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

Meeting at Field and Nomination of Officers For 2010 on Sept. 9 Ninth Annual Open House On Sept. 26

PREZ SEZ

By Don Fitch

Interesting meetings are increasing. Some of the members have brought in non R/C stuff that all have enjoyed. In the last few meetings we have seen engines cut open for display, a tether car and an HO scale bridge. I found all three to be very interesting. If you have something you would like to show (inanimate please) bring it in if you think other people would like to see it. We're people, honest. Not only that, we're modelers at heart and that covers a lot of ground. September is a fun month for the club. Member Appreciation Dinner (free food), and Open House. Open House is an opportunity for you to get a friend interested in your hobby and an opportunity for them to make some valuable friends too. We're going to have a sort of a Four-Star 40 race at lunch time. Paul Geders will explain to all what is going on as the master of ceremonies. I personally wanted to have some pilots play follow the leader, but they preferred to take their planes home in one piece. I don't know why, a lot of times I don't. Membership is increasing, should be a good year now and next year. If the roofs are getting bigger, pull back on the stick. See ya later and I'm looking forward to it.

MEETING MINUTES: August 12, 2009

By Paul Geders

Meeting called to order at 7:07 P.M.

New Members present.

Ron Adam	636-922-4736
Gary Graul	314-488-5356
Bill Elmore	636-734-2110

Secretaries Report: *Walt Wilson, Secretary*, was not present due to eye surgery. Minutes approved.

Treasurers Report: *Les Richman, Treasurer*. Treasurer's report approved.

Field Report; *John Matticker, Field Committee Chairman*, was not present. It was pointed out that the Porta-Potty needs to be re-cabled down as it was pushed over by a four-wheel drive truck which also put large ruts in the gravel. Ruts have been repaired. It was reported to the Sheriff's Department.

Safety Report: *Lee Volmert, Safety Chairman*, pointed out that we have been remiss in following our rule regarding taxiing in the pit area, and taking off from the taxi strip, such as was done at the last race.

Training Report: A new member called several phone numbers for the instructors on the web-site and got no answers. When leaving a voice mail, he received no return calls. Phone numbers were checked and only one was incorrect, for Tom Foster, helicopter instructor. The web-site has been updated.

Activities Report:

August 22 is the next Four-Star 40, Warbirds, and E-Warbirds race. There has been a suggestion to have no entry fee for the E-Warbird race to help increase participation.

OLD BUSINESS:

Helicopter Flying Area: Don read the proposed new rules pertaining to the helicopter flying area and Pete Stephans asked that they be published in the newsletter and voted on at the next meeting in September which, by the way, will be held at the field on September 9 and is the Member Appreciation Dinner and nomination of officers for 2010.

NEW BUSINESS:

Asphalt Sealing: A motion was made and seconded to have the asphalt sealed, and re-stripped, as soon as possible. Approved by a majority vote with only one dissenting vote.

Open House, September 26: Don announced that we need someone to head up the Open House by the September 9th meeting, otherwise it will be cancelled. We currently have flyers out in the hobby shops with John Matticker's name on them. John has just gotten another job and is working more hours and can not handle the job of heading up the Open House at this time.

Meeting Activity:

Four members brought planes to show and discuss. There was a glider flying contest, too. See the photos on the following pages for details.

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Paul Geders showed a Great Planes electric powered "Spitfire" that he plans on flying in E-Warbirds. It is a box stock airplane, motor, ESC, and battery as recommended in the kit instructions.



Jim Rawlings and Les Richman showed a "Waco" 1/5 scale Pica built-up kit that Les bought for \$100.00, including a Saito 91 engine.



