

Spirits of St. Louis RC Flying Club

Monthly Meeting Minutes for March 13th, 2018

By Greg Bowles, Secretary

President Ralph Grant called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Attendance:

17 members were in attendance.

New Member(s):

Welcome Jeffrey Kankolenski! Jeffrey needs help with both a 2-stroke and 4-stroke nitro engines, and would like some assistance converting a 72MHz radio to a 2.4MHz in an older Cessna 172.

Secretary's Report:

Greg Bowles, Secretary

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

Treasurer's Report:

Bill Lindewirth, Treasurer (Not present)

February 2018 we had an income of \$3,075.00 and expenses of \$1,41.54.

A motion was made, seconded and vote taken to accept the January Treasurer's Report as presented.

Field Committee Chairman's Report:

Dave Brown, Field Committee Chairman

- 1) No issues reported at the field.
- 2) Please remember to take your trash home. The fire pit is not a trashcan.
- 3) A **BIG THANKS** goes out to Dave Brown, Bob Gizzie, Jeff Becker & Mike Roederer for taking the time to cleanup Amrein Road. Three large bags of trash were filled, which included 12 golf balls and one soft ball.
- 4) Ralph Doyle has again repaired our weather station.

Safety Committee Chairman's Report:

Sid Kinzel, Safety Chairman

No issues at the field. Everyone is being safe.

Membership Chairman's Report:

Ralph Doyle, Membership Chairman

If you haven't paid your membership dues March meeting, you are now required to pay an additional \$25 in "arrears" fee. Remember, when you pay your dues you are paying for the privilege to use the flying field for one calendar year, Jan 1, to Dec. 31. If you have

not paid your dues for the upcoming year by January 1st, and are flying at the field using the previous years membership card, you are doing so without the rights afforded to you by the club as you are **NO LONGER A MEMBER**. A member shall be in arrears and shall not be considered active if his or her dues have not been paid as provided in article 7. The main purpose for pointing this out concerns our insurance protection. **If you are not an AMA member, you are not covered by insurance.**

Also, the grace period for dues payment only extends until after the March meeting for your convenience in order to give you time to pay your dues without penalty. Your membership rights are **NOT** extended. We would also like to point out that in addition to losing your flying privileges you also lose your right to vote at the club meetings for the same reason.

Upcoming Spirits Events:

- 1) **Commemorative Air Force (Missouri Wing) museum tour and lunch; Saturday, May 5th 10:00-12:00am; St. Charles County Airport/ Smartt Field (cafmo.org)** \$5.00 fee. Lunch is optional. More details are available on our website and on Facebook. RSVP to Greg at gabowles@sbcglobal.net
- 2) **Warbirds (P-51 Mustangs); Sunday, May 6th; 9:00am-1:00pm.** AMA Required. Food will be available. *The field is "Open"*.
- 3) **2018 Tailgate/Swap Meet; Saturday, May 12th; 9:00am-2:00pm.** \$5.00 Entry fee per vehicle at the gate. Concessions available. Contact "Babe" Raab @ 636-936-8952 for more information. *The field is "Open"*.
- 4) **Pylon Races: Four-Star 40; Unlimited Electric Warbirds; Saturday, May 19th; 9:00am-2:00pm.** AMA Required. \$5.00 entry fee. *The field is "Open" between heats only.*
- 5) **Warbirds (WWII Navy); Sunday, May 20th; 9:00am-1:00pm.** AMA Required. *The field is "Open"*.

Upcoming Local Events:

- 1) **SLRCFA Indoor Flying; Every Friday Night (6:00-9:00pm);** Eureka Central Baptist Church, 601 North Central Avenue, Eureka, MO; \$5 and a current AMA are required for entry.
- 2) **Mississippi Valley Soaring Assoc. (MVSA)**

UNI/RES; April 14st, (10am start) 1722 Hwy 79, O'Fallon, MO.

