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

## Happy Thanksgiving

### President's Notes:

*By Steve Cross*

My first column is going to be one great big "Thank You". First of all, I would like to personally thank Eric Langston for the tremendous job he has done as our President over the past two years. We have an energized, smooth-running club, and that is a direct result of Eric's leadership and management style. He said from the very beginning that he was going to run our club in an open and direct manner and he never wavered from that philosophy. We have a better club because of it.

I also want to thank each and every one of you that helped make our Open House a high-flying success. We couldn't have done it without a lot of you pitching in to help, and boy did we put on a show for the community! I can't wait until we can do it again next year.

And last, I want to thank you for entrusting me to carry on the successful job that Eric has done.

I know I have some big shoes to fill (just an expression, Eric!), but I commit to you that I will do all I can to make our club even better than it is now.

One final comment: Come to our monthly meetings! You have no idea how interesting and informative they are now. Each month we see great planes that have been built by our members and we have tech tips on all sorts of things. Plus, we discuss and make decisions about YOUR club. Get involved, you will truly be glad you did.

Until I can come up with a unique phrase of my own, I'll just steal Walt's and Eric's, combine them and say:

*Gotta go serve you,  
Steve Cross*

### Meeting Minutes: OCTOBER 10, 2001

*By Walt Wilson*

President Eric Langston called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**Members signed in:** 23 members and four potential new member applicants were present.

### New Member Applicants:

Name	Phone Number
Mauro DeSouza	314-429-3291
Scott Hager	636-477-6005
Jeff Kubik	636-397-0563
Ken Brock	314-567-5184

The members present voted to accept them unanimously.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes were accepted as published in last month's Flight Lines.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

**Field Report:** Frank Nolle reported that the grass growth has slowed considerably and mowing can be less often. A pair of prescription sunglasses has been found at the field. They have been placed in the glass display case in the pavilion. Don Fitch asked if we could install a smooth grass runway perpendicular to the existing runway, for use when there's a strong cross wind. After some discussion, it was decided that it may raise safety issues and the idea was rejected.

Hopefully, next year we'll have a better stand of grass that will make off-runway landings smoother.

**Safety Report:** The Safety Chairman has temporarily stopped his R/C activity due to other commitments. It was noted that some flyers are pitting on the taxiway rather than in the pit area. The taxiway should not be used for pitting unless the pits are full. If you witness someone doing something unsafe, tell him or her nicely, about the problem. If they persist or get nasty, report the incident to the President or another officer.

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**Activities Report:** Training will continue on Saturdays until the weather gets too bad or we run out of students.

### OLD BUSINESS:

**Open House:** Steve Cross thanked all who worked or otherwise contributed to the success of the Open House. It was very well received by all who attended. The big bird and helicopter flyers who flew there said they wanted to come again next year and bring friends. Mark Twain Hobbies donated a plane kit and other items to be given away at the event. Schaefer's Hobbies also donated various items. A big THANK YOU to both hobby shop owners. A motion was made and unanimously approved to do it again next year.

**Election of Officers:** Gene Jones moved to elect the nominated candidates by acclimation. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The officers for 2002 are:

President Steve Cross  
Vice President Steve Ramonczuk  
Secretary Walt Wilson  
Treasurer Les Richman

Steve has appointed George Cooper as Field Chairman with Pat Keebey as his assistant.

**President Eric** thanked all the officers and board members who served during his administration. He said a new flying field has come in to existence and much of the credit goes to Anna, Frank and Cliff Nolle, Bob Rolf, Paul Geders and Lee Volmert (And numerous others! WW).

**Lost Airplanes:** After a discussion with Steve Cross concerning recent found airplanes, property owner John Ostmann clarified the policy the farmers are to observe when a lost airplane is found. Rewards are not mandatory. Flyers can offer a reward if they desire. If you offer a reward, be sure you pay it when your plane is returned. *Always be sure to put your name and phone number in or on your plane!*

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Barn Cleanup:** George Cooper said he would be there at 10:00 A.M. on October 13. All help will be appreciated.

