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

ELECTION OF 2008 OFFICERS OCTOBER 10

PREZ SEZ:

By Bill Lindewirth

As my fourth and final term as President comes to an end, I cannot begin to thank all the wonderful people of this club who have helped and supported me during the last four years.

Looking back, my first challenge as President four years ago, was to address the concern of flying radio controlled aircraft at the "Katy Trail State Park", located less than a mile away from our field. After numerous phone calls to various departments within the state, I finally contacted the proper person with sufficient knowledge to address this problem. Fortunately for us, he was also a radio control enthusiast and understood this potential danger. Since the State of Missouri has no restrictions on the flying of radio controlled aircraft in any of their State Parks, I had to contact the Department of State Parks in Jefferson City and alert them to this potentially dangerous situation. With their help, this problem was resolved. The Missouri Department of State Parks, as well as the Park Rangers, deserve our special thanks for enforcing these restriction that are now posted at the park.

With the help of my fellow officers and the Board of Directors, we were able to sit down with David and John Ostmann and negotiate a 10 year lease, with a possible 30 year extension. As part of the lease agreement, all of the really large trees have been removed from the other side of the levee with plans to remove the smaller trees in the near future. Also, asphalt millings have been spread, from the base of the levee to the edge of our parking lot, fulfilling our obligations of the lease agreement.

With the help of about forty hard working and devoted members, we accomplished the incredible task of installing electricity at our field, which allowed us to install fans and lighting in our pavilion, as well as electrical outlets at the flight line and in the pit area.

Last year we succeeded in becoming an "AMA Gold Leader Club." Together, "we" have made some great accomplishments.

I will continue to remain on the Board of Directors to fill the position of "Past President" to provide guidance and continuity to the next administration.

In closing, I ask that you keep my son, Ryan, in your thoughts and prayers. He is currently at Camp Pendleton, in San Diego, CA., and after a grueling 13 weeks in boot camp, he will graduate on November 29, 2007, as one of "*The Few, The Proud, a United States Marine.*" Thank you, and may God Bless!

Hope to see you at the field!

MEETING MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 12, 2007

By Walt Wilson

Spirits' Field, St. Charles County, Mo. The meeting was called to order by President Bill Lindewirth at 7:12 P.M. Forty-three members, membership applicants, and a number of spouses and guests were present. Several people flew their planes before the meeting. One or more covered dishes were brought by most members and their families, with meat and drinks provided by the club. Bill Lindewirth did the barbecuing. This was easily the "Meeting of the Year" for the Spirits.

Secretary's Report: Minutes were accepted as published in last month's Flight Lines with the following exception; Frank Nolle noted that Cecil Whitrock and Bob Gizzie were the prime movers in getting the millings installed on the road to the levee and in our driveway. Thank you guys! Completion of the road to the levee fulfills one of the provisions of our present lease agreement.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Field Report: Frank Nolle offered thanks to Don Fitch for adding wheels to one end of the rest of our starting tables. Now they can be easily moved without any heavy lifting. John Matticker has volunteered to build two more tables and money was

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(Continued from the previous page) approved for that project. Our sincere thanks to Don Fitch for all the tables he has built. They've become very popular with all flyers and are indispensable for many of us with knee or leg problems.

Trash In Porta-Potty: Someone has been dumping bottles and other trash in our Porta-Potty. The service man was unable to service it the last time he was there. Les Richman will contact them to see what has to be done and pay whatever it takes to get it corrected. **There is no excuse for people doing this! If you brought it, take it home with you! do not dump trash on the field or in the Porta-Potty!**

Safety Report: No issues were presented. All flyers are observing the rules and flying as safely as they can.

Training report: New flyers are being trained on a regular basis. See page 7 for the latest solo.

Membership Report: We now have 165 members and six are early joiners for 2008.

The following applicants and recently-joined members were introduced.

