

Spirits of St. Louis RC Flying Club Monthly Meeting Minutes for August 14th, 2018

By Greg Bowles, Secretary
President Ralph Grant called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Attendance:

11 members were in attendance.

New Member(s):

Welcome Gary Sherman. Gary has been training with Bob Gizzie and has been learning to fly his Apprentice. Adding to his new flying experience, was a trip into the corn, but luckily a few days later it was recovered. Don't feel bad Gary. It has happened to us all.

Secretary's Report:

Greg Bowles, Secretary

A motion was made, seconded and voted to accept the July meeting minutes as published in the Spirits website.

Treasurer's Report:

Bill Lindewirth, Treasurer

For the month of July, we had an income of \$332.73 and expenses of \$431.03.

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

Field Committee Chairman's Report:

Dave Brown, Field Committee Chairman (Not Present)

- 1) Bill Lindewirth has installed a new 20' X 20' Heli-Pad tarp. The one purchased last year and stored in the barn was stolen.
- 2) Weeds on the parking lot have been resprayed to kill them off.
- 3) ***A "Special Thanks" goes out to Dave Brown by Forrest Holt and Richard Lanning for all the assistance, "above & beyond" in locating their lost aircraft in the corn.***

Safety Committee Chairman's

Sid Kinzel, Safety Chairman

- 1) For those flying with electrics, be sure to program Throttle Cut into your Transmitters. We are having too many reports of pre-mature start-up.

- 2) Please note in our Safety Rules posted on-line and at the field, you are NOT to fly past the Safety Line, over spectators, will people are on the runway, NO Hand Launch or flying from the Taxi Way and please fly from the Pilot Stations.
- 3) Please remember to place your Membership Cards on the Frequency Board if you are flying.
- 4) Those pilots and spectators that bring their pets to the field. All pets must be kept on a leach at all times; and please pick up your poopies.
- 5) A motion was made, seconded and voted to accept the "Lost Aircraft Retrieval Guide" as published and placed in conjunction with the club's Safety Rules. A copy will be posted at the field.

Membership Chairman's Report:

Ralph Doyle, Membership Chairman

- 1) Current membership is at 128 members.
- 2) If you sign-up for a membership in September, the cost is \$160. This covers the rest of 2018 and all of next year through December.

Upcoming Spirits Events:

- 1) **Membership Appreciation Dinner & Nomination of 2019 Club Officers; September 8th; 5:00-9:00pm;** Bring a dish or dessert, a lawn chair and something to fly.
- 2) **Pylon Races and Swap Meet; September 29th (moved from Sept. 2nd); 9:00am-1:00pm;** Sig Four-Star 40 & Unlimited Electric Warbirds; Steve Cross (CD).
- 3) **Last Blast of 2018 Fly-In, Food Drive & Bonfire; Saturday, November 3rd; Afternoon, Evening & Night;** Bill Lindewirth at admin@spiritsofstl.com. *Hot Dogs, Chips, Soda & Marshmallows provided. Come and enjoy the bonfire, do some night flying and burn some aircraft. Bring canned goods, non-perishable food or cash to be donated to a local Charity/Food Bank.*

Upcoming Local Events:

- 1) **MVSA UNI/RES; September 8; 10:00am Start;** Emerald View Sod Farm, 1722 Hwy. 79, O'Fallon, MO.

- 2) **MVSA 2M/HL; September 15; 10:00am Start;** Emerald View Sod Farm, 1722 Hwy. 79, O'Fallon, MO.
- 3) **Lafayette Esquadriille Broken Arrow C/L Stunts & Scale; September 15-16; 10:00am-6:00pm;** Buder Park, Valley Park, MO
- 4) **SLRCFA Warbirds Over St. Louis; September 22-23; 10:00am-6:00pm;** Hwy 44 at 109, Augustine Road, Eureka, MO.
- 5) **SLRCFA Super Fly 2018; October 11-14;** Hwy 44 at 109, Augustine Road, Eureka, MO.
- 6) **SLRCFA Toys for Tots / Chili Fly 2018; October 28th; 9:30am-?;** AMA required to fly; Hwy 44 at 109, Augustine Road, Eureka, MO.

Old Business:

No Old Business

New Business:

- 1) Bill Lindewirth inquired into the ability to perform On-line Membership, "Wild Apricot" software allows this. But to integrate our "Go Daddy" files into this program, 113,000 Spirit files from would have to be manually transferred. So On-line Membership will have to wait till a later time.
- 2) The profitability and member support of having club-sponsored concessions was debated.
- 3) Ralph Grant brought up the idea, when a raffle prize is offered, and the cost of the prize is not achieved. The raffle will continue at the next event or until the cost of the prize is met. Contest names will be save and the winner notified. An idea for thought and discussion by the attending members.

Technical Presentation(s):

No Technical Presentations

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Next Spirits' Meeting:

Saturday, September 15th, 7-9pm

Spirits' Field **See website for directions**

Agenda: Membership Appreciation Dinner, Monthly Meeting, & Nominations of 2019 Club Officers.