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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS OF THE SPIRITS OF ST. LOUIS R/C FLYING CLUB

Swap Meet March 24

PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

By Eric Langston

Thank you to all the members that faithfully attend the monthly meetings, without you there it makes it hard to get things done. I would also like to thank those that keep bringing their latest airplane projects to show. We have been treated to many beautifully built and covered aircraft at our meetings. If you have one to show off, please keep 'em coming. At last month's meeting we voted to have an excavator come and level our field to save us many back breaking hours of pushing dirt. After the meeting, as requested by several members, I did research other estimates to do the same job as was previously quoted to us. After several calls, I was repeatedly quoted more than twice the cost that we already had. So the job is going to the original bidder. He will be working on a weekend if the field is dry enough to do a quality job. What this means is, if you show up at the field one bright and sunny Saturday or Sunday to fly, and there is a road grader, or a bulldozer pushing dirt on our field, the field is closed for that day. Stay out of his way and do not attempt to fly over him. It has always been our safety policy that when the field is being worked on, for that day it is closed until the work is done. Please don't make me write safety grievances over this matter. This will be a one or two day inconvenience, but it will save countless hours of work for us. Once this is done we can have the grass planted and fly until it needs mowing. March is only a few days away. This means the deadline for renewal memberships and the annual swap meet. **DON'T MISS EITHER ONE.** Please get your renewal forms to Bill prior to March 1, or you will be considered a NEW member. Yes, that does mean a \$25 initiation fee for your new membership. Also Anna and Doug need your help for the Swap meet. If you can't come to the next meeting to sign

up, please call them and let them know you can help. That's it for this one. Keep your fingers out of the CA.

*Serving you,
Eric*

Meeting Minutes: FEBRUARY 14, 2001

By Walt Wilson

President Eric Langston called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

Members signed in: 28. There were no guests.

Secretary's Report: Accepted as published in Flight Lines.

Treasurer's Report: Accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

Field Report: Anna Nolle reported that the field and road were very wet and soupy. A discussion ensued about road improvements. Don Fitch said it would improve with age with no further changes.

Anna is to get a price on two truck loads on one inch minus and two inch minus rock to be added to the road.

Safety Report: Doug Thompson wasn't present.

There has been little flying and no safety problems that anyone present is aware of.

Activity Report: President Eric has been in communication with Don Ware of the Rolla R/C Club about a series of Four-Star 40 and Warbirds races to be split between the two fields. Tentative dates have been set for six events. More info is to be presented later. We want to start planning a Grand Opening open house event for September. The field should be complete by then and we want a

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big event with all kinds of flying and publicity to bring the club to the attention of the community.

An extensive discussion followed concerning possible features of the event.

GSLMA Report. Pat Keebey highlighted segments of the GSLMA meeting minutes and noted that it would be beneficial for us all if we sent in Buder Park Flying Permit applications with a donation, even if we don't plan to fly there this year. The more people who sign up, the easier it is to justify having the public flying field. Complete minutes are included elsewhere in this newsletter.

Swap Meet: Anna Nolle reported that flyers advertising the event would be mailed out the next day. Reservations are coming in from as far away as Indiana already. A sign-up sheet was passed around at the meeting, but more help is needed. We are running it this year, so we'll need all the help we can get.

Pavilion: The locations for support posts have been marked and the builder is waiting for warmer, dryer weather to start work.

Clayton Rotary Club Presentation: Craig Finks, who organized the presentation, wasn't present at the Spirits meeting. Walt Wilson gave a report. Craig, Les Richman, Gene Jones and Walt showed their planes and discussed the hobby at a Rotary meeting on January 24th. An article about the event is included in this newsletter.

Recruiting: Membership is down by about 20 people from last year. It was noted that membership is now \$100.00 instead of the \$25.00 last year, and the winter has been very bad for flying. When Spring comes, better weather and flying conditions should increase interest. Printed tri-folds, introducing the club, have been distributed to the hobby shops in the area deemed most likely to have inquiries about R/C flying.

NEW BUSINESS:

Field Leveling: The farmer, who the land owner had promised would plow the field, has not responded to our requests to do so. President Eric has contacted a small contractor through contacts at Fred Weber and gotten an estimate to level the field

and build up the dirt around the edges of the runway. Not much leveling is required and the estimate is between \$1200.00 and \$1500.00 depending upon how long the job takes. Bob Rolf, who has access to similar equipment, made a lower quote, but upon further consideration, said this is a good deal. Don Fitch made a motion, seconded by Gene Jones, to authorize the money to proceed with the job. The motion passed unanimously.



George Cooper brought this cosmetically-modified Sig Four-Star 60. It's powered by a Saito .91 four-stroke and is covered with Ultracote. This is the first plane George has built in 55 years. He hasn't flown it yet.

