



FLIGHT LINES

The Monthly Newsmagazine of The Spirits of St. Louis R/C Flying Club, Inc., An AMA Gold Leader Club

Fun-Fly Coming July 15

PREZ SEZ:

By Bill Lindewirth

The installation of electricity at our field is now 100% complete. The electrician completed final testing and labeling of all the circuits on Saturday, June 17th. The minor glitch in the fan controllers has also been repaired. An electronic timer is being used to turn on the electricity at approximately 9:00 AM and off at approximately 8:30 PM. It is each members' responsibility to make sure the lights and fans are turned off and the gate is closed before leaving the field. Once again I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who helped with this project.

As we enter the second year of our ten year contract with the land owner, the field is in great shape. EB Lawncare, which is in the second year of their three year contract, has been doing an excellent job of mowing our field.

I would like to thank Mr. Leo Steck Sr. for donating the "Futaba" 6 Channel Radio, that he won at last years' Open House, to the club. This will be used as one of the raffle prizes at this years' Open House.

On Saturday June 24, 2006, we will be hosting our second Four Star 40/Warbirds race of the season. For additional information on this event, please visit our website at: www.spiritsofstl.com, or contact Kurtis Milster, (Contest Director).

Hope to see you there!

MEETING MINUTES: June 14, 2006

By Walt Wilson

The Meeting was called to order by President Bill Lindewirth at 7:00 P.M. Twenty nine members were present.

Secretary's Report: Minutes were accepted as published in last month's Flight Lines.

Treasurer's Report: Due to larger than expected expenditures on the electrical installation project, and a gap between the field lease due date and maturation of one of our CD's, Les Richman is graciously lending the club a few thousand dollars for a couple of days. He will be repaid on June 17 when the CD matures. *Thank you, Les!* The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Field Report: Our 100 amp electrical service is installed and functional. The electrician and AmerenUE have been paid in full for the installation. The installation is designed for possible expansion in the future. Timers turn the power on at 9:00 A.M. and it stays on until 8:30 P.M. It was noted

that the circuit breakers have been going off on some circuits. Bill will investigate the problem. Keys for the circuit breaker box will be made for the officers (we don't have them yet) and Field Chairman. Field Chairman Don Velasco has a more complete Field Report elsewhere in this newsletter.

Safety Report: Partly as a result of the "Topless Fun-Fly", members were warned to use sun screen on exposed skin when flying for extended periods in the summer. A plane was lost in the corn recently, causing an extensive search. The plane was ultimately found. Flyers were warned to get some kind of "corn horn" to help in locating their downed planes. Bob Gizzie makes them at a very reasonable price, and commercially manufactured items are available at the hobby shops.

Membership Report: We now have 148 members!

Activities Report:

June 10 Topless M&M Fun-Fly: It was hot and all contestants flew topless in at least one event. There were 14 entrants. A more complete report is on page three.

June 24 Four-Star 40 and Warbirds Races: CD Curt Milster reported that help will be needed for lap counting and pylon judges.

June 27 Boy Scout Flying Introduction: *The field will be closed to open flying from 7 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. on Tuesday, June 27.* We will be hosting a flight demonstration for a troop of approximately 15 Boy Scouts and some of their leaders and fathers. Instructors and training planes will be needed for that event. Please coordinate with Les Richman, at 314-434-8080.

July 26 Boy Scout Rocket Launching: *The field will be closed to all flying from 7 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. on Wednesday, July 26.* We will be allowing a troop of Boy Scouts to launch rockets at our field during that period.

Sailplane Contest: Art Frost announced that his sailplane club will be hosting a very large contest at the Emerald View Sod Farm, on Highway 79, about three miles north of Highway 70, on Saturday and Sunday, June 17 and 18. Admission is free and the public is invited to watch.

Shreveport Sharks Big Bird Fly-In: Gary Bregant happened by the Shreveport Louisiana Sharks R/C Club's field recently while on vacation. They are a very friendly group and invited him to come fly with them. They have a somewhat larger field than ours and will be having a Big Bird Fly-In on September 2 and 3, 2006. For more info, call Gary at: 636-922-0168. *(Continued on the next page)*

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OLD BUSINESS:

None was presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

Meeting Activity: Two members brought and discussed planes and an R/C parachutist. Art Frost discussed foam and fiberglassing techniques.. See the photographs for details.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

June 2006 Meeting Photos:



Paul Geders discussed his Great Planes NE-2 Cub. It has an O.S. .61 four stroke engine, is covered with Coverite, and painted with navy blue and light gray Aerogloss. It also has a scale prop which can be used for flying. Paul took approximately four years to build it and it hadn't been flown as of meeting time.

