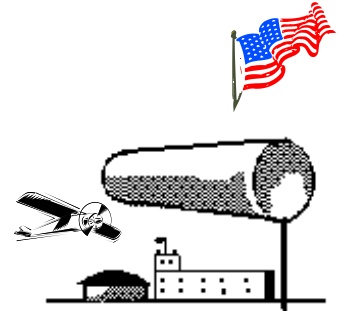


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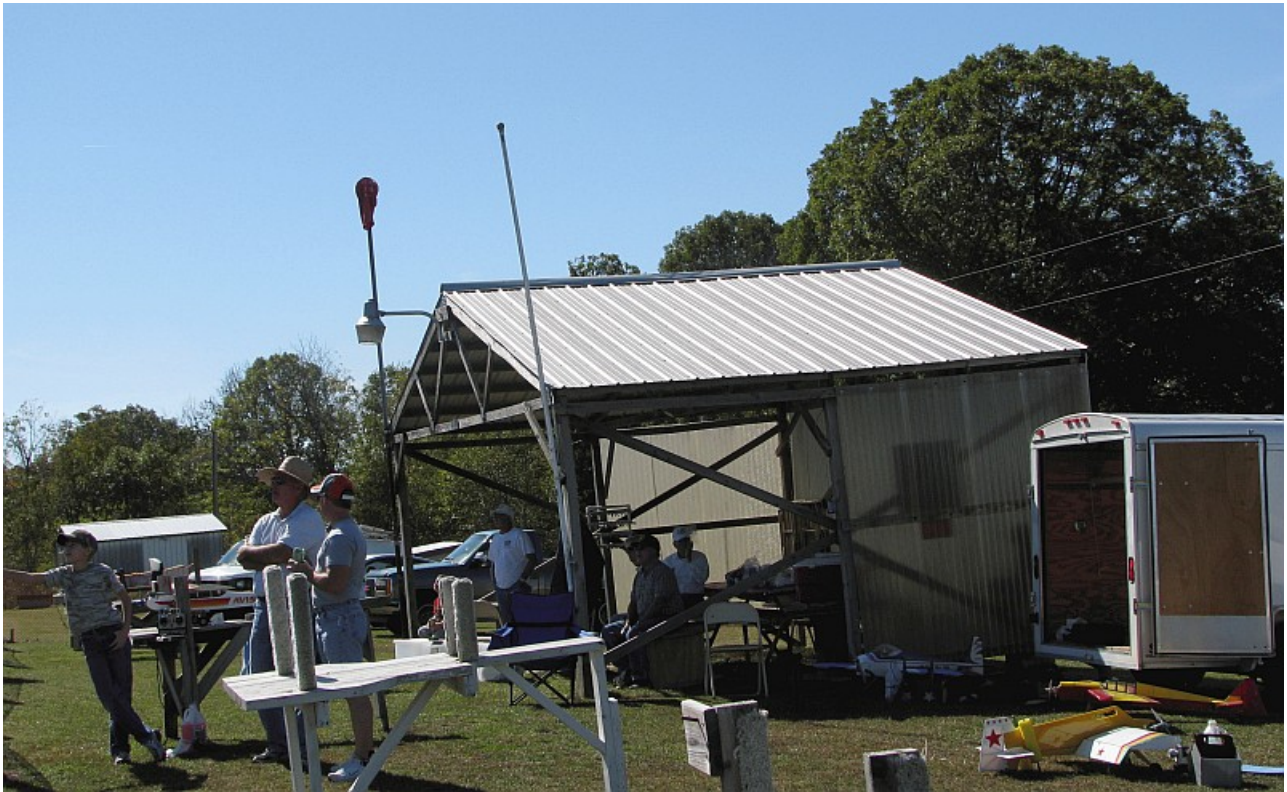
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END OF THE SEASON



The end of the Fun Fly season, not the flying season—which never ends. Everyone seems to be relaxed after the last Fun Fly of the year while watching Bud Austin doing a flight routine. We only had three Fun Fly competitors but we had eight Club members and six spectators in attendance. What lacked in numbers was made up in enthusiasm. It was just a great fall day to be outside.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Pilots;

Not really too much news from here since I was gone for the entire time. In talking with the guys at the field I haven't really missed too much because of the wind. I did get in the air last Saturday, but it took 4 go arounds to get back on the ground in one piece. Jim flew his electric one flight and decided the same thing. Erv was really tearing up the sky until he got into the pattern and the wind, on final approach, decided to have its say and caused him to nose in to a sticker bush, not much damage except to pride. Lets start thinking about our Christmas Dinner meeting and it will also be time to elect officers for next year.

