.00. The 50/50 raffle was won by Erv Rohde who received ½ of \$8.00.

Committee Reports:

There were no committee reports.

Announcements and Old Business:

New member, Jason Blevins of Hollister was welcomed, bringing the total Club membership to 53.

Discussion regarding the disposal of the old refrigerator was held. Gary Acton volunteered to remove it after the meeting and take it to a disposal site.

Erv Rohde read a letter of thanks from the 2003 F3ARC Acrobatic team for the \$25.00 contribution that we sent to help with their costs at events representing the USA.

After a report from Mike Anderson & John Woods regarding club t-shirt prices a motion was made, seconded and passed, to put together an order for shirts for \$10.75 plus tax. Then the Club will sell them for \$15.00, the difference going into the club's treasury. Anyone interested in purchasing a shirt, but will not be at the August meeting must contact Mike to place their order. We must have a minimum order of 24. You have a choice of 20 colors and must pay when ordering.

Howard Shire reported that the Craftsman mower has needed quite a few repairs lately, including 2 new belts, brakes, springs, etc. It is now OK and running well.

New Business:

Mike Anderson presented the certificates for the June Fun Fly to the following pilots: Ray Dixson 3rd overall, Joe Major 2nd overall and Mike Anderson 1st overall. The certificates for first place finisher in Carrier Landing event, Spot Landing event and the Loop & Roll event all went to Mike Anderson.

Everyone was reminded that the next Fun Fly will be held on August 9th, the weekend **before** our next meeting. This gives those who want to participate in the Springfield Float Fly events a chance to do so. Kathy Metzger and Annette McEvoy asked for a nose count of those members that will be attending the fun fly. Also several members volunteered food items for the Fun Fly burger cook-out. If you weren't at the meeting and plan on being there on the 9th, please contact one of these gals to let them know you will attend and also find out if you need to bring something. Mike Anderson said that it will be pilots choice for the events again and asked that you contact him with any ideas for new events that you would like to see included.

Program:

Joe Major brought out his newest project currently under construction. His 100 ½" wing Stinson Reliant will be featuring a 26 Zennoah with lots of modifications. He hasn't made up his mind as to colors yet but Joe is NOT impressed with this Top Flite kit. You may want to ask him about it before buying one to build.

John Woods showed his latest "Star Wars" project currently being developed for the Jim Stafford show. John created the original flying saucer that has been in use at the show for quite some time. When Stafford decided that it was time for an update, John was pleased to be able to really show off some of the latest hardware that's available today. He'll be using electric motors mounted on digital servos allowing the craft to move straight up & down, forward and backwards. The lighting that he will be utilizing is super bright and will have a flashing strobe effect. Should really be something to see when he's finished!

The meeting adjourned at 8.01 P.M.

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Looks like this will be the photo edition Newsletter. To begin with we had Ray Dixon and Vicky Jesse getting married with several of our Club members in attendance. See the picture on page five. About a week later Jack McEvoy soloed. Not only that, he soloed with a couple of planes. Also have some pictures of some new and not so new planes that have shown up at the field. Even a couple in bare bones, showing that not all planes at the field are ARFs.

Got a couple of events coming up. The first is our third Fun Fly of the year. Second to last chance to get points toward the coveted TOP GUN 2003 award. Since point leader Mike Anderson is going to have the participants choose the events it might be good to remember that Ugly Slabs, i.e. Pro Twisters, do not glide well. Also Annette McEvoy and Cathy Metzger have planned a big pot luck for lunch before the Fun Fly. Actually Jack and Gary are helping—yea, right! Show up just before noon and enjoy the lunch and the Fun fly. You don't have to be a contestant to enjoy the fun.

The next event is the Annual Springfield Float Fly at Lake Springfield on August 16th and 17th. Always a low pressure fun event. They have one competitive event, that is not mandatory, and the rest of the time is open flying. If you have a plane with floats, go out and join the fun. If not, go as a spectator and see how much fun flying off the water can be.

Been noticing that a few members have forgotten the **do not taxi in the pit area** rule. This is a violation of one of the Club's Safety Rules. Even if there are only one or two others around, get in the habit of carrying or pushing your plane to the flight line before you start to taxi.