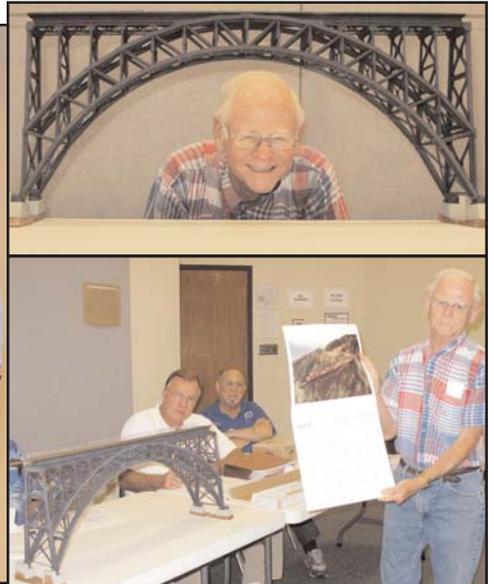
John Smith showed and discussed a 6 cell, lithium battery powered, Raptor E550 helicopter, (which is no longer made).



John Rawlings showed a Great Planes "Reactor" biplane ARF. He loves it! Thought it was a kit and when he opened the box just loved the color scheme. John's only complaint is the metal linkage hardware (clevises, rolled threaded pushrods, etc) are junk. He replaced all with better grade parts.



Tom Foster showed and discussed his latest helicopter.



Russ Watts took eleven months to build this HO scale model railroad bridge.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 P.M..

Blade CX Fun-Fly, August 4, 2009

By Greg Bohrer

We had a great time ! Their were six entries; Dave Oswald, Greg Grumich, Feroz Khan, Rich Taylor, Chris Nenzel, and Greg Bohrer. We flew three timed rounds over a closed course. The winning time was 36.7 seconds, set by Greg Bohrer, 2nd was Feroz Kahn with 44.3 seconds, and 3rd was Rich Taylor with 55.1 seconds. We will be doing another Fun-Fly in the future.

(Photos are on the next page.)

Member Appreciation Dinner: The club will provide meat and refreshments. The rest of the meal will consist of covered dishes or desserts brought by attendees. **Bring your favorite covered dish to share with friends.**

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Another Meeting Photo



John Rawlings won the Glide-A-Plane contest, over Don Fitch (shown here), and took home a \$20.00 gift card to Mark Twain Hobbies.

Blade CX Fun-Fly August 4, 2009



Feroz Khan gets ready to race!

Gary Bregant In The Hospital: Gary Bregant is seriously ill with pneumonia and related problems. He's in Barnes St. Peters Hospital, in ICU room 2107, at last report. The Spirits sent a plant and some of us have been to see him. Prayers and cards or letters would be much appreciated. Bill Lindewirth has assumed Membership Chairman responsibilities temporarily.

August 22 Four-Star 40 and Warbirds Races

By Steve Cross

We had another great day for racing....a little windy, but sunny and mild. Eight pilots registered for the races....7 in Four-Star 40 and 6 in Warbirds. We even had two pilots run one heat of E-Warbirds. As always, the races were fun, fast and very competitive. We did have a few mishaps just to keep things interesting. In my case, I took to the air shortly after 9 A.M. to get in one test flight before getting immersed in my CD duties. Unfortunately, after only a few quick laps, my Four-Star 40 started getting hit with interference. It happened too quickly to get the plane safely on the ground and it was a total loss. A test of three separate frequency analyzers showed that there was interference on my particular channel, but no one at the field appeared to be "on" at the time. Stuff happens, I guess. Tom Davis also lost his Four-Star during one of the races. His plane got too low over the runway and pretty much shredded itself to death. Lee Volmert was in a long, shallow glide on his way to landing his Four-Star, but was on the wrong side of the power lines along Amrein Road, and the lines cleanly cut his gear off. Fortunately for Lee, his next race wasn't until after lunch, so some quick repairs with 5 minute epoxy had him ready to go in the next round.