See you next week at the meeting.

Dave

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2010

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BALANCE	10/1/2010	\$ 1,112.23	\$ 2,507.94
INCOME-DUES -----		\$ -	\$ 1,035.02
INCOME-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
INCOME-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ 95.50
INCOME-50/50 -----		\$ -	\$ 27.00
INCOME-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ 416.41
EXPENSE-FIELD -----		\$ 25.00	\$ 2,018.89
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ -	\$ 17.60
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSE-FOOD -----		\$ -	\$ 70.67
EXPENSE-AMA -----		\$ -	\$ 105.00
EXPENSE-Web -----		\$ -	\$ 185.00
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ -	\$ 75.00
EXPENSE-MISC -----		\$ -	\$ 522.48
BALANCE	11/1//2010	\$ 1,087.23	\$ 1,087.23

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Time to put the date of the Club Christmas party on your calendar. It will be immediately after the December 14th Club meeting and will be held at the Coachlight Trailer Park Clubhouse. Final details will be worked out at the November 9th Club meeting. Hope everyone will try to attend.

Just finished our last Fun Fly of the year and those that participated either as a contestant or spectator enjoyed themselves but with only three flyers, it was disappointing. In the past years we have had up to a dozen pilots fly in the Fun Flies. It seems obvious to your editor that it is time to make some changes that hopefully would revitalize the Fun Flies. Maybe include outside AMA members, maybe include something other than flying in the events, maybe have a different Director for each Fun Fly. Just do something to make it a bigger deal than it is right now. Any comments or suggestions will be much appreciated.

Last month it was mentioned that the Newsletter format should be reviewed. Originally it was developed as a timely information tool for the membership. Emails and the Club web site have made much of what was intended to go into the Newsletter obsolete. After much discussion, your editor has decided to go to a four page format instead of six pages. This will probably start with the December or January issue. Of course this is flexible and could vary based on the Club membership numbers and material contributions that can be included in the Newsletter. Another Newsletter issue we have debated the last few years is should we continue to send out any snail mail copies. Currently we send out four copies a month at a cost for postage and copies of \$0.62 each. This we may want to change.

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

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

October 12, 2010

Vice president Bud Austin called the meeting to order at 5:59 P.M. at the Coachlight Village meeting room. All officers were present except Dave Medley and Erv Rohde. There were 9 members present including the officers. There was one guest Claudia Shire. Homer Zobel won the 50/50 pot. He received \$4.00 of the \$8.00 pot.

Committee Reports:

Howard Shire reported that we had \$1,112.23 in the bank.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as published in the Newsletter.

Gene Fuson, the Safety Officer, suggested that we go over the safety rules since some of them were unclear in the present situation. Gene will go over the safety rules and make suggestions at the next meeting.

John Woods reported that Jim Haney was home and doing well after receiving a heart transplant.

Old Business:

Don Johnson brought up the question about the length of the Newsletter. After a short discussion it was decided that

Don was the editor of the Newsletter and the length was up to him and the amount of information he received.

New Business:

Saturday October 16th is the last Fun Fly of the year. The Fun fly will start at 11:00 A.M. and lunch will be after the completion of the Fun Fly.

Claudia Shire volunteered to organize the Christmas party to be held at our December 14th meeting.

Bud asked for volunteers for the nominating committee. There being none, he appointed John Woods, to serve in this capacity Gene Fuson and Don Johnson agreed to help.

Meeting adjourned: 6:39 P.M.
Program: None.



The Lancer flies in the south Texas skies at BEST. Don Johnson's early 40's designed gas free flight, which he converted to an electric RC, heads up at New Waverly Texas. It's not very maneuverable due to the small rudder, but with a six foot wing span and light weight it does have a nice floating glide. A great plane for older flyers.



Who is that masked man sitting next to Pat Adams? Everyone was surprised to see Jim Haney show up at the October Fun Fly after driving to the field by himself. Jim is a recent recipient of a heart transplant and looks to be on the road to a complete recovery. The ordeal has left his immune system somewhat compromised so he wears a surgical mask to ward off any bad germs. Great to see you out and about Jim, hope to see you out at the field flying real soon.