Time to land for this month. See you at the Fun Fly.

NEW CLUB MEMBER

At the July meeting Jason Blevins, of Hollister, joined the Club as a new member.

Welcome to the Club Jason, we are glad to have you join us.

FUN FLY

AUGUST 9TH

SATURDAY BEFORE THE MEETING

SPECIAL POT LUCK

STARTS ABOUT NOON

FLOAT FLY

AUGUST 16TH & 17TH

LAKE SPRINGFIELD

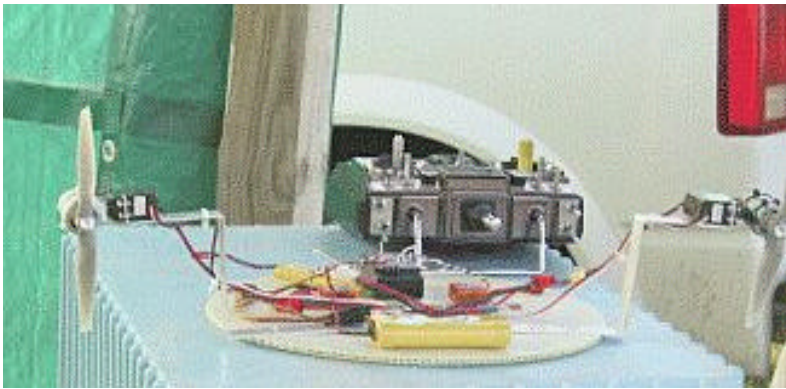
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Above is Wade Stine's Great Planes U-CAN-DO 3D ARF going through some maneuvers. The plane can do some fancy tricks and Wade makes it look easy.



Left is John Woods' motor setup for the new flying saucer he is making for the Jim Stafford show. The motors are Speed 300's, the servos rotate 180 degrees and the speed control is reversible, originally intended for model cars. On the space ship the motors will be eight feet apart (I think). The equipment used on this saucer is much smaller than that used on the first flying saucer he made for Stafford.

Below is Ray Wommack's new Four Star 120. Ray built this from a kit and put a nice looking covering job on it. Looks like he has also gone to the gasoline engine. Good looking plane, Ray, but the pilots missing.



Above is Gary Metzger's great looking clipped wing Taylorcraft. Of course it has a big gasoline engine up front which allows it to fly very well. That great big cockpit sure looks empty Gary.

Below is a scene of drama. Though the picture isn't too good, it shows Jack McEvoy, far left, concentrating on getting his plane down on his first (or second) solo flight. At center is instructor Erv Rohde checking things out and right is Annette just starting to relax after the touchdown. Jack did well soloing both his Eagle? Trainer and Avistar several times with no damage. Atta way to go Jack!



Above is Ray Dixson's Gee Bee Y ARF. Still needs engine, radio, canopy and pilot. Should look great as it roars over the runway looking for those pylons.



On July 12, 2003 Ray Dixson and Vicky Jesse were married. The ceremony was held outdoors on a serene wooded hill a few miles north of Branson. The wedding was attended by many of the couples friends and relatives, several of them Club members. After the ceremony there was a buffet for the wedding party and guests. Then came the cutting of the cake as shown above. All our best wishes go out to Ray and Vicky as they start a new life together.



Words of wisdom from Club Safety Officer Roscoe Fudge

Always restrain or have someone hold your plane when attempting to start motor.

Roscoe



Shown in bare bones, so ARF people can see what's inside the covering, are a couple of replacement aircraft. Above is Joe Major's new Stinson Reliant and below is Don Johnson's KPT-19; also known as a Four Star 40.



Below left is one of Gary Metzger's many gasoline aircraft. Forget what the name is but it is sort of like a Four Star 120. One of Gary's trademarks is the half dressed female pilot in the cockpit. Nice looking plane Gary! Below right is Don Johnson's KPT-19 as John Woods cruises it by the camera on its maiden flight. The K in KPT-19 is for kinda as it is really a Four Star 40 with curves.



Fun Fly

When? AUGUST 9TH
POT-LUCK 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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