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The Monthly Newsmagazine of the Spirits of St. Louis R/C Flying Club

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Spirits of St. Louis RC Flying Club

Monthly Meeting Minutes for November 12th, 2019

by Ralph Doyle - Secretary

President Ralph Grant: Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by acting Vice President Greg Bowles as Ralph Grant was on business trip in Connecticut.

Attendance:

8 members were in attendance.

New Member(s):

No new members present.

Secretary's Report:

Ralph Doyle, Secretary

- 1) A motion was made, seconded and voted to accept the October meeting minutes as e-mailed out and published on the Spirits website under the 2019 October Flightlines Newsletter link. Current Newsletter link is now on the upper right of the home page of the website.

Treasurer's Report:

Steve Cross, Treasurer

- 1) There was no treasurer's report this month as accounts are being transferred to another institution.

Field Committee Chairman's Report:

Dave Brown, Field Committee Chairman

Nothing to report this month!

Safety Committee Chairman's

Sid Kinzel, Safety Chairman

- 1) DO NOT throw trash in our Porta-Potty!
- 2) PLEASE CLOSE the entrance gate if you are the last one to leave.

BE SMART, BE SAFE!

Membership Chairman's Report:

By Ralph Doyle - Membership Chairman

- 1) Current 2019 membership is still 114. This time last year we had 128 members!
- 2) **December 31st is the last day to renew your 2020 membership!**
- 3) Ralph will continue as Membership Chairman until we get an automated renewal method working on the web-site.
- 4) Ralph Grant is working on an automated renewal methodology for our web-site that would allow using PayPal to make payment when renewing membership. The automated renewal method will also go out to the AMA web-site and verify your applicable AMA membership. He expects it to be up and running by Thanksgiving. He will also be incorporating a "secure section" on the web-site where members can get to it by using a password to view non-public club data.
- 5) You may still use our current method of filling out the paper [Membership Form](#) and mailing it in with a copy of your 2020 AMA

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card and payment.

Old Business:

- 1) Election of officers results are;

President – Ralph Grant

Vice-President – Greg Bowles acting vice president until Dave Harrington takes over.

Secretary – Ralph Doyle

Treasurer – Steve Cross

- 2) President appointed positions were announced by Greg;

Safety Committee Chairman – Sid Kinzel

Field Committee Chairman – Dave Brown

Contest and Event Chairman – OPEN

Membership Chairman – Ralph Doyle

Newsletter Editor – Paul Geders

Web-Site Web-Master – Ralph Grant

Additional Full Member – Curt McIntyre

Meeting Activity Coordinator – OPEN

Editor's Note: The Meeting Activity Coordinator position is NOT covered in our Constitution and has only been filled one time in ~2009. Recommend that it be deleted from our By-Laws by vote of the membership.

- 3) 15,830 files of photos that consumed 7.56 GB and about 3 weeks of time were recovered and are ready to be put on the web-site in the Photo Galleries from 2001 to 2019 and other folders of photos.

Monthly Meeting Topics continue...

December – Christmas/Holiday gift ideas

New Business:

- 1) A question was asked if the “Collection of Interesting Things” and other similar data that has the tips in it be put back on the web-site. Paul Geders stated that is still in the works to be put back on the web-site.

Technical Presentations:

There were no presentations.

Coming Events:



FALL FLY-IN, CHILI BLAST & FOOD DRIVE

RESULTS report by Greg Bowles

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Chili, Chips, Soda & Marshmallows provided. Come and enjoy some flying before Winter and burn some aircraft. Bring canned goods, non-perishable food or cash to be donated to a local Charity/Food Bank.

For more information, contact admin@spiritsofstl.com

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Thanks to everyone that participated in last Saturday's FALL FLY-IN. Attendance was very good with at least thirty pilots attending.

The weather was great and we had only one unrepairable crash.

Big thanks go to Dave Harrington (newly elected VP) for bringing Hot Dogs and Chili for our enjoyment.

The results of the Food Drive: We collected four boxes of canned goods and miscellaneous food stuff, plus \$105 in cash donations (Thanks to Rich Taylor for your exceptionally generous donation).



Our donations were delivered on Thursday to Saint Joachim and Ann Care Service; they were greatly appreciative. J & A Care Service supports a food bank for St. Charles, Lincoln and Warren Counties, and also offers programs for Housing Assistance, Children & Family Development, Adopt-A-Family, Street Outreach and Disaster Recovery (jacares.org).

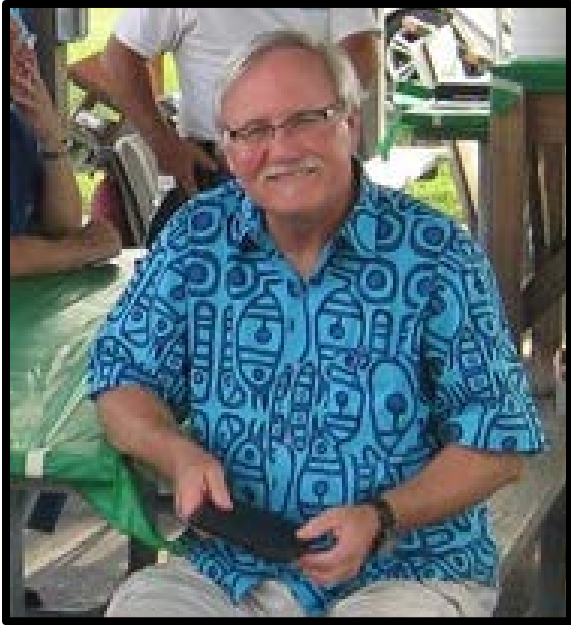
Editor's Note: A grateful THANK YOU goes to Greg (photo below) for all the effort he puts into each of these events. He brings donuts, coffee, coolers of water, soda and all the other little amenities that indeed make each one special! He also supplies excellent flyers for coming events and award certificates that are outstanding. His accomplishments, for the benefit of others, are priceless! Give him a personal thank you when you see him again.