Tim Saxer	636-639-1431
Ron Mays	636-939-3309
Matt Clouser	636-294-0987
Joe Maxey	636-397-3272
Dakota Maxey	636-397-3272
Matt Johnson	636-448-3323

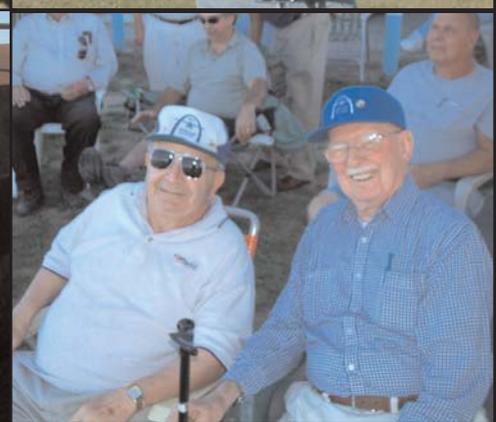
All were unanimously accepted and welcomed to the Spirits.

Activities Report:

SLRCFA is having a Fly-In on September 15-16: Parking is \$3.00 and the flying fee is \$20.00, which includes a pilots' raffle and lunch.

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September 12 Meeting Photos



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More September 12 Meeting Photos

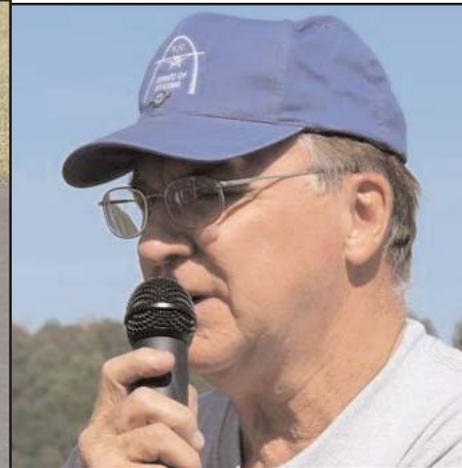


The corn is harvested!



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Spirits' Seventh Annual Open House, September 29, 2007



More photos on the next page.....

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*We'll have a lot more
Open House photos
next month!*



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Spirits' Open House September 29: Cecil Whitrock will organize and oversee registration and transmitter impound. Greg Bohrer will do the concessions with Jenny Gray assisting. Volunteer workers are still needed, so a sign up sheet was passed around. Three great prizes are being raffled off. Paul Geders has arranged for a Boeing ScanEagle UAV to be on display with a video of its capabilities. He will also answer questions. Paul has distributed flyers to all local hobby shops and Walt Wilson has arranged newspaper publicity.

Warbirds/Four-Star 40 Races, October 13: Paul Geders is the Contest Director. See the flyer on page 9 for more details

OLD BUSINESS:

Constitutional Inconsistencies: Paul Geders received recommended corrections from the AMA and they have been incorporated in our Constitution. The By-Laws have also been updated to reflect the way we do business today. The changed areas are presented on page 6 and will be voted upon at the October meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Concessions at Events: Bill Lindewirth has stepped down as our Concessionaire after doing his thing at dozens of contests and events put on by our club over the past four years. Jenny Gray has volunteered to take over that job and will offer concessions at all future Spirits' events. Good job, Bill, and welcome Jenny!

Nomination of Officers for 2008:

The following candidates were nominated at the meeting:

President:	Cecil Whitrock Steve Cross (later withdrawn)
Vice President:	Gene Jones
Secretary:	Walt Wilson
Treasurer:	Les Richman

Other candidates may be nominated at the October meeting, or written in on an absentee ballot. An absentee ballot, for members who can't attend the meeting, is on page 8.

Meeting Activity: An excellent dinner was prepared and enjoyed by those present. We want to thank the members and their families who prepared the food. It was great! We plan to repeat the *Member Appreciation Night* next September. Several members flew before and after the meeting. Paul Geders showed a video of ScanEagle flights.

Bill Lindewirth, Neal Gray, and Tim Saxer won the attendance prizes.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAW CHANGES:

Recently, it was pointed out that our Club Constitution, which was largely written by AMA-provided lawyers, was inconsistent with known AMA policy in one area. After consultation with the AMA, the following provisions have been changed.

Constitution:

Article 4 Eligibility

Section 1. All members will abide by the rules and policies of the SPIRITS Club and the AMA. As a member of the AMA, the following applies:

I agree to comply with the AMA Safety Code for all applicable model operations. I understand that my failure to comply with the Safety Code may endanger my liability coverage for any damages or claims so caused. I further understand that written notice must be immediately provided of the occurrence of any incident.

