



Tri-Valley Air Tales



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Larry's Lines....

We have yet another new member, our fifth this year. Joe Gabriel has rejoined us after several years' absence. Welcome back Joe. Tri Valley is getting stronger and better every month.

Our picnic is on August 14th. We need a head count by our August 5th meeting. Please attend this meeting or e-mail/call me by then so we will know how much meat and corn the Club needs to buy. Please bring your own service and drinks as well as a covered dish to share.

Russ Duckwall has taken over the duty of cooking hot dogs on our Tuesday flight nights. Thanks Russ.

**Until the next time, remember
It's is your club, attend our events.**

A note from Forgetful Ike Doty – I want to thank Gary for taking the minutes for me. The older I get the worse my memory gets.

Minutes of the July 1, 2010 Tri-Valley R/C Meeting

The meeting was opened by President Larry Masters. Joe Gabriel was a guest at the meeting and later joined the club.

Scott Larson of the Sky Raiders R/C Club was present to talk about the upcoming Art Peebles Memorial Fly-In. He mentioned this event is open to all club members and will be held on July 24th, starting at 9:00 AM.

Show and Tell

Brian Williamson brought in an AT-6 Texan that he bought in Winamac. He had tried several taxi

runs but the plane kept nosing over. Several members suggested he check the CG and bend the main gear struts forward some to prevent the nose over.

Business Meeting

The minutes of previous meeting were accepted with one correction. Jim Smith said there were 2 different dates listed for the Art Peebles fly in. One date was in July, the other August. The July 24th date is correct.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

There was a lot of discussion concerning ½ Texaco and how to keep the contest fair. Some pilots are using nitro engines, others electric. There are various engine sizes and power available both types of models. Several members suggested that we limit engine/motor runs to no more than 3 minutes with a time keeper verifying engine stop at 3 minutes max. Dick Farkas

suggested that we have only one engine running at a time so all could hear if it was shut down. This was important when running nitro and electric at the same time. Brian Williamson made the suggestion to fly nitro planes separate from electric and compare flight times. Final discussion ended when Larry Masters said that for now we would separate into an electric and a nitro category and compare times in determining a winner. There will be more discussion on this in the future.

Larry Masters won the gift certificate. He also mentioned the Granger Hobby shop is starting to stock more items and encouraged club members to support the business.

Larry also mentioned we got a thank you card from George Nyerges' family for the flowers the club sent on behalf of his son.

Larry mentioned he got an e-mail from David Sheets who is a member of the Sturgis RC Club. The e-mail mentioned David was selling off a deceased member's kits and wanted to know if there was any club interest is going up to look at them. Please contact Larry for what is available.

The Club picnic will be August 14th with August 21st as a rain date. Brian Williamson volunteered to cook hamburgers and hotdogs. Club members need to bring side dishes. Need to get a head count by the August meeting.

Don Miller can no longer cook hot dogs at our Tuesday get together. Russ Duckwall volunteered to cook for us. Thank you Russ.

Gary Shingledecker, Treasurer, Tri Valley R/C

At the field

I didn't get any pictures at the meeting, but I did remember to take my camera to the field on Tuesday July 13th. There was a nice group of us at the field. I was having a nice flight with my J3 Cub until the engine quit, and I landed in the corn. Fortunately the guys present helped me find it. I flared the plane as I was stretching the

glide trying to get to the field. It was sitting on top of the corn.



Here is the Cub that landed in the corn. There was no damage to the plane.



Gary Shingledecker was flying this jet. His planes really cut up the sky.



Jim Smith is getting ready for a flight with his plane that he designed as a club trainer. It's an impressive flier in his hands.

Fun-Fly Month

There were several fun-fly events in July.

Bremen Sky Knights Corn and Sausage Fly-In – July 11th.

The Bremen event was well attended, the weather was nice and the food was great.



Art Eby had his Duck at Bremen. The tires are small inner tubes that are not exactly round when pumped up. That makes the plane waddle like a duck when it taxis. The plane takes off in slow motion



Lee Watkins is wheeling his plane back after a flight. He and Chuck Hamilton put on a nice show with their Skyraiders. I learned that Lee crashed his plane at the Skyraiders field on July 24th.

Don't forget the club picnic on August 14th. Bring a covered dish and enjoy meeting club members and Spouses.



Gene Stutsman and Art Eby are getting ready to fly Gene's Waco. Gene also brought a DC-3 which he flew several times.

Millersburg Fly-In July 24th.

We had another great weather day.



This is a picture of Harvey Turner's Ryan PTA sans cowl. It flew well.



This is one of three combat planes that tried in vain to cut the ribbon of the other plane's.

Three combat planes tried to cut each other's ribbon, but were not successful. I thought sure there would be a mid-air.

Schedule of Events

July 31, 2010 – Art Peebles Memorial Fun-Fly Event (Rain Date)

August 5, 2010 – Tri-Valley R/C Meeting at the Francis Branch Library

August 12, 2010 - Tri-Valley Old Timer Event 5 PM until dark

August 14, 2010 – Tri-Valley Club Picnic – All day affair!

August 14, 2010 - Pylon Race SBRC Allinger field 9:30 AM start Glow & Electric.

August 21, 2010 – Millersburg R/C Club Fly-In (Rain date 8/28/10)

August 26, 2010 - Tri-Valley Old Timer Event 5 PM until dark

September 2, 2010 - Tri-Valley R/C Meeting at the Francis Branch Library

September 4, 2010 - Pylon Race SBRC Allinger field 9:30 AM start Glow & Electric.

September 9, 2010 - Tri-Valley Old Timer Event 5 PM until dark

September 10, 2010 – SBRC field - Fred Thompson Memorial Night Fly (Rain date 9/17/10)

September 10, 11, 12 Hoosier Dawn Patrol National flying site Muncie

September 11, 12 Giants over the Heartland Mini Fest- Winamac IMAA

September 23, 2010 - Tri-Valley Old Timer Event - 5 PM until dark

September 25, 2010 – Skyraiders – Cliff Bennett Memorial Giant Scale Fly-In

October 7, 2010 - Tri-Valley R/C Meeting at the Francis Branch Library

October 19, 2010 – Fly'n Dutchman 23rd Annual Chili Fun Fly

October 24, 2010 – Kent Radio Aeromodelers Swap Shop 8 AM to 1 PM Grand Rapids Knights of Columbus

August Mowing Schedule

Tuesday Aug 3, 2010 – Bob King & Jim Byrn

Saturday Aug 7, 2010 – Al Gunn & Doug Hazel

Tuesday Aug 10, 2010 – Larry Masters & Kenny LaPlace

Saturday Aug 14, 2010 – Tarek Beshara & Russ Duckwall

Tuesday Aug 17, 2010 – Bob Ross & Skip Heitman

Saturday Aug 21, 2010 – Don Miller & Stan Nycz

Tuesday Aug 24, 2010 – Jim Doty & Jim Smith

Saturday Aug 28, 2010 – Brian Williamson & George Nygeres

Tuesday Aug 31, 2010 – Bob King & Jim Byrn

Saturday Sept 4, 2010 – Al Gunn & Doug Hazel

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