

FLIGHT LINES

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

Meeting at Field on Sept. 13 Nomination of Officers For 2007 on Sept. 13 Annual Open House On Sept. 30

PREZ SEZ

By Bill Lindewirth

I would like to thank Curtis Milster and his sons for their hard work in organizing and running the August 19th "Fun Fly", and to Hobby Town USA, in O'Fallon, for their generous donation of prizes. This was a very well attended event, with many new faces participating. Also, many thanks to Gene Jones, Les Richman, Carolyn Schlueter and Don Fitch for all their help.

September is going to be a busy month so get ready to mark your calendars.

Sept. 13, Membership Appreciation Dinner & Monthly Meeting at Spirits' field (See flyer, page 8).

Sept. 16 & 17, SLRCFA "Open House" Eureka, MO (See flyer, page 8).

Sept. 23 & 24, Hobby Expo (Mark Twain Hobbies/Hobby Town USA (See flyer, page 8).

Sept. 30, Spirits R/C 6th Annual Open House & Super Raffle (See Flyers, pages 8 & 9).

Oct. 6 - 8, "SUPERMAN" Cape Girardeau Regional Airport.

Hope to see you there!

MEETING MINUTES: August 9, 2006

By Walt Wilson

Meeting attendance: 19 members, one new member applicant, and a potential member were present.

<u>New members</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Mark Parkinson	314-616-5988
Cecil Whitrock	636-922-0553

Both were accepted unanimously and Mark joined at the meeting.

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Les Richman was out of town and President Bill Lindewirth forgot to bring his monthly financial report. Bill assured the members that we are still solvent.

Field Report: Greens Bottom Road is being raised, repaved, etc. Our field is still accessible from Caulks Hill

and Jungs Station Roads. Circuit breaker number eight has been moved outside the box for easier access. All circuits seem to be working well, now. Field Chairman Don Velasco has an extensive Field Report starting on page two.

Safety Report; If you read Dave Brown's column in Model Aviation, you are aware of a recent tragedy in Europe where a large 3D plane went out of control and killed an elderly couple who were spectators. There was a discussion about the "Fail Safe" feature on some radios that cuts the throttle if the signal is lost. It may prevent an accident where people are injured, but in the European incident, wouldn't have made any difference. As airplanes keep getting larger, this can be a dangerous sport. Even small planes, including electrics, can do serious damage. Make every effort to keep your equipment in good order and fly safely!

Training Report: Our compliments to the instructors who have worked through one of the most miserably hot summers in recent history. They've continued to help our members and recruit new ones. When you come to fly next, bring a neighbor or a friend's child to introduce them to the sport. We need to continue to develop new flyers.

Membership Report; We now have 152 members, including the new one who joined at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dues Increase: The club is still open to ideas to replace a dues increase. There was an extensive discussion about how to attract more members or otherwise avoid a dues increase and several ideas were presented. Among them were: Donations by some of our wealthier members, Install a Control Line circle beyond the area where helicopters are presently allowed to practice hovering, and start a "Breakfast Club" for members who don't fly much, but want to be active in the club. No changes were voted upon.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dan Dierking, of the Orchard Farm R/C Club, is promoting a Hobby Expo on Mark Twain Hobbies' parking lot on Saturday, September 23 and at Hobby Town U.S.A. on Sunday, September 24. *(Continued on the next page)*

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(Continued from the previous page) This is viewed as a way to expose more people to our club and attract new members. Planes for display are needed along with promotional materials for the Spirits. Check with Bill Lindewirth for details as the date gets closer.



Greg Bohrer discusses his Hyperion Yak 55 electric ARF. It goes together very quickly and performs great with a Hyperion 3007 outrunner motor.



Frank Hunleth gives a presentation on the use of Nelson water-soluble paints. They are odorless and can be sprayed in a basement environment with no noticeable odors. A painting mask should always be worn when spraying paint of any type. Nelson has paint colors that match Monokote and also offer a variety of military colors. An epoxy primer is recommended.

Members were reminded that the September 13 meeting will be at the field and will be a member appreciation dinner. The club will provide meat and drinks. Attendees are asked to bring a "covered dish" or dessert. The September meeting will also be nominations of officers for 2007. In keeping with our commitment as a Gold Leader Club, we will also have a 50-50 raffle to build a charitable donation to the "Make a Wish Foundation".

Activities Report:

August 19 Fun-Fly: Entry will be free and pilots may have assistance from a more experienced pilot using a buddy box.