Left is a scene from the October Club meeting which was held in the Coachlight Village Trailer Park Clubhouse just south of the Kimberling City bridge. The meeting site worked out well and it was decided to continue meeting there during the winter and also to have our Christmas dinner there.



Above John Woods is doing what he likes to do—Fly and teach. On the buddy-box he has Jayden Asher taking a flying lesson. Four other visitors to the Fun Fly are waiting their turn at the buddy-box.



Above Don Johnson demos an electric helicopter for the students of John Woods' class on RC Flying at the Gibson Vo-Tec. John has 7 enthusiastic students. Don gave a little over an hour on electric RC. Photo by John Woods

OCTOBER FUN FLY

Well here it was! The last Fun Fly of 2010 and the last chance to earn points toward the 2010 Top Gun Award. The weather people were wishy-washy on the forecast but the day looked much better than the breezy conditions that were expected. The timing of the events was changed from 1PM to 11 AM with the traditional lunch following completion of the events. Unfortunately due to other commitments only three competitors were able to make it, but never the less the show had to go on.

The first event was the **PRECISION DEAD STICK LANDING**. Take off and gain sufficient altitude to land dead stick on the target in exactly 30 seconds. When ready tell the timer "NOW" and turn off the engine/motor. Glide to and stop on the target. There will be a 1 point penalty for each foot the plane stops away from the target and a 1 point penalty for each second more or less than the allowed 30 seconds. Time starts at "NOW" and ends when the plane stops. Low score wins. Bud Austin was first up and was 1 second off in time but 53 feet off the target, however he still ended up in first place with a score of 54. John Woods took second place with a 3 second and 58 foot penalty for a 61 score. Don Johnson ended up off the field and took third with a 147 score.

The next event was the **SPOT LANDING**. Take off, do a touch and go (minus 10 points) and land on the runway marker. Score 1 point for each foot away from the marker the wheels first touch on landing. The plane must touch down on the runway. Perfect score is minus 10 points. Low score wins. Two tries will be allowed but touch and go must be made on each try. John Woods rose to the top in this event with a 7 foot touch down for First place. Bud Austin was close behind and in second place with an 11 foot touch down. Don Johnson had technical difficulties (the airbrake switch somehow got

switched on) and did not finish but still came in third since there were no more competitors. Hey, it's a Fun Fly!

The last event of the Fun Fly and of the year was the **THREE CITY BARNSTORM**. Place plane in circle and draw barnstorm routine for first city. Take off (time starts when plane moves) do routine and land at second city and taxi (or carry) plane into circle and draw the second routine. Take off, do the second routine and fly to the third city. Land, taxi (or carry) plane into circle and draw third city routine. Take off, do the routine, land, taxi (or carry) plane into circle and stop. Time ends when plane stops in circle. Shortest time wins. Restarts OK with clock running. Routines may be rolls, loops, stall turns or figure eights. Time limit 5 minutes. Again John Woods was back in front with a time of 126 seconds for first place. Bud Austin came in second with 160 seconds and Don Johnson was third with 207 seconds.

John Woods was the over all winner with 270 Top Gun points. In second place was Bud Austin with 240 Top Gun points and Don Johnson was third with 150 Top Gun points.

Even though there were only three contestants we had a good group of helpers and spectators. Many thanks to John Woods for bringing the lunch grub and Roy Steinestel for cooking the dogs and to Joy Austin for bringing some delicious deviled eggs. Also thanks to Pat Adams, Gene Fuson, Reeder Jones and Roy Steinestel for officiating the events.

As usual the overall 2010 Top Gun Awards will be a poorly kept secret until the December meeting at which time the Certificates are normally passed out.

NOVEMBER MEETING

NOVEMBER 9, 2010 6:00 PM

Meet at the Coachlight Club-house.

Program

Bring your current projects for show and tell.

SAFETY FIRST

This is the last month that we will be reviewing the club safety rules and regulations as adopted by the club on October 1997 and revised on 5-12-98.

17. All new members and guests must be checked out by a club instructor or club officer before being allowed to fly.

18. All radio transmitters will conform to current AMA requirements. It is the pilot's responsibility to show that the transmitter meets AMA requirements.

We will discuss, and possibly vote, on some recommended changes to the published safety rules at the November meeting.

See You at the Field,
Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

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