

Spirits of St. Louis RC Flying Club ***Monthly Meeting Minutes for July 10th, 2018***

By Greg Bowles, Secretary
(President Ralph Grant & Treasurer Bill Lindewirth not present.)

Greg Bowles called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Attendance:

11 members were in attendance.

New Member(s):

No new members.

Secretary's Report:

Greg Bowles, Secretary

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

Treasurer's Report:

Bill Lindewirth, Treasurer (Not Present)

Field Committee Chairman's Report:

Dave Brown, Field Committee Chairman

- 1) See Safety Committee Chairman's report below on pets at the field.
- 2) The trees alongside the parking lot have been sprayed to kill the abundance of Japanese Beetles infecting them.
- 3) We have installed a new Flag Pole at the Flight Line. (Please note it is taller.)
- 4) A new Wind Sock and frame have been installed.
- 5) Bill Lindewirth has installed a new Heli-Pad tarp. The one purchased last year and stored in the barn was stolen.
- 6) The "Field is Closed" on Thursday's between 1:00-4:00pm while the grass is being cut. That means NO FLYING".

Safety Committee Chairman's Report:

Sid Kinzel, Safety Chairman

- 1) Please remember to place your Membership Cards on the Frequency Board if you are flying.
- 2) If you are bringing your pet to the field, please remember (for your aircraft and pet's safety), to have your pet on a leash. Also, the pet owner is required to pick-up and remove any feces the pet has deposited. We have had reports of pilots stepping in doggie poop.

- 3) A copy of the "Lost Aircraft Retrieval Guide" has been emailed to all members for their review and comments.

Membership Chairman's Report:

Ralph Doyle, Membership Chairman

- 1) Current membership is at 127 members.
- 2) If you sign-up for a membership in August, the cost is \$170. This covers the rest of 2018 and all of next year through December.

Upcoming Spirits Events:

- 1) **National Model Aviation Day Fly-In in conjunction with SLRCFA; Saturday, August 11th; 9:00am-4:00pm.** AMA Required. *Participation by club members and workers are needed.*
- 2) **Heli Fun-Fly Extravaganza; Saturday, August 25th; 9:00am-2:00pm;** AMA required; \$15 Landing Fee; Jason Cummings (CD).
- 3) **Membership Appreciation Dinner & Nomination of 2019 Officers; September 11th; 5:00-9:00pm;** Bring a dish or dessert, a lawn chair and something to fly.
- 4) **Pylon Races and Swap Meet; September 29th (moved from Sept. 2nd); 9:00-1:00;** Steve Cross (CD).

Upcoming Local Events:

- 1) **Wright Flyers' Jim Elfink's Float Fly; Saturday, August 21th; 9:00-12:00;** Lake Sherwood, MO.
- 2) **Wright Flyers' Innsbrook Float Fly; Saturday, September 1st; 9:00-12:00;** Aspen Lake at Innsbrook Estates, Wright City, MO.
- 3) **Bonne Terre Air Festival; September 8th,** Bonne Terre Airport, Bonne Terre, MO; Requesting Large Scale and Turbine aircraft (AMA Required, No Landing Fee, Free Lunch); If interest, contact: Mike Johnson at (573)450-7028; <https://festivalnet.com/64657/Bonne-Terre-Missouri/Air-Show-Balloon-Festivals/Bonne-Terre-Aire-Festival>.
- 4) **MVSA UNI/RES; September 11th; 10:00 Start;** Emerald View Sod Farm, 1722 Hwy. 79, O'Fallon, MO.
- 5) **MVSA 2M/HL; September 15th; 10:00 Start;** Emerald View Sod Farm, 1722 Hwy. 79, O'Fallon, MO.

- 6) **Lafayette Esquadrielle Broken Arrow C/L Stunts & Scale; September 15-16; 10:00am-6:00pm;** Buder Park, Valley Park, MO
- 7) **SLRCFA Warbirds Over St. Louis; September 22-23; 10:00am-6:00pm;** Hwy 44 at 109, Augustine Road, Eureka, MO.

Old Business:

No Old Business

New Business:

- 1) It was suggested that a time limit be placed on event raffles to make the drawings fairer. It was noted that just before a drawing, a large number of tickets are purchased, thus giving an unfair advantage to the purchaser since the tickets are not mixed enough. (It seems that the same person has won the primary prize at the Heli Fun-Fly two years in a row.) This will take effect at the next raffle.
- 2) Also suggested that \$300 be set aside to purchase a prize for the Quadcopter flyers at the Heli Fun-Fly this year.

In order to boost the advertisement of our upcoming National Model Aviation Day Event, Greg Bowles (Facebook Admin.) suggest spending \$30 to broadcast our event to 1,100-6,500 local Facebook users for one day. A motion was made, seconded and voted to allow this expenditure for advertisement. (Note: If this ad cost proves to benefit this event, it is recommended to do the same for the upcoming Heli Fun-Fly Extravaganza.)

Technical Presentation(s):

- 1) **Technical Presentation #1:** Dave Brown has a neighbor that has purchase a 3D printer and is looking to RC related products to produce and sell. So far, he has created a muffler extension made of high temperature material (700 F), for a Super Tigre 40. These are no longer available, so it may be of interest to our pilots and racers. Any additional ideas, contact Dave Brown.



Photo by: Greg Bowles

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Next Spirits' Meeting:

***Tuesday, August 14th, 7-9pm
Dorsett Village Church
2240 Bennington Place
Maryland Heights, Missouri 63034
See website for directions***

Join us after the meeting:

Serra's Pizzeria is on vacation, so we will be dining at a different location after the meeting.