Spirits' Annual Open House: Bill Lindewirth has acquired a Lancair kit, Super Tigre .61 engine, and Futaba Skysport 6 radio for first prize in the raffle. There will also be very nice second and third prizes and a "registered pilots only" drawing for a 2007 family membership in the club.

St. Louis R/C Flying Association Fly-In: The SLRCFA is having a Fly-In on September 16 and 17, at their field in Eureka, Missouri. Everyone with an AMA license is welcome. There is a \$3.00 parking fee for all cars. The landing fee is \$20.00 for pilots, with a raffle ticket and Barbeque dinner included. See the flyer on page three.

Meeting Activity: Greg Bohrer brought a plane and Frank Hunleth gave a presentation on odorless painting. See the photographs for details.

Mark Parkinson won the \$10.00 gift card donated by Mark Twain Hobbies.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.



Bob Gizzie congratulates Mike Broyles (left), who soloed on August 10, 2006. The plane has Coreplast wings and a drain pipe fuselage. Mike built it and it flew really well.

WALT WILSON PHOTOS (LEFT)

DON FITCH PHOTO (RIGHT)

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FIELD REPORT

By Don Velasco, Field Chairman

First, I would like to thank the members for all their help and cooperation in helping keep the field a clean and respectable place for all to enjoy.

Some outstanding projects to be completed are; The American flag is in the process of being replaced and the safety line poles will be painted with stripes to help identify them more clearly. A new sign for the road to advertise our events will be ready for next week's Fun-Fly on August 19. The fascia board around the pavilion needs to be repainted, we need to power wash the floor of the pavilion and re-seed the grass where the new power lines were buried. The pit area needs to be re-sealed.

Matters that have been resolved; The weeds have been trimmed and sprayed, the wind sock has been repaired and installed.

Other matters; Please use the center large table in the pavilion for working on your planes and not the picnic tables. Please keep all tables clean when you're done using them and don't forget to pick up your trash and garbage when you leave the field. When you are done using the chairs please put them back in the pavillion so they won't get blown away when we have heavy winds. The emergency first aid kit will remain unlocked for quicker access in an emergency. I made a check on the first aid supplies and we have enough items. If for whatever reason we lose complete power at the field it will affect the timer for the electricity to come on and off. You may contact me, or any of the board members, to reset the timer.

I would like to ask for some volunteers to help with the outstanding matters. We will need about 15 to 20 volunteers to finish the work which should only take 3-4 hours to complete. When I get enough volunteers I will schedule a work day. The field will be shut down during the work progress. I would like to get this done before our Open House. If you can help, please call me at 636-922-4519 or cell 618-203-1277, or when you see me at the field and I'll put your name on the work roster.

Enjoy the remaining summer, bring your family and friends to the field to enjoy the time with them and have fun and safe flying!

Family Orientation of the Spirits

By Walt Wilson

One of our members has reminded us of the family-oriented nature of our club and the hobby/sport of flying model airplanes. To help maintain this atmosphere and make our field a desirable place to bring our children and other family members, he feels one area that could be improved is control of the use of offensive language. He has asked that we remind everyone of the need to keep our field a place where everyone can come and enjoy the hobby without being offended.

For Sale:

Pat Keebey is helping Ray Meyer, a former member of the Spirits, dispose of his R/C planes, engines, and equipment.

It's all for sale. Call Pat at 636-928-3918 for more details.

For Sale:

Parkzone P-51 Electric RTF. Includes radio and everything needed to fly, even batteries and quick charger. Flies great. Has minor damage to the bottom from belly landings, but is in good flying condition. \$100.00. Walt Wilson, 636-946-6167

August 19 Fun-Fly

By Curt Milster

The day of the Fun-Fly started off with the sky looking a little bleak, but the sky cleared and it turned into a nice day.



Jeff Muhs, the ultimate first-place finisher, awaits his turn to fly at the August 19 Fun-Fly.

We had events that challenged even the best of pilots, but they were a lot of fun. Only two flyers were able to get cuts in the toilet paper event. It was a lot more difficult than it looked! The limbo was very interesting. Several people either hit the ribbon or one of the poles holding it up. "Oh Crap" was a fun event, but it was nerve wracking to try to roll your number the second time. We had a good raffle and some good prizes. The Fun-Fly was sponsored by Hobby Town U.S.A. at 2550 Highway K, in O'Fallon. Our sincere thanks to Darren for donating the prizes, they are very much appreciated. Try to visit him and check out the store if you get a chance, and thank him for his support. It is very much appreciated.. We didn't have the "Drag Race" because of time limitations, but Steve Ramoncuk showed off the garments we had for that event. He was very cute! I think everyone had a good time and all pilots won a prize. Thanks to Gene Jones for his commentary on the PA all day. Thanks, also, to Bill Lindewirth, Don Fitch, Carolyn Schlueter, and Les Richman for working the concession stand. Thanks, too, to all who participated. If everyone liked this event, let me know and I'll plan another in the near future. We have a great club. Support it in every way you can!.

