



FLIGHT LINES

The Monthly Newsmagazine of the Spirits of St. Louis R/C Flying Club

Prez Sez:

By Don Fitch:

The meetings are getting too short, last one lasted 30 minutes overall. Come on guys, this is an airplane club. Bring some planes to the meeting. Some of you have planes that you have been flying for years ... the more beat up the better. Brand new ones are great too, anything that we can look at and argue about, maybe even admire. I have a J3 Cub that Jim Rawlings built for me, maybe 5 years ago, that I have never flown. I'll bring it. The person with the oldest plane gets the \$10 gift certificate. If none show up I get it, get it? The guy with the oldest plane or biggest liar wins.

MEETING MINUTES, June 11, 2008

By Walt Wilson

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by President Don Fitch. Twenty members, one new applicant and two guests were present.

New Member Applicant: The following new applicant was present:

Matthew Ballard 636-397-2442

He was unanimously accepted to the club.

Meeting Activity: President Don Fitch has reorganized the format at the meetings, the fun part comes before business. Two members discussed airplanes and related equipment.



Joe Stramaglia discussed his new Multiplex radio and why he feels it is superior to JR, Futaba, and other popular brands in use today. It has many programming, functions, and setup options not available on other radios.

CAROLYN SCHLUETER PHOTO



Chris Nenzel showed and discussed his beautiful new Blackhorse Models Mosquito ARF. It's electric-powered, has flaps, and retracts. If glow-powered, it would use .15-sized engines. He says it flies very well.

WALT WILSON PHOTO

Secretary's Report: *Walt Wilson, Secretary.* Minutes for the April and May meetings were approved as published in the May issue of Flight Lines. It was noted that one member's newsletter was shredded when it arrived and another didn't receive one. Walt noted that taping the corners of the newsletters make them more likely to arrive intact. Post Office equipment tends to destroy those only taped in the middle with staples exposed.

Treasurer's Report: *Les Richman, Treasurer.* The year's rent has been paid, reducing the cash-on-hand considerably. Our reserve money in CD's is doing well, though, and there are no financial concerns. The report was accepted as presented.

Activities Report:

Cox Warbird Races Rescheduled: Don Fitch announced that the Tuesday evening races would be on June 17, weather permitting. Interest in this event may have waned somewhat due to extended bad weather and the difficulty in finding new bare bones Warbird kits. Complete RTF kits are available on the internet at:

<http://www.coxmodels.com/>

Ralph Doyle asked about the starting time for the June 21 Four-Star 40 and Warbirds Races. Curt Milster, the Contest Director, was not present, but Don Fitch referred Ralph to the flyer on our web site. For the record, registration starts at 8:30 A.M. and racing is scheduled to start at 10:00 A.M. This is the planned schedule for all races this year.

OLD BUSINESS

Buddy Boxes Needed: As noted at the last meeting, some of our buddy boxes are getting to be in poor condition. As suggested at that meeting, Joe Stragmaglia contacted the manufacturers of all the major radios we use for training to try to get some new buddy boxes donated. There were no donations. They offered to sell us buddy box transmitters for prices ranging from \$39.95 to \$49.95. It was noted that JR buddy boxes have to have charged-up batteries in them to work properly. If you have an extra, unneeded transmitter, please consider donating it to the club for a buddy box!

NEW BUSINESS: None was presented.

Balloon Competition:



Don Fitch introduced a competition balloon. The idea was to keep it aloft as long as possible. After one minute of bouncing, the next-to-last person to touch it won. Babe Raab won the \$10.00 gift card donated by Mark Twain Hobby Center.

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

The Winners of The M&M Topless Fly Are.....



Mark Livesay (2nd), Marc Mills (1st), CD Les Richman, and Gene Jones (3rd)

IN REMEMBRANCE:
DAVE LUCAS



Dave Lucas was on his 2nd year as a St. Louis Spirits RC Member. Not too many people got the chance to meet him at the field. Dave put his life on the line daily as a firefighter. The past 18 years he was a firefighter for the City of Creve Couer. Creve Coeur Deputy Fire Chief Arthur Oestereich recalled Lucas as an avid outdoorsman, a passionate pilot and a dedicated firefighter. "He was a bright fellow who was in the job for the right reasons, and that was to help people," Oestereich said. "He was always trying to make things better for everybody".

He lost his life doing his 2nd passion, flying his bi-plane that took 12 years to build.

He was at the flying field the morning of Sunday, June 1st flying his RC planes and when leaving the field told the guys that he was going to go fly his big plane and was going to do a flyover for them. The guys at the field saw him coming and then saw him go head first into a field around 1,000 feet off Greens Bottom Road near the Katy Trail. He was survived by his wife Katie and 2 children, Robert Wilson and Madelyn.



A picture taken of North St. Charles from Dave's plane October 2007.

EVENTS SPONSORED BY OTHER RC CLUBS:

RC FLOAT FLY
JUNE 21 & 22 – 10a-3p
HORSESHOE LAKE
3321 Hwy 111, Granite City, IL
SPONSORED BY: East Side RC In Edwardsville



No landing fees but donations will be accepted.
All flyers are required to show their AMA Card.
Bring your own: drinks, food, lawn chairs, picnic and
of course your airplanes.

2ND ANNUAL JET RALLY
JUNE 19-22 – 9:30-DARK

DIRECTION TO THE FIELD:

Take 1-44 to Exit #264, Go South on Hwy 109 3/4 mile to Augustine Road, Turn left on Augustine Road And go 2 miles to the airfield.

Handicap Accessible

COME AND JOIN US and DON'T MISS the FUN!
PUBLIC WELCOME! \$3.00 PARKING PER CAR!

The Airfield is located at Eureka Missouri.

Flying site 42 x 600 ft. paved run-way with 100 ft. run-off in the middle of 1,200 acres of farmland.

Pilot registration on Site,

\$40.00 landing fee includes pilot lunch!

Help us be a good neighbor, please observe the 25 - 30 MPH speed limit on Augustine road, Thank You!

Plenty of Parking Space, Food and Beverages available for Purchase!

Picnic Tables, Shaded Bleachers, Electricity and Port-a-Potty's available.

OVERNIGHT CAMPING ALLOWED!

24' x 40' pavilion with ceiling fans

For Additional Information

Visit: **www.gateway-jets.com**

And for more information about the facility please visit:

St. Louis Radio Control Flying Association
website @ **www.slrcfa.com**



Gene Jones having fun at the Topless Fly Chris Nenzel at Tuesday Night Electrics Bring What You Brung



Patch, the plane is almost as big as you Girls, this is what they really do at the field Joe, lets see that big boy fly

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EVENTS SCHEDULED AT THE FIELD

June 21	Four-Star 40 & WARBIRDS Race Contest Director: Curt Milster
July 12	Low Key Fun Fly Contest Director: Bob Fiely
July 19	Anal Osculating Race Contest Director: Don Fitch
July 26	Four-Star 40 & WARBIRDS Race Contest Director: Ron Hesskamp
August 2	Fun Fly
August 23	Four-Star 40 & WARBIRDS Race Contest Director: Steve Cross
Sept. 10	Meeting at the Field Member Appreciation Dinner
Sept. 27	OPEN HOUSE Event Director: TBD
October 11	Four-Star 40 & WARBIRDS Race Contest Director: Paul Geders

SEE WEBSITE UNDER EVENTS FOR MORE INFORMATION



Mark Bammann's plane ...



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