Meeting Activity:

Bill Lindewirth talked about his experiences at the Superman Jet Rally at Metropolis, Illinois, in October. Many big-name flyers were there and most of the planes were turbine-powered. Only a few were ducted fans. Many of the turbine-powered planes were capable of speeds as high as 260 mph. The cost of planes and power plants of this caliber don't seem to be a deterrent. The Concord shown on page five of the December Flight Lines is said to have cost upwards of \$80,000.00 to build. Many of the jets were valued in the \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00 range. One such plane, valued at \$18,000.00, crashed and burst into flames. By the time they could put the fire out, all

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was destroyed except a few pieces that would fit in a coffee can.

Planes Shown: Five members brought planes, or parts thereof, for presentation. The pictures and captions explain each one.



Phil Abbadessa shows his new Sig Four-Star 60. He has reinforced areas that he thought were design weak spots. It's covered with 21st Century Coverite and powered by a Super Tigre .75 that was lost in the woods adjacent to our field for three months. After he found it, he cleaned the engine up and it ran perfectly on the first try. He's even using the same glow plug! He found the lost plane in November. Some recovered radio components are also being used in this new bird. It has been flown.

HELP WANTED FOR SWAP MEET

We will have a sign-up sheet for helpers at the March Spirits meeting. Your help is needed to make the Swap Meet a success!

If you can't make it to the meeting, call Anna Nolle at: 314-298-8664 or e-mail: nollea@yahoo.com to volunteer.



Steve Ramonczuk shows his Lanier Stinger 120. It's powered by a Zenoah G38 and is covered with century 21 Coverite. It has an 80-inch wingspan and weighs 16 pounds, considerably more than advertised, without the battery. It has a 24-ounce fuel tank which will probably be replaced with a smaller one when he adds a smoke tank. He says it's a good, relatively inexpensive kit but includes no hardware. He hasn't flown it to date.



Cliff Nolle holds Dad Frank nolle's Carl Goldberg Ultimate 10-300 ARF biplane. It has a Saito 1.50 four-stroke for power. Frank experienced minor problems with wing alignment and setup, but is generally very pleased with the plane. He hasn't flown it yet.

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Left: Pat Keebey brought a wing he is finishing using fiberglass made with water-based polyurethane paint. He says it's odorless, cleaner, lighter and works easier than fiberglass made with polyester or epoxy resin.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Membership Renewals

Please keep in mind that your 2000 Spirits Membership expired on December 31, 2000. Membership renewals will only be accepted through March 1, 2001. After that time, NO renewals will be accepted without the \$25.00 New Member Initiation Fee.

**Thank You;
Bill Lindewirth, Membership Chairman**

GSLMA MINUTES: FEBRUARY 7, 2001 MEETING

By Pat Keebey

Attendance: All clubs present except Balsa Busters, Boeing Phantom Fliers and St. Louis R/C.

Treasurers Report: Field Fund: \$1530.42 A thank you to the following clubs who have made a big donation to GSLMA.

Lafayette Esquadrielle	\$100.00
St. Louis R/C	\$100.00
Sam NX211 Lone Eagles	\$100.00
Spirits of St. Louis R/C Flying Club	\$200.00
Whirly Birds	\$100.00

Field Report:

A. Rails and fence posts are being taken down by the R/C field. New fencing is being put up by the Parks Department.

B. The fence along the Control Line Area was extended last year by GSLMA.

C. GSLMA spends money as follows: Porta-Potty, fence repair, resealing of runways and Control Line circles, striping on R/C runway and circles, grass seed and fertilizer when the park gets flooded. Miscellaneous equipment is purchased for the Parks Department as a good will program.

Committee Report-Ron Carr

A. February 25 - Control Line Stunt and Racing Contest coming up.

B. Do not park on grass areas unless you have a permit.

C. May 19 and 20, August 19, and September 22 and 23, will be contests that will require additional parking. GSLMA will ask permission to park cars on both sides of the road. GSLMA will try to make those arrangements.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Reservation dates for the 2001 Contest Season have been sent to Justin Hirsch for approval.

Contests have participants from out of state.

B. Crestwood Mall Show - Will probably be in March. GSLMA needs to know number of participants and airplanes from each club. The Mall Show will be a one day event lasting from approximately 8:00 A.M. till 10:00 P.M. Each club should send a schedule of members to help answer questions and oversee equipment on display.

NEW BUSINESS

A. New Buder schedule for 2001 passed out at the GSLMA meeting. All clubs should check your contest dates.

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B. Buder permits are now up to 161.

C. A letter was given to Pete George, covering debris removal south of the Control Line area. A clean up program is being developed.

D. GSLMA President Pete George's E-mail address is:

twometer@worldnet.att.net

(make sure all letters are lower case).

Pete George, President of GSLMA had a great article about his glider tow event last year in the March 2001 Model Aviation Magazine.

E. Airshow - What do you think? How big? Possible dates in September? Should we charge for parking? Discussed having all proceeds go to Alzheimers Research. More information next month.

F. All clubs- GSLMA still needs a list of all club officers with phone numbers.

Meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be March 7, 2001 at 8 p.m. in the East Room of the St. Louis County Library on South Lindbergh.