God Bless, Curt Milster

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Place	Pilot	Results	Points
1.	Jeff Muhs		23
2.	Mike Roederer		22
3.	David Oswald		16
4.	B. J. Campbell		15
5.	Babe Raab		14
6.	Bob Gizzie		13
7.	Vic Bunze		11
8.	Richie Campbell (tie)		10
8.	Jesse Milster (tie)		10
9.	Duane Youngman (tie)		7
9.	Steve Cross (tie)		7
10.	Mike Livesay (tie)		5
10.	Lee Volmert (tie)		5



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The Last Word

By Walt Wilson

Those of us in the Spirits who have knee problems have made good use of the starting/assembly/work tables that have been available at our field for the past three years. If you've been wondering where they came from, you're about to find out. Some Boy Scouts seeking their Eagle Scout status offered to build starting tables for the Spirits about four years ago, but never produced. Don Fitch, along with others, has had knee problems for some time. I injured a knee early in 2003 and haven't been able to safely kneel since. After some discussion, Don designed tables for starting, then he built two while I built one of them. We donated them to the Spirits with the provision that we had priority to use them when we were flying. They proved very popular and Don has built four more, to date. At any given time during popular flying hours, it's hard to find an empty one! Don deserves a sincere "Thank You" from all of us who use the tables to fly.

CAROLYN SCHLUETER PHOTOS (RIGHT)



Don applies last minute touches to one of the third generation tables before transporting them to the field.



WALT WILSON PHOTO (LEFT)

The original three tables were designed by Don Fitch and built by Don and Walt Wilson.



Roger Hunter and Tony Eckstein unload the newest tables at the field prior to painting.



DON FITCH PHOTOS

Don Fitch built the two second-generation tables to accommodate larger planes and correct some deficiencies discovered in the original tables.



Don and Tony take a breath after painting the latest tables on an extremely hot day in July.

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11th Annual Fly-in!!!

St. Louis Radio Control Flying Association Radio Controlled, Model Airplane – Air Show

See Flying Models of all Kinds, (Giant Scale, Sport, Fun-Fly, WWI & WW II War Planes) with up to 12' wingspans & Turbine Engine Powered Jet Aircraft.

Visit our Web page at: WWW.SLRCA.COM



You're Invited! September 16 & 17

WHO? Everyone is Invited, all RC Pilots and Spectators

Flying: 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM Saturday
9:30 AM to 2:00 PM Sunday

Public Welcome!

\$3.00 Parking fee per carload! (Plenty Available)

Practice flying, 9-15-06, 12:00 till dark

Concession Stand Saturday & Sunday, Bleachers with shade available

Ever wanted to learn to fly RC Airplanes?

Come find out how you can!

Flying Open to All RC Pilots with AMA.



Join The Fun! \$20.00 Landing fee for pilots – Pilots Raffle and BBQ Dinner included.

95 Decibel @ 25 feet - strictly enforced!!!

We're NOT just Giant Scale Anymore!

Flying site (600x42 ft paved runway, 11 acre field in the middle of 1100 acres farmland)

Come Join The Fun - This is our Really BIG annual event.

The Saint Louis Radio Control Flying Association is in Eureka, MO. Take I-44 to Exit #264, Go South on Hwy 109 ¼ mile to Augustine Road, Turn left on Augustine Road and go 2 miles to the airfield. Follow the signs - you can't miss it! Electricity and overnight camping available. Handicap accessible.

Many door prizes for registered pilots. Pilot raffle: TBA

Raffle open to all: Complete RC trainer system - Hangar 9 PTS P-51 (airplane and radio) or Portable DVD player w/screen

Check us out at:

WWW.SLRCA.COM

Help us be a good neighbor, please observe the 25 - 30 MPH speed limit on Augustine road!