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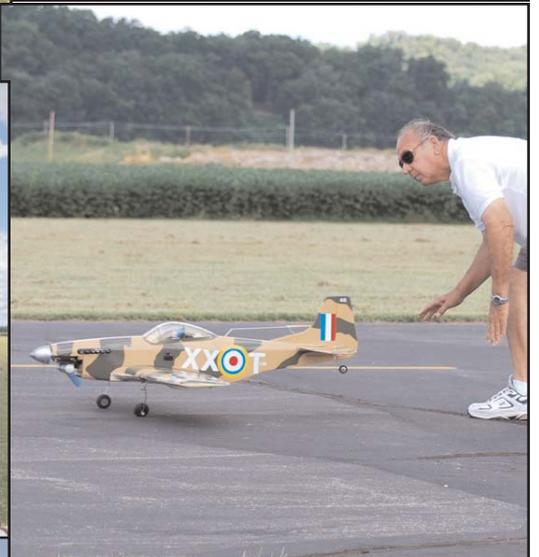
Greg Grumich "puts it to the wood" trying for the fast lap.



Greg Grumich, Chris Nenzel, Greg Bohrer, Rich Taylor, Dave Oswald, and Feroz Khan proudly display their Blade CX helicopters

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Helicopter Flying Area Proposal:

By Pete Stephans

Changing the area designated for helicopter flying requires changes in the Spirits' Safety Rules. Here are the proposed Safety Rules which will be voted upon at the September meeting: (Note: All references to the field layout are to the drawing shown below).

Safety Rule 5

Frequency Identification also applies to helicopters, including flyers with 2.4 GHz radios.

Safety Rule 7

A maximum of six (6) aircraft will be permitted in the air at one time in the normally Fixed-Wing flying area.

A maximum of one (1) helicopter at a time will be permitted to fly in the Helicopter Area.

Safety Rule 26

In the normally Fixed-Wing flying area, no flying is to be done south of the white poles located in line with the Flight Safety Line as shown on the field layout drawing. No flying over Amrein Rd.

In the Helicopter Area, all flying will be south of the nor-

mally Fixed-Wing flying area Flight Safety Line and west of the helicopter Flight Safety Line as shown on the field layout.

Safety Rule 33

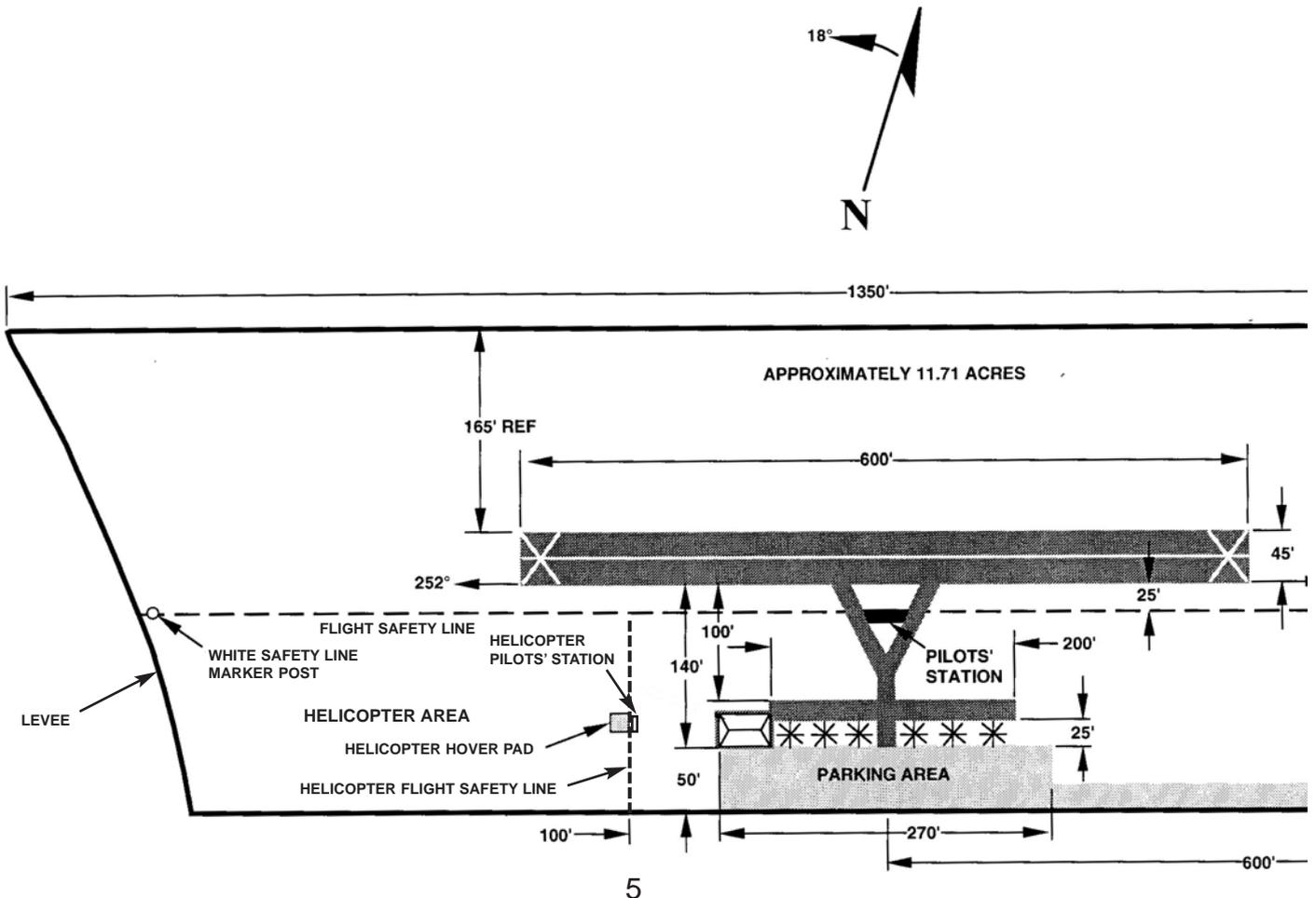
Helicopter "Hover Practice" will be performed in the Hover Area located 100' west of the pavilion. Flyers will stand in the Helicopter Pilot's Station.

