

Spirits of St. Louis RC Flying Club

Monthly Meeting Minutes for May 8th, 2018

By Greg Bowles, Secretary

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

Attendance:

10 members were in attendance.

New Member(s):

Kevin Eichleberger has rejoined the club. Welcome back!

Secretary's Report:

Greg Bowles, Secretary

Due to a snafu, April's Meeting Minutes were not published on our website. This issue has been corrected.

Treasurer's Report:

Bill Lindewirth, Treasurer (Not Present)

Field Committee Chairman's Report:

Dave Brown, Field Committee Chairman



President Ralph Grant presents Dave Brown the Spirit's Member of the Year Award Photo by Greg Bowles

- 1) In honor of Dave Brown's commitment to the maintenance. He was awarded "2017 Member of the Year Award". Thanks Dave for all your hard work.
- 2) Pavilion fan blades have been installed.
- 3) The blue & white poles located alongside the parking lot are slowly deteriorating. A motion was made, and seconded to remove the poles. It was passed unanimously.
- 4) The "Field is Closed" while the grass is being cut on Thursday's between 1:00-4:00pm.
- 5) Please, pick up your trash and take it home.

Safety Committee Chairman's Report:

Sid Kinzel, Safety Chairman

- 1) Bad LiPo batteries are still being left at the field. It is the pilot's responsibility to properly dispose of their bad batteries and not the club's.
- 2) Please remember not to fly past the Safety Line (the white fence). Pilots have become lax and are flying over the Flight Line and Parking Lot.
- 3) This year it looks like we are going to be surrounded by corn. This means we have an increased chance of losing aircraft and the potential for a serious health risk to those trying to retrieve their downed aircraft. When going into the crops, you are responsible for any crop damage you incur. So please exercise caution and common sense when retrieving a downed aircraft. (We are developing a procedure for retrieving aircraft.)

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 April is at 122 members (June 2017 membership was 126). Last year's members that have not signed this year, have received a reminder by email.

Upcoming Spirits Events:

- 1) **Warbirds ("Bombers"); Sunday, June 17th; 9:00am-1:00pm.** AMA Required. *Field is "Open".*
- 2) **Warbirds ("Jets"); Sunday, July 1st; 9:00am-1:00pm.** AMA Required. *Field is "Open".*
- 3) **Warbird Racing ("Out-of-the-Box/Non-Modified"); Sunday, July 15th; 9:00am-1:00pm.** AMA Required. *Field is "Open".*

Upcoming Local Events:

- 1) **Wright Flyers "Jim Elfrink's Lake Float Fly"; June 23th 9:00-12:00am;** Lake Sherwood, MO.
- 2) **Lafayette Esquadrielle C/L Club "Midwest Navy Carrier Contest"; June 24th,** Buder Park; Valley Park, MO.
- 3) **Signal Chasers R/C Club "Float Fly"; June 24th,** Meramac Farm Valley Road, Pacific, MO.
- 4) **SLRCFA "1+1+1=Funner (Flying, Camping & Fireworks)";** Hwy 44 @ 109, St. Augustine Road, Eureka, MO.
- 5) **"Flite Test East 2018"; July 12-15,** Fury Field, Malvern, OH.

Old Business:

- No Old Business

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):



Photo by Greg Bowles

Presentation #1: Steve Ramonczuk presented his Motion RC/Freewing Russian SU-35. This aircraft has twin 70mm EDF 12-blade fans, twin 60amp ESC and is powered by a 6-cell 5000mAh 22.2V LiPo battery. Oh, besides retracts it has thrust vectoring. Steve says flight time will be about 3-1/2 minutes. \$369



Photo by Greg Bowles

Presentation #2: Ralph Grant presented his Extreme Flight/Aces High FW-190A. Displayed in Herman Graf's "Red Tulip"

configuration. Powered by a 6S 3300-5000mAh battery, 4016/500kv motor and 90amp ESC. With a 63" wingspan, 53" length and weighing 6.5lbs., Ralph states it flies good in 15mph



Photo by Greg Bowles

Presentation #3: Dave Brown brought in his Motion RC/Freewing F-4 Phantom F4D. Painted in SEA (South East Asia) camouflage, this aircraft is beautiful. It comes with formation lights, and equipped with 2 sets of flaps that must be mixed with elevator. Dave says with a 6S 5000mAh battery you can expect flights of 3 minutes. \$499



Photo by Greg Bowles

Presentation #4: Dave Brown's second aircraft is a Motion RC/Freewing F-15C Eagle. A unique feature of this F-15 super scale-model, is the 2 position flaps, with the 2nd position mixed with the dive brake. Equipped with a 12-blade 90mm EDF. Dave uses a slower servo speed to make flight more manageable. \$499



Photo by Greg Bowles

Presentation #5: Our final presentation was a HP Engine VT .49 Four Stroke (.75hp). This engine has a piston that goes up & down, but uses a rotary sleeve with ports. The advantage is a quiet 4-stroke engine with the power of a 2-cycle. Disadvantages are weight and having to use fuel with 22% Castor Oil.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Next Spirits' Meeting:

Tuesday, June 12th, 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

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Mark your Calendar!

Model Aviation Day

August 11, 2018

Spirit's field 9:00 AM - dusk

The Spirit's are teaming up with the "St. Louis Radio Control Flying Association" for this one day flying extravaganza!

More details to follow!