WALT WILSON PHOTOS

FIELD REPORT

By Don Velasco

I want to express my gratitude and thanks for the members that came out for the work party on May 20th. I am amazed and proud to be a part of this club with such fine members who want to make a difference in the betterment of the club. I salute you all!

The orange safety posts at the entrance have been repainted along with the U-Hook holders by the pits. I still need to replace two of them and will do so by this weekend. I still need to spray some persistent weeds in the parking lot but most of them are now dead. Paul had a great idea of using the tractor to scrape the dead weeds away. Maybe we can do this when they are all dead. Great news on the electricity and I have tested the switches in the pavilion and they work properly. I also noticed that our plane finder is back up and



Tony Eckstein discusses an R/C parachutist he is building from R/C Modeler plans.



Art Frost gave an extensive presentation on how to make foam wing cores and carbon fiber-based fiberglass parts for planes and sailplanes. His techniques produce a very slick finish on the fiberglass and strong, lightweight parts.

thanks to Don Fitch for repairing and installing it. I didn't take notice of the board to see if the new 2 Ghz frequency has been done yet. The seed by the pit area has not taken growth yet and maybe we should consider another planting in the fall. That is all I have for now. If you know of anything else that needs to be done at the field, please let me know.

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June 10, 2006, Topless M&M Fun-Fly

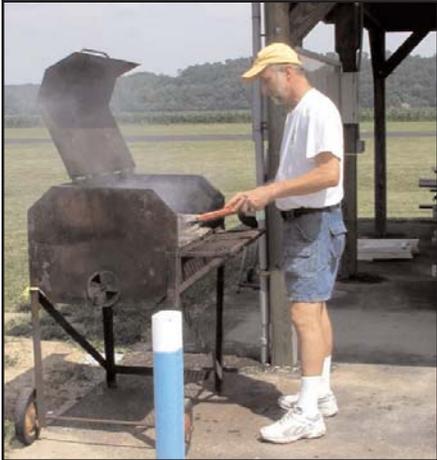


All of these Spirits flew topless at the June 10 Fun-Fly. Look out Chippendales!



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June 10, 2006 Fun-Fly

By Walt Wilson

The temperature topped out at 92 degrees and it was sunny and humid all day. The Fun-Fly, one of the few Spirits' events that ever started on time, consisted of three events; how many loops can be done in 30 seconds, spot landings, and holding an M&M in your mouth, without it dissolving or being eaten, for one whole flight. Double points were awarded for any one event flown "topless". One M&M was dispensed for each point won and the colors recorded. The most rewarding event was the loops, with most pilots completing eight to ten loops in the allotted time, and most did it topless. An additional point was awarded for landing with the motor still running. Steve Ramonczuk completed eleven loops to win this one. The second event was the dead-stick spot landing, on an "X" at the center of the runway, in front of the pilots' box. Bob Fiely aced that one by stopping his rollout exactly on the "X", for five points. The other four flyers coming closest to the "X" were awarded points four through one. Everyone completed their flights without losing their M&M's, for two points each, except for one entrant, whose engine died before landing, costing him one point.

M&M's were dispensed from the gumball machine. At the end of flying, the number of points for each color were assigned in the order they came out of the machine. Paul Geders had the good fortune to get the M&M's with the highest point value and won the first prize of \$50.00. Steve Ramonczuk was second, winning \$35.00 and Bob Gizzie took third place money with \$25.00. Workers were given \$5.00 each. After the prizes were awarded, the competitors posed topless for pictures. Word is that the Chippendales are not in fear of losing their jobs.

