

Spirits of St. Louis RC Flying Club

Monthly Meeting Minutes for April 10th, 2018

By Greg Bowles, Secretary

President Ralph Grant called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Attendance:

16 members were in attendance.

New Member(s):

Welcome Steve Swenson and Doug Funderburk! Steve is a former member of the River City Flyers and Doug is getting back into flying since the 90's.

Secretary's Report:

Greg Bowles, Secretary

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

Treasurer's Report:

Bill Lindewirth, Treasurer

March 2018 we had an income of \$2992.00 and expenses of \$212.37. (Please note our Port-a-Potty rental has increased from \$80 to \$92 per month.)

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

Field Committee Chairman's Report:

Dave Brown, Field Committee Chairman (Not Present)

- 1) No issues reported at the field.
- 2) Ralph Doyle has again repaired our weather station by purchasing new anemometer cups.
- 3) With the weather getting warmer and the grass starting to grow, we will begin the grass-cutting season. As always, the field is closed during mowing.

Safety Committee Chairman's Report:

Sid Kinzel, Safety Chairman

No safety issues at the field. Everyone is being safe.

Please remember to put your membership card on the Frequency Board if you are flying.

Membership Chairman's Report:

Ralph Doyle, Membership Chairman

Current membership for March is 120 members (membership for 2017 was 121).

If you haven't paid your membership dues by March meeting, you are now required to pay an additional \$25 in "arrears" fee.

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. *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. *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. *Field is "Open" between heats only.*
- 5) **Warbirds (WWII Navy); Sunday, May 20th; 9:00am-1:00pm.** AMA Required. *Field is "Open"*.
- 6) **Warbirds ("The Enemy"); Sunday, June 3rd; 9:00am-1:00pm.** AMA Required. *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) 2M/HL; April 21st, (10am start) 1722 Hwy 79, O'Fallon, MO.**
- 3) **St. Louis Aeropilots "St. Louis Piper Cub Day"; April 21st,** Buder Park, Valley Park, MO.
- 4) **SLRCFA "Open House & Camp-N-Fly"; April 21-22,** Hwy 44 at 109, Augustine Rd., Eureka, MO.
- 5) **Lafayette Esquadrille Control Line Club "Speed Contest"; May 19-20th,** Buder Park, Valley Park, MO.
- 6) **Signal Chasers R/C Club "Fly for Fun"; May 20th,** Meramec Farm Valley Road, Pacific, MO.
- 7) **Commemorative Air Force "Memorial Day Fly Over"; May 24th,** St. Charles Co. Airport (Smartt Field), Portage des Sioux, MO.
- 8) **Commemorative Air Force "Wings Over St. Louis"; May 26th,** St. Charles Co. Airport (Smartt Field), Portage des Sioux, MO.

- 9) **SLRCFA “2018 Giant Scale & Jet Fun Fly”;**
June 1-3, Hwy 44 at 109, Augustine Rd.,
 Eureka, MO.
- 10) **St. Louis Whirly Birds “Annual Fun Fly”;**
June 2-3, Buder Park, Valley Park, MO.

Old Business:

- Paul Geders asked for a review of the Spirits’ website and update of the web links. It was tabled at this time.
- A motion was made to allow Paul Geders to take over the Web Master’s position. The motion was not seconded, and the motion died.
- 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.
- The Board of Directors will be meeting in May to discuss the August 11th National Aviation Day and August 25th Annual Heli-Fun Fly Extravaganza events.
- **2018 Board of Directors Positions Required:**
 Contest/Event Committee Chairman...*Open*
 Newsletter Editor...*Open*
 Meeting Activity Coordinator...*Open*

New Business:

- No new business.

Technical Presentation(s):

Presentation #1: Babe Raab’s presented two aircraft that will be available for purchase at this year’s Swap Meet on May 12th: Ultimate C-ACE (Capt. Eddy’s Blue Hawk) biplane and Sukhoi SU-26M with ASP .10 engine.

Presentation #2: Greg Bowles presented from the Richard Bartels’ estate sale, an unusual find: StickIt IV created by Dan Stevens. Forerunner of present 3D aircraft, it was present in the Competition Fun-Fly Nationals in the Quickie 500 era. With a little work and an engine, he hopes to get it back into the air.

Presentation #4: Jim Stegeman displayed his Dynam Waco Red biplane. With a 50” wingspan and flat red-orange and black paint scheme, it clearly stands out in a crowd. Motion RC states, it “offers an appealing combination of performance, style and affordability”. The PNP version sells for \$185 and includes a BM3720A-KV650 brushless

outrunner, ESC and servos pre-installed. All that is required is a 4-channel TX/RX (min.), and a 14.8V 2200 mAh battery.

Presentation #4: Steve Ramonczuk displayed the latest addition to his hanger, a Freewing A-10 Thunderbolt II. Equipped with twin 64mm, 12-blade fans, and powered by two 2836-3300Kv motors, 40A ESCs and a 4-cell 14.8V 3600 mAh battery. With electronic retracts and flaps, it comes supplied with metal gear servos. Available from Motion RC for \$239 (PNP).

Presentation #5: Paul Geders displayed his Horizon Hobby T-34 Mentor 25 ePTS in Air Force trainer paint scheme. No longer in production, this aircraft features an E-flite 25 (870KV) outrunner motor powered by a 11.1V battery and 40A ESC. With a 55” wingspan, this aircraft is fully acrobatic and comes with flaps and non-retractable landing gear.

Presentation #6: Ralph Grant brought in his new hanger addition, a beautiful Extreme Flight Slick 580. With a 74” wingspan, this is an impressive 3D aircraft. Constructed of new generation light and strong materials, it is unbelievably light. Look for Ralph flying this at the field soon.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Next Spirits’ Meeting:

Tuesday, May 8th, 7-9pm
Dorsett Village Church
2240 Bennington Place
Maryland Heights, Missouri 63034

See website for directions

Join us after the meeting:

Serra’s Pizzeria
12218 McKelvey Road
Maryland Heights, MO 63034