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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS OF THE SPIRITS OF ST. LOUIS R/C FLYING CLUB

First Race at New Field 6-16

President's Notes:

By Eric Langston

The grass is planted, the pavilion is built, the weather is nice. So why are you not out there flying? Our first home event of the year is fast approaching. The first contest ever at our new field will be on June 16. We will be running Four-Star 40 and Silver Class Warbird races that day. If you have never seen a race, come out and spend the day at the field. We need your help to host the race. It usually takes seven to ten helpers to make things go smoothly. We are looking forward to a great season of flying. We have teamed up with the Rolla R/C Club in a series of races. The first event of the year was at their field and Tim Volmert, a long time Spirits member, brought home 1st in Four-Star, with Don Ware from Rolla taking 1st in Warbirds. Let's help everyone have a great time at our field and show them we know what racing is all about. If you're interested in participating, but not sure about what is needed, check out our web site. You will find all the rules posted there. Bring your plane, help out, and fly after the racing is over. At the last meeting we chose September 29 for our big Open House. We will be hosting an open fly-in event. Steve Cross has accepted the call to head up this event for the club. It will take a lot of help, and as many members as are willing to work, to make this a success. This is our big chance to show off our field and our club. Please be willing to help when you are called by Steve. Every little bit helps.

Until next month, GO FLY!!!!!!

*Serving you,
Eric*

Meeting Minutes: May 9, 2001

By Walt Wilson

President Eric Langston called the meeting to order at 6:58 P.M.

Members Signed in: 27. Two new member

applicants and one guest were also present.

New Member Applicants:

Name	Phone Number
Mike Willmann	636-928-7231
Ralph Amelung	636-939-3331

Members present voted unanimously to accept the applicants.

Secretary's Report: Accepted as published in the May Flight Lines.

Treasurer's Report: Accepted as presented. Treasurer Les Richman was out of town.

Field Report: Anna Nolle underwent surgery the morning of the meeting and is doing well. Frank Nolle reported that a viaduct and swale had been installed under the taxi-way to prevent future flooding of the areas between the pits and runway. This was a big undertaking and several members worked a full day on the project. A Bobcat and operator were also hired to cut the swale. Bob Rolf engineered the project. Our thanks to everyone who helped with this activity.

Grass has been planted and will soon be coming up. ***Mowing crews will be needed. Contact Anna at 314-298-8664 if you can help.***

Safety Report: Doug Thompson was not present. There were no safety issues. Be sure to always fly from the Pilots' Box and don't fly behind the safety line, which is even with the front edge of the Pilots' Box. Reference safety line poles will be installed on this line at the ends of the field shortly.

Activity Report: Our training program is ongoing on Saturday mornings from 10:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. Five students participate on the average, in spite of generally bad weather to date.

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Tim Volmert, Eric Langston and Mike Willmann raced at Rolla on May 5. Tim Volmert won, Mike finished third and Eric was seventh. See the Race Report on page four.

Paul Geders will be Contest Director for the first race at our new field on June 16. Eric will assist. See page seven for details. Workers are needed. Participating in an event of this type can be rewarding, even if you don't compete. It's fun and, if you don't plan to fly, volunteer and work it!

Bill Hancock talked about the upcoming Wright Flyers' Annual Float Fly on May 26. See the flyer on page six. Spirits are invited to participate and some are building floats for their planes. There will be a retrieval boat, for obvious reasons.

OLD BUSINESS

Pavilion: Construction of the pavilion is under way as this is being written. Eric spent most of a day straightening out the incorrect instructions the workers had when starting the job. It's on track now and is projected to be completed by Friday, May 11.

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting Tech Presentations: Steve Cross recommended that building tips and tech presentations be added to the meeting activities for the benefit of newer builders. Since the field is coming together, and we should have less business to conduct at meetings for the foreseeable future, this was accepted as a good idea. Don Fitch made a motion to form a committee to chair this activity. It was seconded and passed unanimously. Bob Rolf volunteered to chair the committee and Bill Hancock will assist. Don Fitch will make the June presentation.

