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

Happy New Year

This Month's Meeting Only will be on the THIRD Wednesday of the month, January 16, 2002.

President's Notes:

By Steve Cross

Well, it looks like our unseasonably warm weather has finally come to an end and, as a result, we are seeing a winding down of the flying season. There are certainly a few hardy souls who don't mind flying in the cold and wind, but the few days that are suitable for flying seem to fall on a weekday when us poor slobs who still have day jobs can only look out the window and sigh! It has been a great year, though, and you all can be very proud of your club. There will be a lot of neat events coming up over the next year. We can look forward to the New Year's Day Chili Get-Together, Mall Shows, Swap Meet, Four Star 40/Warbird races and the Open House. Get involved, you will enhance your enjoyment of the hobby/sport more than you can imagine. That's about it for this year. The Board of Directors wishes you and your family a joyous holiday season, and a healthy, happy and safe New Year.

See you at the field!

Steve Cross

Meeting Minutes: DECEMBER 12, 2001

By Walt Wilson

President Steve Cross called the meeting to order at 7:04P.M.

Members signed in: 27 members, five applicants and one guest were present.

Secretary's Report: The November minutes were accepted as published in last month's Flight Lines.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report

was accepted as presented.

Field Report: George Cooper reported that Bob Rolf delivered and helped spread two truckloads of gravel on the parking lot. Two more loads will be needed in the spring. The Kubota tractor will need a new battery in the spring. George installed a number of 1/2-inch inside diameter plastic sockets at appropriate locations in the pits to hold airplane restraints. They're identified by white paint on the ground.

Vandalism: Our second Porta-Potty was recently destroyed and several bags of leaves were dumped on the field near the road.

Teenagers hanging out in the area late at night are thought to be responsible. The St. Charles County Sheriff's Department has been notified and will lookout for trespassers at night. If another Porta-Potty is destroyed, replacement will cost us \$700.00! George Cooper posted signs warning of surveillance cameras and various methods for keeping them out were discussed. No further action will be taken unless there is further vandalism.

Activities Report: There will be good flying days from time to time and Steve Ramonczuk says he will be available for training if you call him at: 314-298-9284.

OLD BUSINESS:

Scouting Activity: Steve Cross consulted the property owner and AMA representatives Bob Underwood, Carl Maroney and Jack Frost.

They all said there would be no liability problems and encouraged us to proceed. Paul Geders suggested that we get some AMA Delta Darts for the scouts to build between other activities. There will be approximately 35 scouts participating. The event will tentatively be in late April or early May.

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Paul Geders returned the club sound meter which he had been keeping since the last time it was needed.

New Year's Day Fly-in.

Ralph Amelung is the Event Director and would like those who plan to participate to R.S.V.P. him at 636-939-3331. There will be hot chocolate, chili, coffee and other snacks. Flying activities will be dictated by the weather.

Judging by the Fall so far, we may have a great day!

Swap Meet: Ralph Amelung has volunteered to be the Event Director for our part of this year's Swap Meet. We are handling the snack bar this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Paul Geders asked to add two Four-Star Forty/Warbird races to the calendar of activities for 2002. Paul will be CD for May 25th and Eric Langston will be CD for October 19.



New member applicants were Ed Richardson, Keith Richardson, Chris Reed, Darwin Gardner and Vic Bunze. Welcome to the Spirits!

Max Ruble Passes Away: It was noted that long-time Spirits' member Max Ruble passed away recently. Several tales were told about him and his activities. Many are recounted on page three. On behalf of the Spirits, I would like to express our deepest sympathy to his family.

Snow Blower: Jim Rawlings announced that he could get a snow blower at no cost, if the club wants it. It needs minor repair, but is in generally good condition. It was discussed and decided that the club didn't really need one. If you want it, call Jim at: 636-441-7517.



Ralph Amelung shows his World Models Rambler ARF. It comes with retracts and is powered by an O.S. .46 FX.



Bob Fiely discusses his Great Planes Ultra Sport 60. He covered it with Monokote and has an O.S. .91 FS Surpass for power.



George Cooper gives a presentation on on-board glow plug ignitors. He had handouts and gave an excellent presentation.

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George Cooper (left) receives one of two Modeler Of The Year Awards from President Steve Cross.



Steve Ramonczuk (left) receives one of two Modeler Of The Year Awards from President Steve Cross.