Helicopter "Free-Flight" is permitted in the Helicopter Area and **Rule 7** applies. Flyers will stand in the Helicopter Pilot's Station.

Safety Rule 34

Helicopter flying in the normally Fixed-Wing flying area is permitted and **Rule 23** applies. No takeoffs from the taxiways allowed. No hover practice allowed in the normally Fixed-Wing flying area.

Flying in the designated area is restricted to helicopters with 730mm/29inch rotor diameter or smaller. Hover practice is permitted in the Helicopter Area with any size helicopter, electric or fuel. Flying in the Helicopter Area is restricted to an area bordered by the Helicopter Flight Safety Line and the normally Fixed-Wing flying area Flight Safety Line. (See Field Layout Below)



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"Membership Appreciation Dinner" and Monthly Meeting



*Wednesday, September 9, 2009
Spirit's R/C Flying Field*

*Refreshments: 5:00 - 6:00 PM
Dinner served: 6:00 PM*

Family Members Welcome

Monthly Meeting begins at 7:00 PM

*Club will provide meat & refreshments
Please bring an aircraft to fly and a
covered dish to share!*

*For additional information
Please contact Bill Lindewirth*

*MrBillstl@aol.com
or 314-839-0282*



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Ron Hesskamp's "Critical Mass" warbird had some issues with the wind on takeoff and ended up with a loose firewall which forced him to retire his plane for the day.

Now for the results: In the Four-Star 40 races, Jim Schilling took 4th, Patrick Vaccaro took 3rd, Steve Ramonzuk took 2nd and Paul Geders took 1st. Paul and Steve were even in points at the end of the official rounds, and agreed to a fly off for first place. Paul Geders won that race, but did not receive the additional one point for landing with his engine running. Steve did receive that one additional point, and the 2 pilots were tied again. This time it was agreed to decide the winner by the flip of a coin, and Paul Geders won that flip and was awarded 1st place.

In Warbirds, Paul Geders took 3rd, Jim Schilling took 2nd and Steve Ramonzuk took 1st place, flying VERY fast and consistent. If it hadn't been so windy, Steve would have had trouble staying above the 2 minute rule.