- 3) **Mississippi Valley Soaring Assoc. (MVSA) 2M/HL; April 21st, (10am start)** 1722 Hwy 79, O'Fallon, MO.
- 4) **St. Louis Aeropilots "St. Louis Piper Cub Day"; April 21st,** Buder Park, Valley Park, MO.
- 5) **SLRCFA "Open House & Camp-N-Fly"; April 21-22,** Hwy 44 at 109, Augustine Rd., Eureka, MO.

Old Business:

- The "AMA Field Maintenance/Improvement Grant" was submitted to the AMA on February 15th. We await its approval on May 1st.
- We have received our "2018 AMA Charter Club Certificate" effective on March 31st. "Certificates of Liability Insurance" have been mailed to our property owners.
- Thanks to everyone that observed the FAA's NOTAM/TFR ("No Fly Zone") on March 14th from 2:00-6:30pm at the field during President Trump's visit.
- **2018 Board of Directors Positions Required:**
Contest/Event Committee Chairman...*Open*
Newsletter Editor...*Open*
Meeting Activity Coordinator...*Open*

New Business:

- Each year we present a "Spirits' Modeler of the Year Award" to a club member that has gone above and beyond the normal duties of membership or office. This usually entails one-year free membership. It was proposed to write this into our club's documentation. A motion was made, seconded and vote taken to make this so.
- It was suggested that all monthly meeting minutes be posted on our website.
- It was suggested that our entrance sign be changed from "Spectators Welcome", to "Spectators Welcome when Members Present".
- As mentioned above, our weather station is aging and acquiring periodic repairs. The members suggested start we obtaining pricing for a replacement unit.
- Back in December 2017, the Club was contact by Dale Bartels (son of Steve Bartels) to dispose of contents of his father's hanger. On March 4th Bill Lindewirth, Babe Raab and Greg Bowles paid \$200 for the total items. Obtained was 14 engines (NIB), 15 engines (Used), 11

balsa kits, and 20 aircraft with engines. All items were labeled, photographed and place on our website for sale. Within a week, almost all the items were sold, resulting in a total of \$1167. Minus the \$200 initial expense, the club took in \$967. Items not sold, will be available at our May 12th Tailgate/Swap Meet. [One balsa kit was sent to the AMA Natl. Model Aviation Museum in honor of Steve Bartels. It was a rare "Lucky Star" glider.]

- This year we will be performing an inventory of club assets. If anyone is in possession of club stuff, contact Babe Raab at (636) 936-8952.

Technical Presentations: Photos by: Greg Bowles



Presentation #1: First up, was Babe Raab's swap meet find: An AT-6. Converted to electric, it was covered in orange & white MonoKote. It has been flown once and did well.



Presentation #2: The second aircraft was presented by Stan Goldfader. Purchased from Banana Hobby (\$175), it's a Taft Hobby German Giant Dornier Heer DO-27. 63in. wingspan and 48.6in. length. This aircraft operates on 5 channels, has drop-hinges,

navigation lights, detailed cockpit, and constructed of EPO flex foam. Powered by a 700kv engine, 50A ESC and 4S 3200mAh 25C battery. Stan says it flies well and has remarkable STOL capability.



Presentation #3: Steve Ramonczuk displayed his Freewing A-4E/F Skyhawk. Constructed with EPO foam, it has a 37in. wingspan and 56in. length and weighs complete at 78oz. Powered by a metal 12-blade fan, 3530-1850kv motor and 6S 22.2V 5000 mAh battery. Steve said the hardest part of the assembly was the 5hrs. to attach the decals. Available from Motion RC.



Presentation #4: Paul Geders presentation was his Hobby King F-35 "Glue-N-Go" foam board kit. For \$19.95 (plus shipping), you have to supply the 1600-2000kv motor, 20-40A ESC, two 9g servos and a 1300-2200mAh 3S battery. It has vectored-thrust and is able to turn-on-a-dime and will probably hover.

For more meeting pictures visit the "Gallery" on the Spirit's website: <http://spiritsofstl.com>

Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.

Next Spirits' Meeting:

Tuesday, April 10th, 7-9pm

Dorsett Village Church

2240 Bennington Place

Maryland Heights, Missouri 63034

****See website for directions****

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