Open House: After some discussion, Bill Hancock moved and Mel Vistine seconded a motion to make September 29 the date for our Open House to show our field to the world. Steve Cross will be the Event Director. Gene Jones suggested that the "Landing Fee" be a toy worth \$3.00 or more to be donated to Toys For Tots. Workers and participants will be needed. This will be our opportunity to get publicity and let the world know we're here.

Meeting Activity: A number of members brought planes to show. See the pictures for details.

Mark Been won a roll of Ultrakote and some propellers as attendance prizes.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 P.M.



George Cooper brought his new Tower Hobbies Voyager ARF. He says it's a good kit for \$99.95. It goes together easily and flies well.

This one is powered by a Tower Hobbies .46 ABC and has a buzzer to help find it if it's lost in the corn or "Rain Forest".



Frank Hunleth holds his "Holy Smoke" delta. It's powered by an O.S. .40 FSR. Frank has had it for nine years and has been hesitant to fly it because of the design's wild reputation. This is the year for it to fly!

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What is it? Steve Cross shows this plane of unknown origin. He bought it from a full-scale pilot who received it as a gift and had no idea what he had. It's powered by a great running Picco engine of unknown displacement and flies good.. Does anyone know what it is, or who may have built it?



Bill Hancock explains the float setup on his Goldberg Falcon 56. He crashed it at last year's Float Fly and has made improvements for this year. It has an O.S. .40 LA.



Russ Watts shows his Balsa U.S.A. Trainer 40 with floats that Bill Hancock built. It's powered by a Saito .56 Golden Knight four-stroke. Russ also added a sub-rudder and water rudders on the floats. This is in preparation for the Wright Flyers' Annual Float Fly on May 26.

GSLMA MINUTES, MAY 2, 2001 MEETING

By Pat Keebey

Secretary's Report: Minutes Accepted from Previous Meeting.

Treasurers Report: Field Fund \$2237.96.

Committee Report: Ron Carr

Media and Journal were contacted for the speed contest May 19th and 20th for U-Control.

Field Report:

A. Field was closed April 28 and 29th for a Soccer Tournament.

B. Trash was picked up around U-Control area. Concrete Pad was placed in the U-Control area. The pilot stations in the R/C area still need work.

Old Business:

A. Air Show will need a representative from each club to help plan the events. A lot of pilots from each club will be needed to make the Air Show a success. Additional facilities will be ordered to meet the needs of projected crowd.

B. No engine running is allowed before 8:30 a.m.

C. New Buder Park Flying Applications have been printed with Flying Policies and how GSLMA uses monies donated by pilots for permits on back of Application.

D. Pete George is still waiting for the Parks Department to confirm schedule for the Buder Park Facility.

New Business:

A. New models sold as "Park Flyers" which is a small electric aircraft sold as a package system is showing up at Buder Park. All flyers must have an AMA Membership in order to fly

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on the R/C facility. These model systems are cheap and usually on 27mhz. They may become a problem for all clubs in the area.

B. Lafayette Esquadrielle. discussed putting in a concrete block walkway along culvert so that in rainy conditions it's a safe walkway. The President will set up an appointment with the Parks Department.

C. If you have a problem while flying at the Buder Park Facility call a Ranger at 314-963-9211. For an Emergency, call 911.

D. June 2 and 3rd is the Helicopter Fun-fly. For further information, call 314-961-1382.

Meeting Adjourned. The next meeting will be June 6, 2001 at 8:00 p.m. at the St. Louis County Library on South Lindbergh.



Kevin Gianino shows his U. S. Aircore Nighthawk. It's powered by a Thunder Tiger .46 Pro engine and has a Futaba six-channel radio. He says its a little harder to build than a balsa plane would be, but much more durable.

The Racing Report

By Don Ware

The weather was pretty threatening all day, but four rounds of racing were completed, with only the last two heats being flown in some sprinkles. The turnout was light with six entries in the Four-Star and only two entries in the Warbird event. A good many did not have their planes ready, so hopefully that number will increase by the next event.

There was a lot of really good and close racing in the Four-Star event with winners of their heats passing on to the final heat to win. The new pilot for the event was Mike Willmann from St. Charles and we want to welcome him.