New Member Applicants:

Name	Phone Number
Chris Reed	636-458-6651
Ed Richardson	636-519-9545
Keith Richardson	314-438-9156
Vic Bunze	636-916-4900, ext. 263
Darwin Gardner	636-947-7837

All applicants were accepted unanimously by the members present.

RCHTA Award: At Bob Underwood's suggestion, Walt Wilson submitted a copy of the recent newspaper article and a tape of the TV bit, concerning our Open House, to the Radio Control Hobby Trade Association (RCHTA) to be considered for their award program. The RCHTA responded with a check in the amount of \$150.00 for the Spirits. Walt presented the check to Steve Cross.

Modeler of the Year Awards: Steve Cross presented awards to two Modeler Of The Year recipients. George Cooper was selected for the many contributions he has made to the club such as the "Corn Horn" and numerous jobs he has thought up and done at the field.

Steve Ramonczuk, Chief Flight Instructor, also was selected for his tireless training efforts and his willingness to always be available and help anyone who needs it, to get in the air (see photo on the next page). Congratulations George and Steve! There will be other Spirits' Awards next month.

Meeting Activity: George Cooper gave a presentation concerning on-board glow plug batteries and various methods of hooking them up. He had handouts containing schematics, part numbers and prices, and his thoughts on each setup. It was an excellent presentation. Ralph Amelung showed his new World Models Rambler and Bob Fiely his Great Planes Ultra Sport 60. See the photos for details.

Attendance prize: Claud Wade won a roll of Monokote, a bottle of CA and a model file.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Membership Renewal:

by Bill Lindewirth

Remember that your 2001 Spirits membership expires on December 31, 2001. March 1st is the last day that renewals will be accepted for 2002.

Membership applications received after March 1st. must include the additional \$25.00 new membership application fee. Please enclose a photocopy of your 2002 AMA card when renewing your 2002 Spirits membership. Have a safe and Happy Holiday Season !!

Thanks

Bill

GSLMA Mall Show at Chesterfield Mall

By Pat Keebey

Where: Chesterfield Mall, Hwy. 40 and Clarkson Road.

When: Saturday January 12, 2002 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Display area location: Center Court.

Tables Available: There will be either 20 (8 foot) tables or 30 (6 foot) tables.

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Loading Times: Participants may begin entering the mall when the mall opens at 8 A.M. Set-up must be complete by 10 A.M.

Participants may not remove items from the Center Court before 5 P.M. If you leave at 5 P.M. you may not use dollies or other rolling carts. All items must be hand carried at this time. If you have large items or displays that need a cart or other rolling device, you must not remove those items until after the mall closes at 9:30 P.M.

Loading areas: Any mall entrance may be used for loading. All are suppose to be of equal distance from the Center Court. There is also an optional loading dock located on the north side of the mall in between Famous Barr and Dillards. It is labeled "B" Dock. It opens at 7 A.M. and has a five-minute parking limit while unloading.

Restrictions: No helium or balloons. No selling or cash transactions. No soliciting of customers unless they approach you first and ask about your club. No carts or other items may be rolled through the mall from 10 A.M. to 9:30 P.M.

GSLMA Model Show at St. Louis Science Center

When: Saturday, March 2, 2002. Ten to twelve tables will be available for displaying models. Club representatives should report at the January 2, 2002 meeting on participation in this event. The Science Center plans to advertise this event so spectator turnout should be good. Les Richman is coordinating Spirits' activities for both shows. Contact him at 314-434-8080 if you have questions or want to help.

The next GSLMA meeting will be January 2, 2002 at 7 p.m. at the St. Louis County Library on Lindbergh at Hwy. 40 in the East Room.

Modeler of the Year Award

By George Cooper

To all; I want to thank any and all who had anything to do with presenting me the award, Steve and Eric in particular I guess (All members of the B.O.D. voted on the selections. Walt). Somehow that means more to me than you probably anticipated. I'm proudly hanging it on my office wall with my solo certificate.

I'm glad I could participate in a beneficial way and, even though it was frustrating for a period

as Eric knows, it has been an enjoyable year and I hope I can continue to contribute. Seeing the field develop has been it's own reward, and the certificate is the icing on the cake. I feel like I'm getting more than my share of membership benefits and I'm sorry for those who are only members and not active members. They don't know what fun they are missing. Thanks again and on to a bigger and better 2002.

George Cooper, Field Marshall



Randy Hodge proudly shows his Sig Extra 300XS powered by a Saito 1.80 four-stroke. It has a Futaba 8UAF radio driving seven servos and has a TME smoke pump.

