

Spirits of St. Louis RC Flying Club

Monthly Meeting Minutes for December 12th, 2017

By Greg Bowles, Secretary

President, Ralph Grant called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

Attendance:

11 members were in attendance.

New Member(s):

No new members were present.

Secretary's Report:

Greg Bowles, Secretary

A motion was made, seconded and voted to accept the November meeting minutes as published on our website.

Treasurer's Report:

Bill Lindewirth, Treasurer

For November 2017 we had an income of \$1350.00 and expenses of \$1357.95. A motion as made, seconded and voted to accept the November report.

Field Committee Chairman's Report:

Field Committee Chairman [Open]

- 1) Sometime during 2018, work should start sometime to raise the height of the levy. The workers will be using our road as an access point for piling dirt in the adjacent fields, so please 1) excuse the mess, and 2) be thoughtful and courteous to the drivers. For use of our driveway, we will get a new layer of gravel.

Safety Committee Chairman's Report:

Safety Committee Chairman [AMA Req'd.] [Open]

- 1) With cold weather upon us, be sure to dress accordingly.
- 2) Notice to Quad Copters flying from Spirits' Field over houses located alongside Greens' Bottom Road. This is not allowed. AMA Safety Rules state: All pilots shall avoid flying directly over unprotected people, vessels, vehicles or structures and shall avoid endangerment of life and property of others. Model aircraft will not be flown: In a careless or reckless manner or at a location where model aircraft activities are prohibited.

Membership Chairman's Report:

Ralph Doyle, Membership Chairman

Presently, we have 141 members, with 77 renewed and new members for 2018.

Spirits membership card for 2018 is "Yellow".

Upcoming Spirits Events:

1) No Upcoming Events scheduled at this time.

2) *Frozen Thumbs Fly-In; Monday, January 1st.*

Seven members attended our Frozen Thumbs Fly-In. Thanks to Dave Brown for supplying a huge tarp to partially enclose the pavilion and (much appreciated) heat. Temperatures at the field were -2f and +22f inside the pavilion. At 9am Dave was the first to fly, Greg Bowles second and Babe Raab attempted flight but had some issues. We had plenty of food: Donuts, Coffee, Bob Gizzie cookies and Curt McIntyre's special Hot Chocolate and Chili. The party broke up about 11am.

Upcoming Local Events:

1) *SLRCFA Indoor Flying; Every Friday Night (6-9pm);* Eureka Central Baptist Church, 601 North Central Avenue, Eureka, MO; \$5 and a current AMA are required for entry.

2) *Missouri Aviation Historical Society - 2018 Kickoff Meeting;* Thursday, January 11th; 7-9pm. Creve Coeur Airport.

Old Business:

- **Duplicate signatures of BOD members on Club Accounts.** Bill Lindewirth (Club Treasurer) will be getting with our BOD members to have additional signatures on the Club's financial accounts.

New Business:

- A lost Apprentice was found by the farmer and returned to the field. After some inquiry, it was returned to Steven Todd and should be back flying soon.
- As of December 12th, you are required to affix your FAA number back on you're aircraft. It is also a good idea to have your name, telephone number and AMA number posted in the fuselage and on the wing.
- Dave Brown was nominated for "Modeler of the Year" which includes a free membership for 2018. Thanks Dave for all your hard work to make our field what it is.

Your 2018 Board of Directors:

- President.....Ralph Grant
- Vice President...Robert “Babe” Raab
- Treasurer.....Bill Lindewirth
- Secretary.....Greg Bowles
- Safety Committee Chairman... Sid Kinzel
- Volunteer (Full) Member...Curt McIntyre

Join us after the meeting at
Serra’s Pizzeria
12218 McKelvey Road
Maryland Heights, MO 63043

Board of Directors Positions Required for 2018:

- Field Committee Chairman...**Open**
- Contest & Event Committee Chairman...**Open**
- Newsletter Editor...**Open**
- Meeting Activity Coordinator...**Open**

Technical Presentation(s):

- 1) **Presentation #1:**
 Bob (?) brought in his home-built electric AT-6 “Texan”. It has yet flown. It looks good!

- 2) **Presentation #2:**
 Dave Brown presented his Motion RC AT-10 “Wart Hog”. Powered by two 80mm fans and twin 5000mAh 6S batteries. Dave suggest that you check out “everything” before flying. Tighten all screws. When setting up to flaps, be sure to put in up elevator. Dave has also reinforced the fuselage with carbon fiber rods. There are slots for the rods. Flight time is between 3-4 minutes.

- 3) **Presentation #3:**
 Dave Brown also presented his RC tank; an Imex T34/85 Russian tank manufactured by Taigen. Metal chassis, turret, hatches, gun barrel, and suspension arms. It also has a 360 degree rotating turret and fires an airsoft BB. Powered by a 1700mAh NIHM battery and operated by 2.4mhz transmitter.

- 4) **Presentation #4:**
 Paul Geders’ 1974 Red Baron (Warbird) Reno Pylon Racer. Completely scratched built, and is powered by an OS .46 BRDF tuned-pipe. It is capable of doing 175mph.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

Next Spirits’ Meeting:

Tuesday, January 9th, 7-9pm
Dorsett Village Church
2240 Bennington Place
Maryland Heights, Missouri 63034

See website for directions