I am aware that modeling may present hazards to participants and spectators. I exempt, waive, and relieve the Academy of Model Aeronautics, Incorporated (AMA) from all current or future liability for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death caused by negligence. All members agree not to sue the SPIRITS of St. Louis R/C Flying Club, Inc. organization, its Board of Directors, individual officers, or individual members. All members agree to hold harmless and indemnify the SPIRITS of St. Louis R/C Flying Club, Inc. organization, its Board of Directors, including individual officers or individual members.

This waiver shall be in force at all times when I am a member of the SPIRITS of St. Louis R/C Flying Club, Inc. and of the AMA, and the waiver does not require my re-signature when I renew my membership in either organization.

The By-Laws have been updated to reflect current changes in the operation of our club. This part has nothing to do with the AMA. The following are the updated sections.

Section 6. *Field Committee Chairman: The Field Committee Chairman shall be responsible for establishing "mowing crews" and "mowing equipment maintenance crews". He or she is to ensure that the field is properly maintained, and recommend improvements/changes.*

Section 10. ~~*GSLMA Representative: The GSLMA Representative will be responsible for attending the monthly GSLMA meetings, representing the Spirits' interests at those meetings, and reporting back to the Spirits' membership.*~~

Section 10. *Newsletter Editor: The Newsletter Editor shall be responsible for coordination and publication of the Spirits' monthly newsletter, "Flight Lines". A paper copy, which is mailed to each active member, and an electronic version, will be supplied to the Web-master for inclusion on the Spirits' web site.*

Section 11. *Web-Site Web-Master: The Web-Site Web-Master shall be responsible for maintaining the Spirits' official web site, and its entire contents.*

Section 12. *Meeting Activity Coordinator/s: The Meeting Activity Coordinator/s shall be responsible for coordinating model-related activities, immediately following the business portion of the meeting.*

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Spirits' Seventh Annual Open House

By Don Fitch and Carolyn Schlueter

We had another great turn out and the weather certainly cooperated. Greg Bohrer and crew gave us wonderful food, Gene and Irene Jones handled the raffle, and Cecil Whitrock oversaw registration and transmitter impound.

Pilot's Drawing Winners: One Year Free Spirits Family Membership - Les Richman, Electric Speed Control donated by Mark Trent - Babe Raab.

Raffle Winners: 1st Place; Futaba Radio - Joe Maxie, 2nd Place; You Can Do It 3D Kit - Russ Watts, 3rd Place; \$100 Gift Card for Mark Twain Hobbies - Kyle Cross. We'll have more pictures and details next month!

FOR SALE

John C. Klamfar, a former club member, passed away recently. John's son-in-law, Roy, is having an estate sale on October 27, from 9A.M. until 1 P.M., at #36 Rolling Hills Drive, Florissant, MO 63033. Everything, including the following, must go!

Little blue airplane, Futaba TX and RX on Ch. 5, Servos in plane, OS 15 with muffler.

Kadet Senior, all red, Airtronics Radio on Ch. 25, Super Tigre 40, with muffler.

Slo Poke, red/yellow, Airtronics radio on Ch. 25, OS 25 with muffler.

Super Star 40 ARF, Futaba Conquest on Ch. 45, Super Tigre 40 with muffler

Hobbico Trainer, red/white/blue, yellow wing with ailerons, Futaba radio, 4 servos, OS 40 FP.

High Wing Trainer, Red/white, Hitec radio on CH. 54, 5 channel, programmable, all servos installed.

OS 40 LA, new in box.

OS 15 FP, new in box.

Hobbico Accu Cycle Charger's (2), one new in box, one used.

Field box in tool case, with starter.

Flite Box with panel, with starter.

NiCad Starter with charger, new in package.

OS 25 on test stand.

Cox 049 on test stand.

K & B Torpedo Green Head.

Misc. planes, some need covering.

Great Planes Sports 40, needs finishing.

Sig 4 Star 40 kit, Still wrapped up.

Some Collectors items:

Babcock Escapement, new in box.

Spitzzy 045.

OK Cub 049, new in box.

Green Control Line Plane, with engine, Indian head on side of engine.