The Last Word

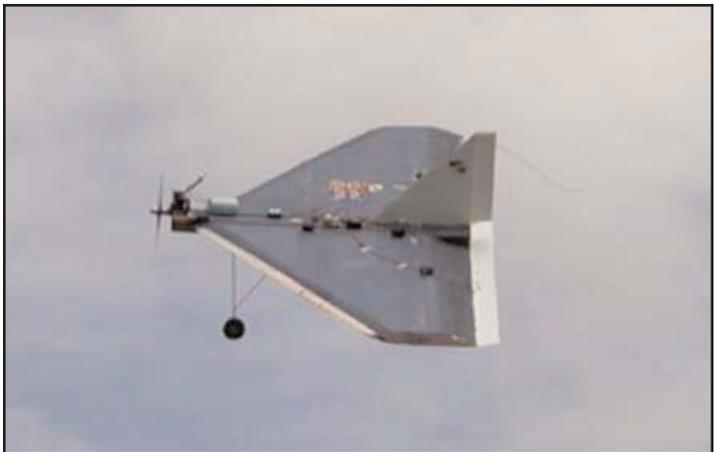
By Walt Wilson

Summer has arrived with a bang! It's only June and it feels like the "dog days of summer" are here. The newly installed fans in the pavilion help on days when there's not much wind. I also saw some fans under the tents spread through the pits on the day of the Fun-Fly. Usually, the ever abundant hot air doesn't need any help to move through the pits. Our membership for the year seems to be stalled at 148. Company downsizing with loss of jobs and other personal problems may be part of the cause. The club is operating about as smoothly as it ever has and our facilities are as good as any in the St. Louis Metro Area. The fact that we're the largest club in the area may make people fearful that the field is crowded, but it seldom is. Most can fly as soon as they're ready, at any given time, unless there's a frequency conflict. Some flyers may find landing on a 50-foot wide runway a challenge. So what? Some very experienced flyers miss it occasionally, too (I do). We've recently been recognized as an Academy of Model Aeronautics Gold Leader

UFO Lands At Our Field...



Unbelievable Flying Object, courtesy of Bob Gizzie and Don Fitch. And it really flies (see below).



Club. That means we have every facility and do every activity that the AMA finds desirable in a charter club. As far as AMA is concerned, the Spirits are as good as they get! See Gene Jones if you want a gold pin to wear on your cap or jacket denoting the fact the our club is at that level.

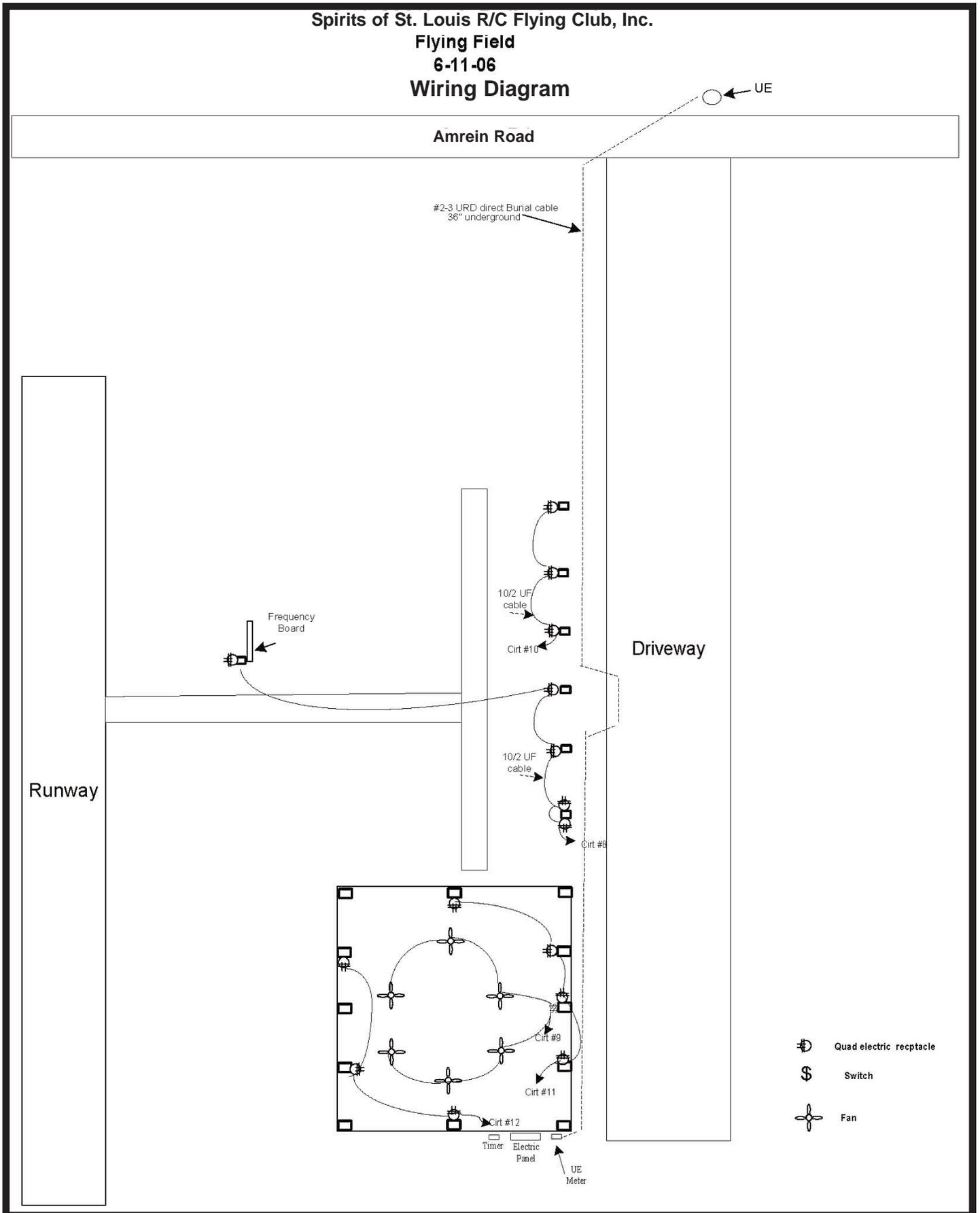
Bob Gizzie and his crew of instructors are doing everything that could be expected to promote R/C flying by doing hands-on demonstrations for spectators who happen to stop by our field. If you have a friend you would like to get into the sport, arrange for Bob to give them a demo. We will pick up several more members once we pass July. As of July 1, new members may join for 2007 and fly until October 1, when 2007 membership becomes effective, for \$10.00 per month. That's a good deal! We usually pick up some new members as a result of exposure to R/C at our Annual Open House, too.

