

SPIRITS OF ST. LOUIS R/C FLYING CLUB, INC.

The Spirits of St. Louis R/C Flying Club began as a small group of enthusiasts in the early 1960's. Initially, club members flew from the McDonnell Douglas Club flying field but soon gained access to their own flying site around 1962. The Club was chartered through the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) in 1965 and has since continued to grow in size and popularity. In 1990 the Club received the AMA's highest award - The Award of Excellence which every member proudly displays.

The Spirits are a positive influence for modeling in the St. Louis Metro area and have developed, implemented and participated in numerous events across the United States. Activities have included shopping mall shows, presentations and flying demonstrations at several locations, including the Spirit of St. Louis Airport, Scott Air Force Base, St. Louis County Parks events, Scouting programs, schools and civic events.

The GSLMA Connection

The Club is involved in promoting radio control modeling through its participation in the Greater St. Louis Modeling Association (GSLMA) agenda each year.

GSLMA coordinates modeling activities throughout Greater Metro St. Louis and surrounding areas. Some of the Spirits' members also fly at the public flying site at Buder Park, which is primarily supported through GSLMA.

Spirits' Activities

The Spirits have never had a closed contest. All contests have been open to all current AMA members, who are in good standing with the Spirits. An average of ten events are planned and sponsored by the Club each year. Many of these are contests nationally sanctioned by AMA. These events offer a wide variety of flying programs that interest both the beginner and the more-experienced pilots.

Activities include flight demonstrations, a widely attended Swap Meet, building and flying programs, Fun Flies, Warbirds and Four-Star 40 Racing events, and an Annual Open House.

Flight Training Program

Over a period of years, the Spirits of St. Louis R/C Flying Club have trained many new and inexperienced pilots in the basics of flying R/C models. The training program allows members to learn at their own pace and build confidence, so that the first solo flight will be a success. A number of Instructors are available and arrangements can be

made to meet virtually any schedule for training sessions. Each year we see from 40 to 60 members pass through the flight-training program.

Club Meetings

The Club meets at the Bridgeton Trails Branch Library, 3455 McKelvey Rd. at 7:00 P.M. on the second Wednesday of each month. Anyone interested in R/C modeling is welcome to attend these meetings. Those interested in becoming members of the Club, with flying privileges, must first join the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and submit a copy of the AMA card, along with their Membership Application. Applications may be obtained at any club meeting, local hobby shops, or from the Membership Chairman.

Flying Site Features

The Spirits R/C flying club is the largest and best-equipped model airplane club in the St. Louis metro area. We are located in St. Charles County. Our 12-acre flying field is home to a 600-foot asphalt runway and a paved pit area. Our field is more than adequate for all types of R/C models. Other accommodations include gravel parking area, a large pavilion with several picnic tables, and a restroom. The club members maintain the field.

Spirits of St. Louis R/C Flying Club, Inc.

2008 Officers

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Annual Membership Dues:

Full Member:	\$125
Family Membership	\$150
Junior Member:	\$25
Associate Member:	\$25
New member initiation fee:	\$25

No initiation fee required for Junior or Associate members.

Current AMA membership is required for flying privileges.

Membership information:

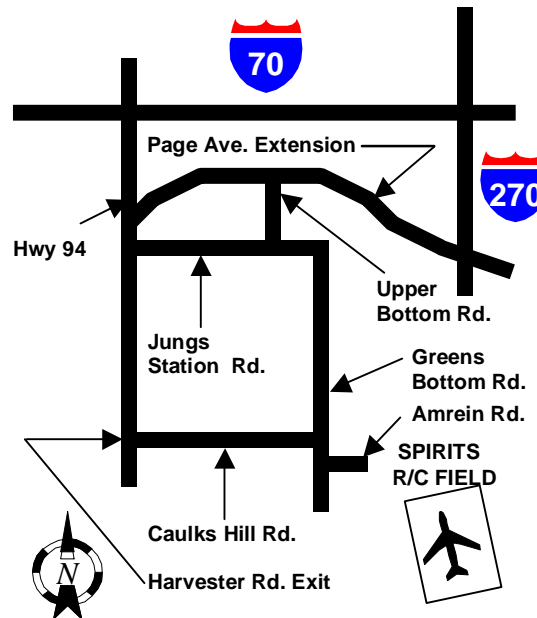
John Key 636-922-2556

Getting to the Spirits of St. Louis R/C Flying Club field is easy.

- Starting from the intersection of Interstate highway I-270 and I-70, go west on I-70 4.4 miles to the Hwy 94 exit.

- Turn left to go south on Hwy 94 for 4.1 miles to the Harvester exit.
- Turn left on Harvester Rd. Go 0.3 mile and bear to the left onto Caulks Hill Rd. (Old Hwy 94 goes to the right)
- Stay on Caulks Hill Rd for 2.4 miles to the second stop sign, which is Greens Bottom Rd. (The first stop sign is Towers Rd.)
- Turn right on Greens Bottom, go 0.2 mile and turn left on Amrein Rd.
- Go 0.6 mile and turn right into Spirits Field.
- Alt. Route -- Page Ave Ext. West, Left on Upper Bottom Rd, Left on Jungs Station Rd. Turns into Greens Bottom Rd. ~2 mile to Amrein

Total distance from intersection of I-270 and I-70 to entrance of flying site is exactly 12 miles



We invite you to visit our field and become acquainted with the wonderful hobby of radio-controlled aircraft. Our members are eager to share their enthusiasm, and will gladly show you their models and answer any of your questions.

WELCOME TO The Spirits of St. Louis Radio Control Flying Club, Inc.



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"Our 43rd year"

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