



# FLIGHT LINES

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

## Happy New Year

### PREZ SEZ

By Bill Lindewirth

With the New Year just a few days away, I'd like to remind everyone about our annual "New Year's Day Fly-In" from 10:00 A.M to 2:00 P.M. at our field. Hot chocolate, coffee and donuts will be served. Please remember to bring firewood for the bonfire.

Plans are being made to have our annual "Show & Tell" on Monday evening, April 2. Also, our annual "Swap Meet" with Boeing is tentatively scheduled for May 19 at Fort Zumwalt High School.

*Hope to see you there!*

### MEETING MINUTES: December 13, 2006

By Walt Wilson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Twenty-nine members and three new member applicants were present.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Les Richman had his pacemaker replaced after six years and is recovering nicely. He negotiated a better rate of return on our CD and, since we have more cash on hand that won't be needed for a while, asked the membership's permission to add to it. His proposal was approved. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

**Field Report:** Don Velasco was ill and unable to attend the meeting. Lee Volmert has winterized the Kubota. Bill Lindewirth has again contacted the property owners about removal of the trees on the other side of the levee. A tree cutter has been given the job and some work has been observed by our members. All of the large trees are still in place, though. Bill will call again if some real progress isn't seen in a week or so.

**Safety Report:** No new issues were addressed.

**Training Report:** Bob Gizzie received notice that repairs have been completed on the RCV engine given to the

Spirits for evaluation and it is being shipped back to him. The RCV people want us to continue using it in the club trainer and are willing to keep it running for us. They are very nice people to deal with.

### Members and Applicants:

The following applicants were at the meeting for the first time.

Name	Phone Number
Dan Olsen	636-541-3176
Robert Whitrock	636-922-0553
Austin Whitrock	636-922-0553

They were unanimously welcomed by the members present. Dan Olsen asked if he could work for his dues, since he is experiencing financial difficulties. All necessary work is currently being voluntarily accomplished by dues-paying members. Through the years, other people have asked to work or perform some service for the club in exchange for free membership. All have been rejected. Two members offered to donate \$10.00 each toward his dues, but that falls far short. He asked if he could continue to fly as a guest, but he's already exceeded the allowable four times. The matter was tabled for further discussion, but is not likely to be approved.

**Membership Report:** 35 members had signed up for 2007. An additional seven new and renewals submitted their applications at the meeting for a total of 42 at this time. Others have submitted applications without a copy of their 2007 AMA cards. Those applications were returned. **It is imperative that your application be accompanied with a copy of your 2007 AMA card!**

### Activities Report:

**New Year's Day Fly-In:** Entry is free, there will be free doughnuts, hot chocolate and coffee, and this is the place to be on New Years Day! See the flyer on page 7 for more details.

**Show 'N Tell:** Paul Geders has proposed a Show 'N Tell where entrants are given ballots to vote for all classes of planes but may not vote for their own plane(s).

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There will be classes for Sport Scale, Other, Novice, and ARF's, but no other rules. Ralph Doyle has proposed that the event be held in a meeting room at Ryan's Steak House in Bridgeton. It will be on a weeknight (Monday thru Thursday) and the room must be vacated by 8:30 P.M. Paul has volunteered to be in charge and tentatively has set Monday, April 2, as the date. More information will be forthcoming.

**Swap Meet.** Because of security concerns, the Swap Meet will not be at the Boeing facility. Nothing has been heard from the Boeing Club about confirmation of a reservation at Fort Zumwalt High School again or any other progress on the 2007 Swap Meet. A coordinator and at least eight workers are needed from each club for setup, working the event, and cleanup. A motion was made and passed that, if we don't hear from the Boeing people and have a coordinator and at least eight workers volunteer from our club by the January meeting, we withdraw from the event. This event generates a significant amount of income for each club, so should be carefully considered before pulling out.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None presented that was not addressed in above reports.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Proposed Budget:** The Board of Directors had previously met and discussed a budget for 2007 as proposed by President Bill Lindewirth. The proposed budget was distributed to all present at the membership meeting and approved unanimously.