After four rounds of racing the point spread between first to third was only four points.

1st place - Tim Volmert

2nd place - Don Ware

3rd place - Mike Willmann. (not bad for his first race!)

Helpers are to always be thanked and appreciated. The Four-Star drawing for the helpers went to John Ludwig. The Four-Star drawing for the pilots went to Eric Langston. We're not sure what club he is from (ha). There were no crashes or mishaps. Everyone had a safe and fun day. Even the lap-counters and pylon-cut judges couldn't believe the closeness of racing and getting around those pylons.

I hope to see everyone at the next race and as many more as everyone can support.

The Last Word:

By Walt Wilson

Almost Ready to Fly (ARF) planes are far more prevalent than home-built these days. Even died-in-the-wool scratch builders are using ARF's for everyday flying.



Bob Underwood with his Hanger 9 ARF Extra 330L. Power is by a Zenoah G-62 and he guides it with a JR ten-channel radio. He says its well-built and flies very nicely. He feels that the computer radio is very easy to program.. It weighs 24 pounds, even after Bob did some lightening of the structure.

It makes sense. After taking a year or two to build a nice scale model, you're not going to take it to the field for week-in and week-out flying. It's too hard on the plane, they do get beat-up, and there's always the risk of really tearing it up!

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Pat Keebey holds his Model Tech Dragon Lady ARF. The O.S. .40 FSR flies it very nicely and guidance comes from a Futaba Conquest radio.

ARF's are generally well-built and come with most of the hardware you'll need! You don't want to spend a lot of time building a so-so plane for knocking about, so you get an ARF. A purist can find fault with almost anything someone else builds, but if it works and saves you valuable time, live with it.



Craig Finks immediately after flying his Hanger 9 Edge 540 ARF for the first time. The Saito 1.80 four-stroke hauls it around beautifully at half-throttle!

People still build planes for special applications, like Four-Star 40's. How many Four-Star 40's would you build if you could buy one as an ARF for around \$119.95, including all the hardware? Not too many! Elimination of scale

points as a factor in the local Warbirds races has made ARF's look pretty enticing. How many beautifully-built scale Warbirds have been destroyed during a race? Too many! If you can buy a competitive ARF Warbird for \$175.00 to \$225.00, why bother spending a year or two, and at least twice that much money, building one? Some model kit manufacturers have predicted that, in a few years, virtually no one will build model airplanes anymore. They'll just buy and assemble ARF's! Some ARF's can be assembled in a couple of evenings, others can take 40 hours or more. Most are nice looking when completed and may be better than the flyer could have built. The face of R/C modeling is changing.

Gotta go build!

FOR SALE

Assembled ARF trainer with O.S. .40 LA engine and Airtronics radio. \$200.00
Call: Otto Broeder at 314-434-8367

REWARD

I lost a Hanger 9 Stik 40 in the woods at the West end of our field on Friday, April 27th. It has an O.S. .46 FX engine and Futaba radio. It's red with the usual black crosses on white fields and has my name, address, etc, on top of the fuselage. I'm offering a \$25.00 reward for return of the airplane, including engine and radio. Call Walt Wilson, 636-946-6167 or e-mail: rallyo@home.com



FOR SALE

Kyosho PBY Catalina with twin O.S. .15's and removable tricycle landing gear. Fly off land or water. Will sell with or without Futaba 4-channel radio and 6 servos.
Call Walt Wilson at 636-946-6167 or e-mail at: rallyo@home.com

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paper or, a Word or Word for Windows file on a 3.5 inch 1.44MB floppy disk are acceptable if you don't have access to the internet. Photos are welcome and may be in the form of glossy prints or, if scanned or digital, in jpeg, gif or tif format.

General Membership meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at the Bridgeton Trails County Library Branch, 3455 McKelvey Rd. (1/4 mi. south of St. Charles Rock Road) at 7:00 P.M.

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Flying Field: Our new field is located on Amrein Road, off Greens Bottom Road in St. Charles County. Field development is still in work. We have a pavilion and grass planted!