For information, call: Gene Jones at 314-291-5823 or the seller, Roy Hermsen at 314-630-2060 (cell phone).



PHOTO BY BOB GIZZIE

Cecil Whitrock (left) congratulates John Matticker on completing his first solo flight on Tuesday, September 11. Bob Gizzie was his proud Instructor.

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1st Annual Anal Osculating Race NO FEES – NO PRIZES

The race will be held in October at 3:00 p.m. on a Sunday. Date: October 14th.

Event Directors: Bob Gizzie, Cecil Whitrock, Pat Keebey, Don Fitch

Bouncers: Don Whitrock, Steve Ramonczuk

Cheerleaders: Paul Geders, Bill Hancock, Jim Rawlings, Les Richman, Don Hoelting, Carolyn Schlueter

RULES:

1. These races will be run using the honor system in order to let all the participant's have an equal opportunity to cheat.
2. The only planes allowed are high wing trainers.
3. The planes may be powered by
 1. Rockets
 2. CO₂
 3. Rubber Bands
 4. Electric
 5. 2- or 4-Cycle Glow or Gas
4. The contestants will count their own laps.
5. God will resolve all disputes. If God is busy elsewhere, Don Fitch will act in his place.
6. Cheating is okay if you don't get caught.
7. Anyone involved in an in-flight collision will automatically get first place.
8. The pilot's with first place wins will proceed to the next series of heats. He who wins the last heat will be the last man standing, if he is still standing.
9. The winner will be awarded the maximum amount of money, which will be nothing.
10. No limit on engine size.
11. All contestants must try to fly 5 laps per heat.
12. Buddy Box help is allowed.
13. Contestants may fly a right or left-hand pattern as they choose.
14. There 102 other rules that the Directors will enforce at their pleasure.

Official 2008 Absentee Ballot

The following candidates have been nominated for officers for the year 2008. If you will be unable to attend the October meeting, place a circle around the name of your choice for each office. If you want to nominate another candidate, draw a line through the printed name and use the line below the name of the candidate already nominated for that office.

President	Cecil Whitrock
Vice President	<u>Gene Jones</u>
Secretary	<u>Walt Wilson</u>
Treasurer	<u>Les Richman</u>

If you cannot attend the October meeting, complete the above and mail it to:

Walt Wilson
3000 Persimmon Drive
St. Charles, MO 63301-0131

Absentee ballots must be received no later than October 9 to be counted.

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read "Anatomy of a Flying Field", an article I wrote for Model Aviation magazine in 2002. It defines what we went through to acquire, get permits, and initially develop our present flying field. It took a group effort with a lot of time devoted by several people. We had previously developed and lost three fields during the club's existence. Since we planned to spend in the vicinity of \$60,000.00 to develop a new field, we didn't want to lose another one. It was important to have property in the right location and all the permits. Go to our web site and click on "Anatomy of the Spirits' Flying Field". You may find it interesting.

Bill Lindewirth has decided to step down as President after four years. Our compliments to him for taking the reins during a difficult period and showing others how a club should operate. He's worked hard and accomplished much during the past four years. Our best to him in his future endeavors. I have a feeling we'll be hearing more from him down the road.

Some of us have consented to continue our services as officers for a bit longer (assuming we're elected) to help the next administration get off the ground. Please attend the October meeting and vote for the candidates of your choice. If they haven't been nominated, you can still nominate and vote for them. If you aren't nominated for an elective office, volunteer to assist with one of the many committees headed by Board of Directors members. If you don't hold office, at least let the officers and Board of Directors know what you want from your club. They will be the leaders of the Spirits' club for the next year or more.

The Last Word By Walt Wilson

For those who may have joined the Spirits in the past four or five years, it might be beneficial to go to our web site and

Gotta Go Build

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



Presents



Four-Star 40*

and

Silver Class WARBIRDS*

Races

Saturday, October 13, 2007



At Spirits Field

on Amrein Road, ½ mile south of Greens Bottom Road

St. Charles County

Paul Geders, 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**

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CAROLYN SCHLUETER PHOTO

Thanks to Paul Geders, this Boeing ScanEagle UAV was on display at our Open House. Paul was available all day to answer questions and discuss the bird's capabilities. He also had a video of the ScanEagle in action.



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