Max Ruble Passes On

By Pat Keebey

Wayne Nennering notified me that Max Ruble passed away on Thursday evening, December 6, 2001 at St. John's Mercy Hospital. Max was a World War II P51 pilot and member of the Spirits Fuddy Duddy Air Force. Max was a viable member of the Tuesday Morning Bunch at the Spirits old flying site east of Creve Coeur Park. Max presented me with a membership into the Fuddy Duddy Air Force with a Full Bird Colonel pin, duties and responsibilities. I wear this pin on my Spirits hat with pride as a token of Max's friendship. Max and the other members of the Fuddy Duddy Air Force (Joe Lunt, Richard Sadler, Robert Kneemiller, Jack Smith, Sam Rosenbloom) to name the ones I can remember were a great group and kept the flying field in pristine condition. Max was a great friend, with wonderful stories and experiences that kept us in tears and laughter.

Max was an avid builder and loved the unusual. One of his best projects was "Free Fall Freddy". Free Fall was a parachutist that was radio controlled for those perfect spot landings!

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However wind, more times than not, would take Free Fall into the fields adjacent to our flying site, the woods, or other areas that were not accessible and definitely not easy to find. But Free Fall brought great fun to Max and the members and developed some pretty unique friendships. Max will be missed by all of us who knew him.

The Last Word

By *Walt Wilson*

Now the 2001 flying season has come to a close.

This has been a very successful year for the Spirits. The field is nearing completion and is one of the finest, if not the finest in the Midwest. Thanks go to Anna and Frank Nolle, George Cooper, Pat Keebey, Lee Volmert, Bob Rolf, Eric Langston, Ralph Amelung and numerous others who have spent countless hours mowing, plowing, planting, digging, laying concrete, installing ditches, laying rock, painting, adding details to the pavilion, cleaning the barn and too many other jobs to recall unless you actually did them yourself. My apologies to anyone who I forgot to mention, consider it a "Senior Moment". We put on a number of Four-Star 40 and Warbird races and the most spectacular Open House I've seen. We've had publicity in the newspaper and on KSDTV.

We're gaining new members at a good rate, as always. They've been attracted by the publicity, through references by the hobby shops, our newsletter, our web site, our training program, the quality of our field and our reputation as a good, friendly club with nice people. Also, we gain friends by welcoming guests. Few other

clubs will let you fly at their field, even once, as a guest. We've lost a few members for various reasons, but that's happened every year. At present, somewhat fewer people have re-joined for the coming year than had at this time last year. It should be noted that the economy has slipped considerably since last year and many more people are out of work or having financial difficulties. We're in a recession guys! Flying model airplanes is a relatively expensive luxury that could be put on hold if one had to choose between that or paying the bills! We're also at war! Military reservists have been, or likely will be, activated. It would be interesting to find out if other clubs are experiencing the same slow-down. My bet is that they are! We're still the biggest club in the Metro Area and most likely will continue to be.

Count your blessings, we're really in good shape for the beginning of the new year.

Gotta go build

For Sale

MDS .40 with muffler, \$40.00.

Shrike combat sport flyer kit and MDS .18, all new in the box, \$75.00, with four mini servos, \$110.00.

Kyosho Stearman ARF 40 Bipe(\$239.00 at Tower Hobbies) and Saito .50 FS engine, new in the box, with velocity stack, \$275.00 for the combo.

Profile kit, \$75.00.

Assorted hardware and building aids, make offer.

Call Mike Lindsey on his cell phone at 314-409-6686.

SPIRITS 2002 EVENT SCHEDULE

New Year's Fly-In	January 1	Ralph Amelung, E.D.*
Chesterfield Mall Show	January 12	Les Richman, E.D.
St.Louis Science Center Show	March 2	Les Richman, E.D.
Spirits/Boeing Annual Swap Meet	March (TBD)	Ralph Amelung, E.D.
Boy Scouts Flight Introduction	April (TBD)	Steve Ramonczuk, E.D.
Warbirds/Four-Star 40 Races	May 25	Paul Geders, C.D.**
Fun Fly	June 22	C.D. TBD
Open House	September 28	Steve Cross, E.D.
Warbirds/Four-Star 40 Races	October 19	Eric Langston, C.D.

Other events may be added as the year progresses.

* Event Director

** Contest Director

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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. Photo credits will be given.

General Membership meetings are usually 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. The January meeting will be on the third Wednesday, January 16th

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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 has been discontinued until spring but may be arranged by appointment.