Spirits R/C \$1,000 Super Raffle

Drawing to be held at our "6th Annual Open House"
September 30th, 2006

1st Prize: Lancelair "ES" AFR-Futaba 6 Ch. Radio-Supertiger GS-61 Engine

2nd Prize: \$100 Gift Certificate & Hobbico Quick Field Charger MkII

3rd Prize: \$25.00 SIG Gift Certificate & Hobbico Frequency Check w/Antenna

Ticket Prices

\$1.00 Each

8 tickets for \$5.00

25 tickets for \$10.00

"50/50 Raffle"

To benefit the Make a Wish Foundation

Of Greater St. Louis

Tickets \$1.00 Each

Drawings will be held at 1:30 PM Must be present to win!

* Total retail price of all prizes listed



R/C CLUB EXPO

Come and check out area R/C clubs

Have you thought about joining a R/C club?

Get information on the area clubs, meet club members and even join one or more of the clubs.

Saturday, September 23rd @ Mark Train Hobbies in St Charles, MO.

Sunday, September 24th @ HobbyTown USA in O'Fallon, MO.

1 pm – 5 pm both days.

Call Dan @ 636-236-2693 for more info.

Register to win hobby shop gift certificates and other great prizes!

DEMOS



"Membership Appreciation Dinner" and Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, September 13, 2006
Spirit's R/C Flying Field



Dinner will be served beginning at 6:00 PM

Monthly Meeting begins at 7:00 PM

Club will provide meat & refreshments

Please bring an aircraft to fly and a covered dish to share!

For additional information
Please contact Bill Lindewirth

MrBillstl@aol.com

or 314-839-0282



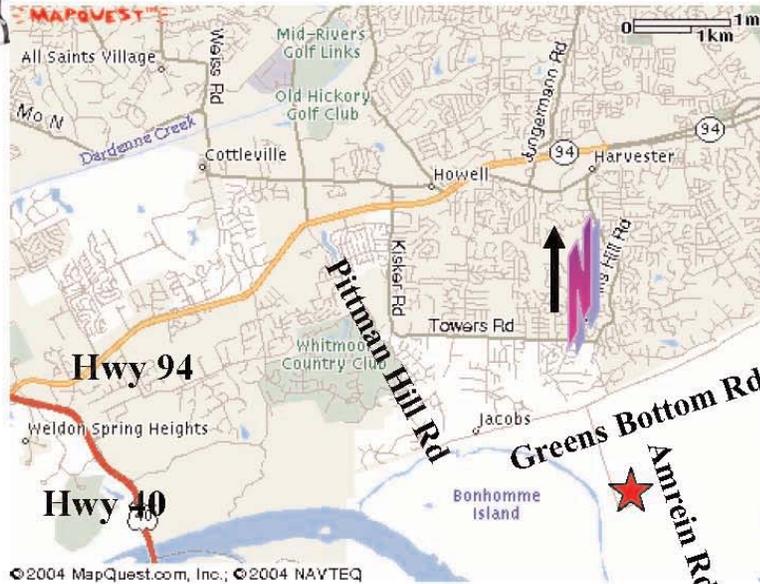
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Spirits of St. Louis R/C Flying Club, Inc.

6th Annual Open House!

Saturday - September 30, 2006

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM



See Website
for detailed
directions
and maps, or
call contacts
below.



FREE Admission! FREE Parking!

**Pilot Registration Required with Current AMA
Transmitter Impound Area Provided for Your Safety
SPECTATORS ALWAYS WELCOME!**

RAFFLE: 1st Prize: *Great Planes Lancair ES ARF 80" wingspan, and a Futaba 6YG SkySport 6-CH Radio, and a Super Tiger GS-61 ABC Engine*

2nd Prize: *\$100.00 Gift Certificate and Hobbico Quick Field Charger Mk II*

3rd Prize: *\$25 SIG Gift Certificate & Hobbico Frequency Checker w/Antenna*

Raffle Ticket Cost: \$1.00 each, 8 for \$5.00, 25 for \$10.00

**ALSO...50/50 Raffle, tickets \$1.00 each, with 50% of the proceeds going to the
"Make a Wish Foundation of Greater St. Louis"**

Registered Pilot's ONLY drawing for FREE 2007 Spirits Family Club Membership!

Drawings at 1:30 p.m. – Must be present to win!

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

CONTACTS: Greg Pugh 636-279-1289 / Bill Lindewirth 314-839-0282

Website <http://spiritsofstl.com>

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Jeff Muhs flies his beautiful Pitts Special under the ribbon one of six times while competing in the August 19 Fun-Fly.



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**MEETING IS AT
SPIRITS' FIELD,
ON
WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 13,
AT 7:00 P.M.**