Enough rambling, the available space is about full!

Gotta go build!

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Spirits of St. Louis R/C Flying Club, Inc.
Flying Field
6-11-06
Wiring Diagram



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



Presents



Four-Star 40*

and

Silver Class WARBIRDS*

Races

Saturday, June 24, 2006



At Spirits Field

on Amrein Road, ½ mile south of Greens Bottom Road
St. Charles County

Curt Milster, Contest Director

ENTRY FEE:

\$10 Four-Star 40

\$10 WARBIRDS



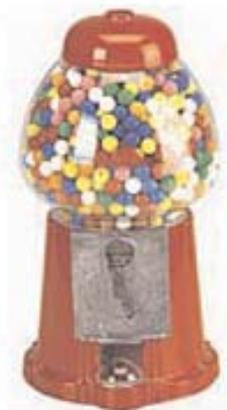
Registration starts at 9:00 a.m.

Racing starts at ~ 10:00 a.m.

*Class rules are available on the Spirits' Web Site at:
www.spiritsofstl.com

under the Contest & Events link on the first page!

For more information call: Paul Geders at 314-838-1350
or e-mail him at: pgeders@charter.net



Low Key Fun Fly



Saturday July 15, 2006
Spirits of St Louis Flying Field
Time: Registration 9:00 to 10:00
Fun Fly 10:00 to 2:30
(Lunch 12:00 to 12:45)
Entry Fee: \$10.00
Prizes: Cash prizes for 5 highest
point totals
Scoring: Gumball draw
Completion: 2:00 PM

EVENTS

#1. Dead Stick Landing - bring aircraft to full stop landing in target area and earn 3 gumballs.

#2. Fun Flying - fly however your little heart desires 2 times during lunch break and earn up to 2 gumballs.

#3. Golf Ball Drop - hit the runway with your titillating titleist and earn 3 gumballs

Point total: All entrees will record the color of each gumball they drew on the contest tally sheet. Points for each color will be drawn at the end of the contest. Anybody can be a winner.

For More Info,Contact: Robert L Fiely @ (314) 434-0206
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Cody Morgan holds, while Dale Morgan starts his Edge 540 for a flight at the Spirits' Topless M&M Fun-Fly.
A Walt Wilson Photo



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**Meeting is on
Wednesday,
July 12
at 7:00 P.M.**