**Meeting Activity:** Jim Rawlings (see the Picture) and Steve Ramonczuk showed airplanes. Eric Langston showed how he tints

canopies using **RIT** clothing dye. You use the dye in just enough hot water to submerge the canopy. Wear rubber gloves to protect your hands and handle the canopy with forceps or pliers to avoid fingerprints. Look at it against a white background often to measure how dark it's getting. Flush with cold water to set the dye when satisfied with the tint.

**Josh Radginski** won the drawing for a Sig gift certificate of \$10.00.

**Meeting was adjourned** at 8:27 P.M.



*Jim Rawlings discusses a Berkeley L-19 kit from the '60's that Willie Blanchard gave him to modify for modern R/C flying. Originally it was designed for primitive radio control equipment. Jim added ailerons and a few design features of his own. The kit is so old that it cost \$9.50 when purchased new. It'll be powered by an O.S. .25.*

### Barn Cleanup

*By George Cooper*

I want to thank the following members for helping me clean the barn and haul away the trash: Bob Rolf, Bob Fiely, Russ Watts, Bill Hancock, Jim Rawlings, Gene Jones and Ralph Amelung. We cleaned and reorganized the barn October 13, as scheduled. I salvaged lumber from the trash pile and built and installed three big shelves to hold the good stuff. We will haul the remaining trash to the dump tomorrow, October 20, using Bob Rolf's trailer. The barn

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is now in good shape and everything is up off the dirt floor, either on concrete blocks or shelves. The workbench is repaired, cleaned, and is now useable workspace. The Weed Eaters and blower are hanging on the wall. The tractors are being parked in the center, per Mr. Ostmann's permission, and we have plenty of room in our stall to park a tractor or other equipment for work, if it is out of commission.

On one tractor, Frank Nolle had one rear tire repaired and replaced a front tire. Pat Keebey and I are going to change the oil and filters on all tractors and lawn mowers next Tuesday. We will also bring the antifreeze in two tractors up to the required strength for the winter. The third tractor checked out OK. I'm asking that members DO NOT bring anything to the barn as a donation to the club without checking with the B.O.D. or me first. It is not a storehouse for unwanted stuff and it costs us effort and money to get rid of it.

### Open House

*By Paul Geders*

In the 48 years that I have attended model airplane events in the St. Louis area...the Open House was the best I have ever seen...I have seen World Championship Control Line events, FAI events, Scale Masters events, etc. What a tribute to the Spirits!

*Regards,  
Paul*

## Deer Season November 8-18

**There will be deer hunters with high-powered rifles active in the vicinity of the field during this period. This is a popular hunting area. The field will not be closed. Fly at your own risk!**

### The Last Word

*By Walt Wilson*

Welcome and good luck to our new officers and Board of Directors. Some of us aren't new; we just keep on doing our chosen jobs as long as we're wanted. On October 6, I lined up at the library door to reserve the meeting room for next year. I had been told that if I arrived at 8:00 A.M. (one half hour before they open the library) I would be near enough the front of the line to have no problem getting the room. I arrived at 7:55 A.M. to find six people ahead of me. One had been there since Midnight the night before and was looking for a room every

week for a large computer group! I still haven't received official notice, but I was told that we have the room for the second Wednesday, as always, except for January. The January meeting will be on the third Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, due to a special library activity planned for the Ninth. Happy Thanksgiving!

*Gotta go build!*

### More Spirits' Open House Pictures



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Check out our web site Photo Gallery for many more Open House photos!

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**Newsletter submissions** must be in by the Monday following the club meeting in order to make publishing deadlines. The preferred format for article submission is via e-mail. I have Macintosh and PC computers and use QuarkXpress and Microsoft Word, so send the copy as the e-mail message (not an enclosure) to avoid cross-platform or incompatible software problems if you don't have the same equipment and 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) at 7:00 P.M.

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**Flying Field:** Our field is located on Amrein Road, off Greens Bottom Road in St. Charles County. It's open for flying from 9:00 A.M. to dusk. Flight training will continue to be available on Saturday mornings from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. until the weather deteriorates too much or the students stop coming.

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