It seemed that everyone had a good time and enjoyed either being a racer or a spectator. Of course, none of this would have been possible if it weren't for the volunteers who gave of themselves to make my job as CD easier and allowed the

pilots to enjoy the racing. My sincere thanks to Jim Rawlings, Gene Jones, Wayne Knaust (and his dog), Will Hopkins, George Cooper, Richard Laitinen, Fred Preston, Duane Youngman and Tony Pozarich. Thanks, guys! And a special thanks to Mark Livesay for yet another great BBQ lunch. Mark, you're the best!

The Last Word

By Walt Wilson

My sincere thanks to Paul Geders for filling in as Secretary at the August meeting. I had eye surgery that day and was in no condition to attend a meeting.

It's Officer nomination time for 2010. Don has told me he doesn't care to run for President again, so someone new is going to have to step up. As in most clubs, the 10% rule applies to the Spirits. Ten percent do all the work to keep the club functioning, 10% sit back, contribute nothing, and complain about what the first 10% do. The other 80% don't care one way or the other about who does what, as long as they don't have to do it, and the field is available when they want to fly. We have a number of people, who have never held office in the Spirits, who I feel would make good officers. When asked about assuming the responsibilities of office, a typical answer is "I'm too busy and don't have time to hold an office" or "I don't want to have to put up with the BS from a handful of people". Throughout life, whatever job you hold or club you belong to, there will be someone who rubs you the wrong way. That's life. If you have time to build and/or fly model airplanes, you should have time to hold an office. The past three Presidents (Cecil Whitrock, Gene Jones, and Don Fitch) are the only ones in my memory who haven't also held down full-time jobs. The current elected officers are all in their 70's or 80's. That doesn't mean we're not capable of doing our chosen jobs, but don't you think it's time some of the other 154 members should be willing to start sharing the responsibility?

This has been one of the nicest, coolest summers in recent memory! If Fall continues in this vein, we will have had a great year for flying. Unfortunately, I haven't been to the field much this year due to cataract surgery and various commitments, but hope to be flying soon.

The electric Warbirds look like a really cool kind of racing. The 1/12-scale Great Planes combat series of planes look like naturals for this application. I have a P-40 ready to go and Paul Geders has demonstrated it and his own Spitfire, along with Chris Nenzel flying his Corsair. There are a lot of scratch-built and ARF/RTF electric-powered aircraft in the club that meet the newly formulated rules for this class of racing. It opens all kinds of possibilities for new designs. Hopefully, more entries will appear for the October races.

Gotta go build!



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Spirits of St. Louis R/C Flying Club, Inc.
9th Annual Open House!

Saturday - September 26, 2009

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM



• FREE Admission! FREE Parking!

• Pilot Registration Required with Current AMA

• Transmitter Impound Area Provided for Your Safety

SPECTATORS ALWAYS WELCOME!

RAFFLE: 1st Prize: Futaba 6EX 2.4 GHz Spread Spectrum Radio

2nd Prize: Sig Four-Star 40 ARF

3rd Prize: \$100 Gift Card to Mark Twain Hobby

Raffle Ticket Cost: \$1.00 each, 8 for \$5.00, 25 for \$10.00

Registered Pilot's ONLY drawing for FREE 2010 Spirits Family Club Membership!

ALSO...50/50 Raffle, tickets \$1.00 each, with 50% of the proceeds going to the "Make a Wish Foundation of Greater St. Louis"

Drawings at 2:00 p.m. – Must be present to win!

Hosted By: Spirits of St. Louis R/C Flying Club, Inc.

Concessions Available

CONTACT: John Matticker 314-409-3275

Website: <http://spiritsofstl.com>

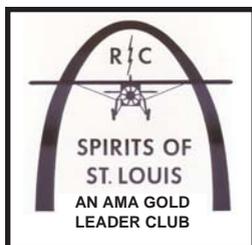
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CAROLYN SCHLUETER PHOTO

Paul Geders' Electrify 1/12 scale Spitfire is nearly as fast and flies as well as most glow-powered Warbirds. He and Chris Nenzel flew a demonstration race to whip up interest in the Electric Warbirds Class of racing.



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**Meeting is at
Spirits' field, on
Wednesday,
September 9,
Member
Appreciation
Dinner at
6:00 P.M.**