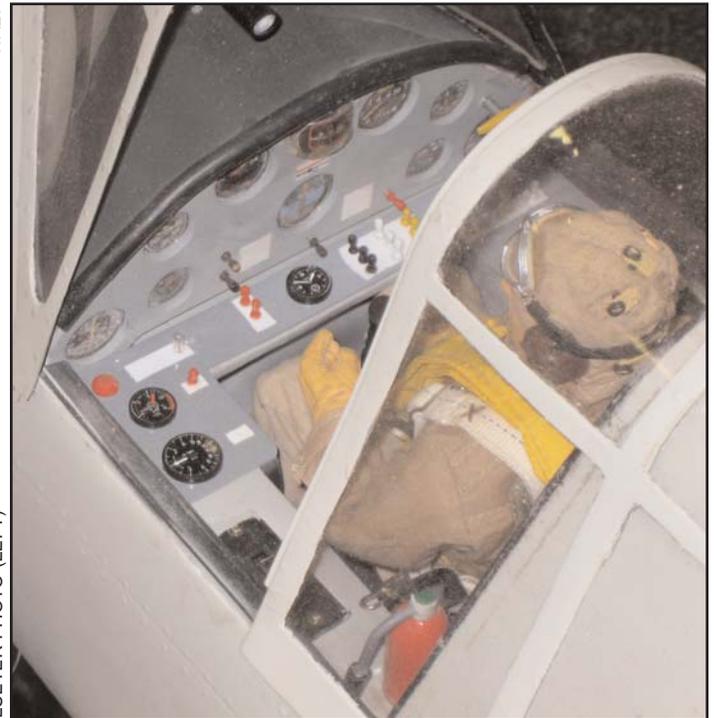


*John Smith discussed details of his scratch-built Vought Kingfisher. He spent about 1-1/2 years on it, so far. It still isn't finished.*



*John's Kingfisher is 1/5 scale and weighs 27 pounds, so far. It has an Evolution 3.5 engine and working flaps, in addition to the regular functions.*

WALT WILSON PHOTOS



*The cockpit is fully detailed with a very nicely finished pilot.*

CAROLYN SCHLUETER PHOTO (LEFT)

**Member of the Year:** Several people voluntarily put in hundreds of hours each year making the club operate successfully. It's not practical to give everyone the rewards they deserve, but the Board of Directors unanimously selected just one person to receive recognition for his extraordinary efforts during the past year. Bob Gizzie was given the "Member of the Year" award for his outstanding efforts

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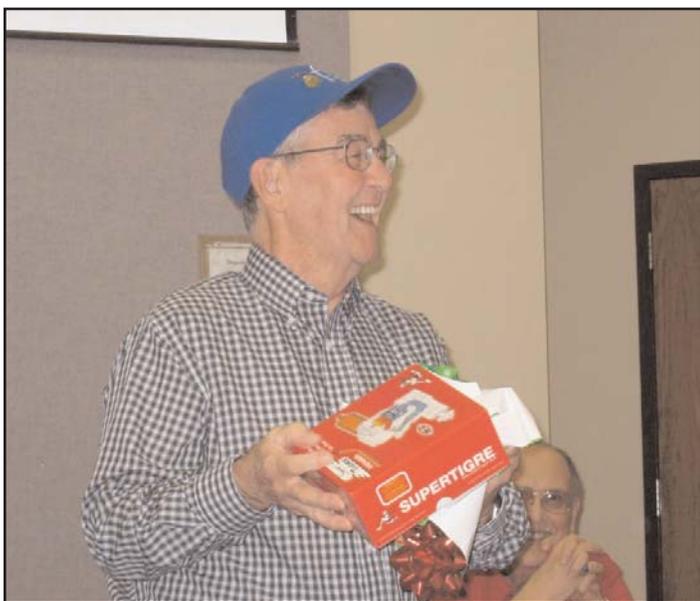
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in recruiting new members and training both old and new flyers. Congratulations and Thank You Bob!

**Meeting Activities:** Two members brought planes to show and two others brought a plane and other materials to sell. See the pictures for details.



*Lee Volmert discussed his new AK Models C-160. It has twin Magnum .28's and only weighs 7-1/2 pounds, ready to fly. It has a fiberglass fuselage and built-up balsa flying surfaces. As sometimes happens with AK kits, he encountered some fit and finish problems, but it looks like it may be a good flyer.*



*Pat Keebey is thrilled to have won a new Super Tigre GS 40 in the monthly drawing for a meeting attendance prize.*



*Bob Gizzie was awarded the "Spirits' Member of the Year" Award for his dedicated efforts to promote the sport, our club, and the training of new flyers and potential members. He has also been instrumental in recruiting many new members. Great job, Bob!*



*Bob Gizzie awarded Babe Raab a certificate for being the first Spirit to fly off snow this winter. See page 6 for more pictures.*

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.**

### **Membership Renewals Due**

*By Bill Lindewirth*

Just a quick reminder that your 2006 Spirits membership expires on December 31. *(Continued on the next page)*

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renew by March 1 will be considered new and will be required to pay an initiation fee. A membership application is included in this newsletter. A copy of your 2007 AMA card must accompany your renewal.