The Last Word:

By Walt Wilson

Just as soon as I put an article in last month's Flight Lines about our web site, they took it off-line for a week! It seems that Yahoo bought Simplenet and was in the process of converting their web sites to new servers or something like that. Anyway, it's back on line now, so go look at it! The new address is:

www.spiritsofstl.com

It'll also work without the "www". The old address;

www.spirits.simplenet.com

will also continue to work for approximately six months. While doing his periodic update to our web site, our Webmaster, Paul Geders, has deleted the 1999 issues of Flight Lines. You can still look at, or download, issues back to January, 2000.

Kevin Gianino's phone number was given incorrectly in last month's newsletter. His correct number is:

Kevin Gianino 314-291-4572

Not much room for my words this month, we have we have lots of pictures!

Gotta go build!

The Clayton Rotary Club Meets the Spirits



On January 24th, Les Richman, Gene Jones, Craig Finks and Walt Wilson represented the Spirits by showing their planes and discussing R/C flying with members of the Clayton Rotary Club.

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Craig Finks speaking about Radio Control flying, the Spirits and how popular R/C flying has become.



Walt Wilson showed his P-47 M. It's built from a 1/8-scale Top Flite kit. It's powered by an O.S. 1.20 FS engine has Robart pneumatic retracts and operating flaps. The radio is a Futaba 6XA with seven servos.

SPIRITS SHOW R/C PLANES TO ROTARY CLUB

By Walt Wilson

Representatives of The Clayton Missouri Rotary Club invited Craig Finks to give a presentation on Radio Control flying to their organization on January 24th. The meeting was held at the Ethical Society building on Clayton Road. Craig organized the presentation and gave an excellent speech on the subject. The Rotary members asked questions of Craig and the three other Spirits members who brought their planes. Approximately 70 Rotarians attended and most seemed very impressed with what they saw. The presentation and question-answer session lasted a little more than an hour. Questions including "What other uses do R/C planes have than just having fun?", "How much do they cost?", and "Where can I get one?" were asked and very capably answered by Craig and the other Spirits. Dice Cowger, the Newsletter Editor of the Wright Flyers R/C Club, is a member of the Rotary and was also present.



Craig Finks and his World Models P-51. It's powered by a Thunder Tiger .61 and flies very well.

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Gene Jones and Les Richman with Les' giant scale Citabria. It has an O.S. BGX -1 3500 for power and features include a self-starter, on-board ignition, navigation and strobe lights, smoke and, oh yeah, he says it flies good too! Rotarians repeatedly asked us to start and fly one of the planes. Flying, of course, was impossible but Les placated them by cranking the engine with the internal starter.



Much interest seemed to have been generated by the presentation. After the meeting, Rotarians looked the planes over and asked many questions.

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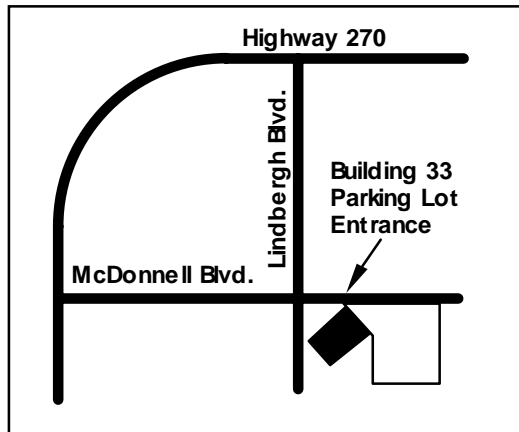
SATURDAY- MARCH 24, 2001

Boeing - Bldg. 33, Corner of Lindbergh and McDonnell Blvd.
ADMISSION \$4.00 - CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE

HOBBY SHOPS SET-UP AT 10:30 A.M.
INDIVIDUALS WITH SOMETHING TO SWAP/SELL
AT 11:30 A.M.
ALL OTHERS AT 12:00 noon

CONTACTS: Anna Nolle; 314-298-8664, e-mail: nollea@yahoo.com
or
Jim Wortkoetter; Daytime 314-233-0735, Evenings 636-947-1034

Table Fees:
Two Tables - Free, Third Table: \$10.00, Each Additional Table: \$15.00



REFRESHMENTS: HOT FOOD, CHIPS, SODA

RAFFLE PRIZE: Futaba 8-Channel Radio

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN
TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLY ON DAY OF SWAP MEET

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software. Typed or clearly written copy on paper or, a Word or Word for Windows file on a 3.5-inch 1.44MB floppy disk are acceptable if you don't have access to the internet. Photos are welcome and may be in the form of glossy prints or, if scanned or digital, in jpeg, gif or tif format.

General Membership meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at the Bridgeton Trails County Library Branch, 3455 McKelvey Rd. (1/4 mi. south of St. Charles Rock Road).

Membership information can be obtained from:

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Flying Field: Our new field is located on Amrein Road, off Greens Bottom Road in St. Charles County.