Greg has decided to step down from doing this after 6 years of contributing directly to the membership.

Anyone interested in taking over for Greg please contact Greg, or any officer.

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This is Greg Bowles

Jerry Quist leaving the Hobby!

Long-time member Jerry Quist is hanging up the hobby due to health reasons, and has indicated that he wants to give, and/or sell, his hobby related assets for the benefit of the club. He specifically wanted some to be given to new members just getting into the hobby. His workmanship is the sign of a true craftsman. Quite a few have not even been flown. PLEASE make some reasonable offers. If interested please contact Babe Raab at rraab01@charter.net.



This is Jerry Quist!



View of Jerry's planes in Babe Raab's garage.

Below are photos of the individual airplanes and short descriptions.

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60 size, with tricycle gear.



Modified Stik with OS .40, not flown?



Modified Stik with OS .61, not flown?



Cassutt racer with Cox .15 Conquest engine...never flown! NICE!!!



Balsa USA "Force One" with Fox engine...never flown!



Sig Four Star-40 with Super Tiger GS-40 engine.

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Sig Four-Star-40 less engine.



.25? size airframe...never flown.



Radio-assisted "Buzzard Bombshell" free-flight!



Sig "Mid-Star" mid-wing electric...never flown?



Flite-Test foam board electric Spitfire.



Indoor electric, includes servos, less motor and receiver.

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Sig J-3 Cub with Saito 4-stroke engine.



Spirits of St. Louis racer for .15 size engine.



"Kaos" with OS .25.

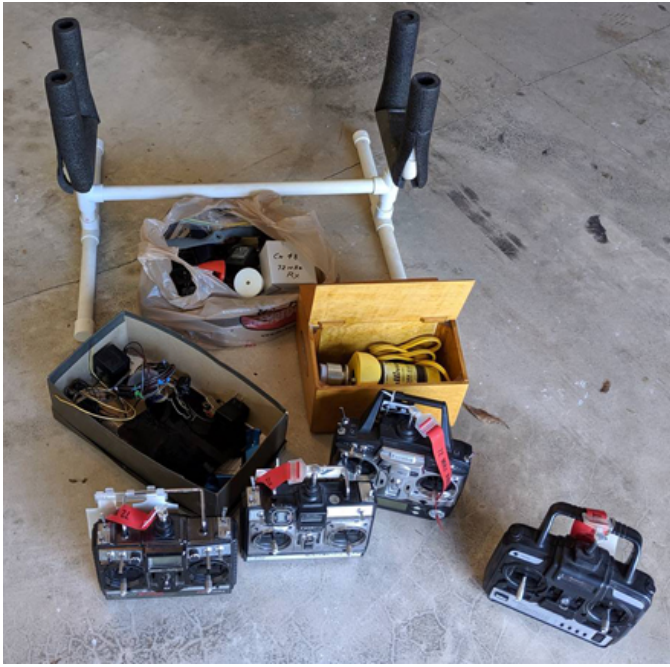


Super Sportster .40.



Sig "Wonder" with OS .15...never flown and beautiful!

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Radios (72 MHz) and Ground Support Equipment.

Meeting adjourned: 7:43 p.m.

Next Spirits' Meeting:

Tuesday, December 11th, 7-9pm

Dorsett Village Church

2240 Bennington Place

Maryland Heights, Missouri 63034

See website <http://spiritsofstl.com> for directions

Letter from Congress Representative: Below is a letter to Ralph Doyle in response to a letter he sent regarding the AMA and FAA.



**Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3605**

Dear Mr. Doyle,

Thank you for contacting me regarding the Federal Aviation Administration's changes to regulations on recreational drone and model airplanes. Knowing your thoughts and concerns helps me better represent the people of Missouri's 2nd District in Congress.

As you may know, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is in the process of clarifying what exactly is a model aircraft and the limitations on their operations. Part of the agency's challenge is to distinguish between planes flown by hobbyists and those used for commercial applications, a distinction that's become harder to draw as the technology for model planes has grown more sophisticated and complex. In an attempt to regulate the safe use of model airplanes, the FAA proposed developing an aeronautical knowledge and safety test, which can then be administered electronically by the Administration. Furthermore, the FAA is proposing no-fly zones in certain areas of the country, particularly near airspaces controlled by airports.

The growing use of drones and model airplanes is an issue legislatures are still learning to regulate effectively. With the development of new technology, regulators must learn to finely tune regulations and policies that are not too burdensome to recreation. However, the FAA must also be sure that those regulations and policies effectively keep America's infrastructure, airspace, and citizens safe.

Currently there is no legislation awaiting a vote that would change the Federal Aviation Administration's regulations on recreational airplanes. However, should such legislation come before me in the future, I will be sure to keep your comments in mind.

Again, thank you for contacting me on this important issue. Hearing the views of all Missourians give me the opportunity to better understand how important public policy items could impact the people of our state and the future interests of our nation. In that regard, your input is most helpful.

For additional information regarding current legislation and the 2nd Congressional District, I invite you to visit my website at <http://www.wagner.house.gov/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann Wagner".

Ann Wagner
Member of Congress

*Please do not reply to this email. The mailbox is unattended.
To share your thoughts please visit my webpage.*