### What's in the Workshop?

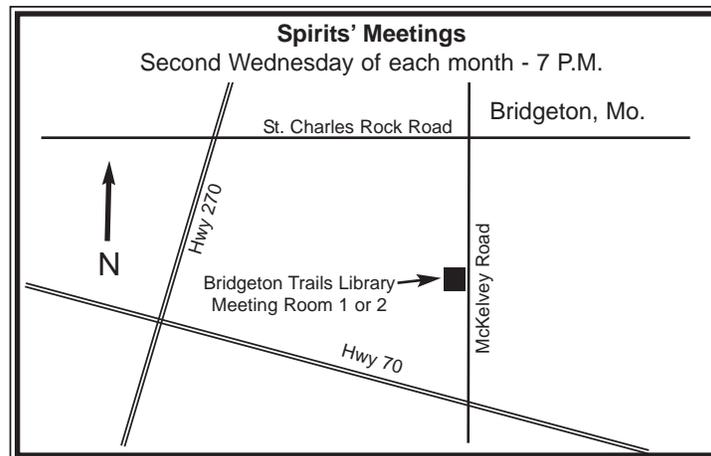


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A few of the twenty or so planes resting in Don Hoelting's basement. They include a Fokker D-VII, Curtiss Robin, Lockheed Vega, Curtiss Robin, Douglas Devestator, and a Cessna 180. Most are scratch-built from his own designs and many have won or placed well in past Spirits' and Boeing R/C Club Show 'N Tells. Many more models of rarely-seen subjects, such as a Gee Bee Sportster, Cessna 180, and grumman Hellcat are in various stages of completion. Don is one of our members who is seldom seen at the field, but he's an excellent designer and builder.



Jim Rawlings showed one of the planes he has been trying to sell. He has retired from flying, and wants to sell his equipment, but will still build for others.



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### Remembering 2006 In Pictures....



*The 2006 Annual New Year's Day Fly-In was well attended and the weather was very good for that time of year. The temperatures were not bad and the sun even popped out occasionally.*



*Swap Meet attendance was somewhat smaller than last year, but enjoyed by all who were there.*



*The Spirits held their first Show 'N Tell with real judges in many years. Thirty four entrants and diners enjoyed the aircraft on display, good food, and comraderie for the evening. Walt Wilson took "Best of Show" honors.*



*The first Four-Star 40 and Warbirds races were on May 27. There were nine entrants in F-S 40 and three in Warbirds. Steve Ramonczuk won F-S 40 and Paul Geders took first place in Warbirds.*



*The entrants went topless while competing in the June 10 Fun-Fly. A different flyer won each event, but Paul Geders drew the correct color gumballs for top points and to win top money overall.*



*Tom Galloway beat out seven other entrants in the June 24 Four-Star 40 Races. Ralph Doyle's Spitfire was top dog in the Warbirds over three others.*

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2006 In Review...



On June 27, Bob Gizzie and a large contingent of the Spirits' more experienced pilots gave a hands-on demonstration of R/C flying to Boy Scout Troop 11. Here, Bill Lindewirth and Les Richman instruct an eager Scout on a buddy box.



Patch Crouch took top honors, out of thirteen pilots, at the July 15 Low-Key Fun-Fly.



Jeff Muhs awaits his turn to make one of his winning flights at the August 19 Fun-Fly. Again, thirteen flyers competed.



DON FITCH PHOTO (LEFT)

The September meeting was held at our field for the first time in many years. This was made possible by the installation of electricity and lights. Bill Lindewirth outdid himself preparing steaks to supplement the covered dishes brought by most attendees.

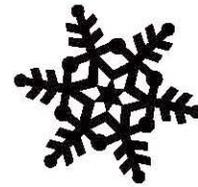


PHOTOS BY CAROLYN SCHLUETER, DON FITCH, AND WAMT WILSON

The Spirits' Sixth Annual Open House was the best attended to date. The air show was great and our club actually made a substantial amount of money on the event even though flying and parking were free.



The final race of the season was on October 14. Steve Ramonczuk beat out eight others to win F-S 40 and Curt Milster won Warbirds over five other racers.



# **“Spirits R/C”**

## ***New Year’s Day Fly-In***



**Come join us at our Field!**  
**Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007**  
**10:00 am – 2:00 pm**  
**Open to all AMA Members**  
**‘FREE’ Landing Fee**  
**Free Coffee, Hot Chocolate & Donuts!**



For more information contact:  
Bill Lindewirth: 314-839-0282  
E-mail: [MrBillSTL@aol.com](mailto:MrBillSTL@aol.com)  
Or visit our website at: [www.spiritsofstl.com](http://www.spiritsofstl.com)

**Must have current AMA!**

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### First Snow-Fly of the Winter

By Don Velasco

The snow and ice of December 1 laid the way for the first Snow-Fly of the winter. Don Velasco, Babe Rabe, Glenn Gerken, Dan Olson and Bob Gizzie were there. Babe Rabe was the first flyer in the air. John Key and Feroz Kahn came to watch and did get a chance to fly the club trainer. First thing I had to do was shovel a clearing in the driveway from the road. Babe and Glen pulled up about 15 minutes later and gave me some relief. The snow was hard all the way from the driveway to the parking area and the flight line was covered with snow and ice. The day was sunny with absolutely no wind. The sun felt nice and warm even though the temperature was in the twenties. I stayed for about two hours and left. During my time there were no crashes and everyone was having an excellent time flying. We did have two visitors who came to watch.



*Don Velasco flew off the ice-packed snow with wheels on his plane.*



*Dan Olsen and Glen Gerken prepare to fly.*



*Babe Raab was the first to fly.*



*Glen Gerken and Babe Raab brave the cold to enjoy flying off snow.*

### The Last Word

By Walt Wilson

2006 was a very good year for the Spirits. We were recognized by the AMA as a Gold Leader Club, which means we have all the facilities and do all the operational, charitable, and public relations activities expected of a first-rate AMA Charter Club. We installed electricity at the field, we had eleven events and contests and donated money to a worthy organization. We introduced members of a Boy Scout Troop to Radio Control Flying and participated in a "Radio Control Expo". Our instructors demonstrated and allowed some "hands on" experiences for drive-up spectators, thereby creating potential new members. New flyers were trained and some older ones got better at building and flying. The new year promises to be a good one. *Happy New Year to all!* *Gotta go build!*



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



FOR YEAR \_\_\_\_\_  
(PLEASE FILL IN YEAR ABOVE)

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

AMA No. \_\_\_\_\_

Your e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Family Members:

Name: AMA #	Name: AMA #	Name: AMA #
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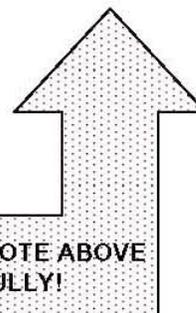
**NOTE: ANY MEMBER WHO ALLOWS THEIR MEMBERSHIP TO LAPSE BEYOND MARCH 1 OF ANY YEAR SHALL BE CONSIDERED A NEW MEMBER WHEN RENEWING THEIR MEMBERSHIP. SOURCE: ARTICLE 7 SECTION 1, AND 4, CLUB BYLAWS. DUES ARE PAYABLE NO LATER THAN THE JANUARY CLUB MEETING.**

**To become a new member or renew your membership, please do the following:**

1. Fill in the above information, even if this is a renewal.
2. Photocopy this application with valid AMA license of each flying member in the spaces below.
3. Make out a check payable to SPIRITS OF ST. LOUIS R/C FLYING CLUB, INC. (NO CASH PLEASE)
4. Send completed application and check to the membership chairperson: →→→→

**Membership Chairperson**

John Key  
24 Briarwick Trail  
St. Peters, MO 63376  
Phone No. 636-922-2556



If you apply at a club meeting, be sure to have all three of the above items. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m., at the Bridgeton Trails County Library Branch, 3455 McKelvey Rd.

**Note: New Members shall be introduced in person OR, by their sponsor, to the club before joining. This allows new members to join the club, even though their schedule doesn't allow them to attend club meetings. New members who join in August or September will pay \$10.00 each for August and/or September, and will also pay next year's dues and initiation fee at the same time. New members who join on/after October 1st pay only the annual membership amount and the initiation fee, but get the next year and the end of the current year included. Junior members pay no initiation fee and \$2.50 each for August and/or September!**

**MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT:**

I agree to abide by the SAFETY RULES and CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS of the SPIRITS OF ST. LOUIS R/C FLYING CLUB, INC.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Family Member Signature Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership rejected if not signed and dated, or AMA card NOT VALID FOR YEAR APPLIED FOR!**

**Spirits Web-site Address is: <http://spiritsofstl.com>**

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**AMA "Introductory Membership" Program NOT VALID for membership to our club!**

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*Spirits' Annual New Year's Day Fly-In*

**January 1, 2007**

Official Time: 10:00 A.M.  
to 2:00 P.M.

(Some early birds will  
start around 9:15)

Start the New Year right,  
by flying at Spirits' Field



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**Meeting is on  
Wednesday,  
January 10,  
at 7:00 P.M.**