



FLIGHT LINES

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

Races June 23, Fun-Fly July 14

PREZ SEZ:

By Bill Lindewirth

Congratulations to Bob Fiely, Don Fitch, and George Cooper for winning first through third place, respectively, in last month's *Design & Build Challenge*. One possible solution to the puzzle is printed elsewhere in this newsletter, compliments of the engineering and CAD skills of Matt Geders.

After five plus years as our *Chief Flight Instructor*, Bob Gizzie is retiring from that position. Words alone cannot describe the utterly fantastic job he has done over the years recruiting new members into our club and teaching them the correct way to fly. His talents will truly be missed! Anyone interested in filling this position, please contact me or one of the other officers.

We are still seeking someone to fill the position of *Field Committee Chairman*. Since our grass cutting has been contracted out, the responsibilities of this position include monitoring problems with the field, (road, gravel, painting and etc.) and bringing it to the attention of the officers and making suggestions on how to resolve these problems and/or organizing work parties to help with those issues.

Two or three volunteers are needed to organize this year's *7th Annual Open House* scheduled for Saturday, September 29. After organizing this event for the last five years, I feel it is time for someone else to step forward and help with organizing this ever popular event. With no one stepping forward to run the concession stand, and future *Swap Meets* being eliminated due to poor turn out, this is our club's only other source of income, other than membership dues. If no one volunteers by the July 11 monthly meeting, I will have no choice but to cancel this event.

June 23 is our second Four-Star 40/Warbirds event of the year, and July 14 is our second Fun-Fly of the year. For additional information on these events, see the fliers on pages 7 and 9, or visit our website at:

www.spiritsofstl.com.

Hope to see you there!

MEETING MINUTES: June 13, 2007

By Walt Wilson, Secretary

The Meeting was called to order by President Bill Lindewirth at 7:01 P.M. Twenty-six members were present. Bill reminded all that caps, cups, and decals are in stock and available. Several items were sold at the meeting.

New Members Were Introduced:

Bruce Barth 636-441-7112

Jeff Willis 636-922-7092

Both were accepted unanimously by the members present.

Secretary's Report: Minutes were accepted as published in

last month's Flight Lines.

Treasurer's Report: The annual rent check for the field is in the mail. Everything else is up to date. The mowing service and 'Johnny-on-the-Spot' people are adding fuel surcharges, increasing costs for both. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Field Report: We still need a volunteer for the position of Field Committee Chairman. No volunteers. Babe Raab cleaned and repainted the starting tables. Flyers are now waiting for tables to be available, so Don Fitch volunteered to build two more. The cost, with wheels, will be about \$50.00 each. It was also decided to add wheels to one end of the existing tables, too. The Kubota has been completely serviced and is back in the barn, ready for use.

Rich Taylor reported that he went to the field late on Memorial Day and it was trashed. He gathered a Walmart plastic bag full of waste. **If you bring anything to the field, take it home with you! DO NOT LEAVE LITTER AT THE FIELD!**

The gate is frequently left open. If you're the last one to leave the field, close the gate!

Additional gravel is needed on the drive and parking lot. Paul Geders has since investigated and the estimated cost is \$1700.00 to 1800.00.

Safety Report: An instance occurred recently where someone turned on a radio on the same frequency another flyer was using while airborne. **Always make sure you have your membership card on the frequency board before turning on your radio!**

Flyers using the new Spektrum radios are to put their membership cards on the frequency board, too, even though the frequencies are random.

Membership Report: We now have 148 members! That's exactly the same number we had last year at this time.

Training Report: Chief Flight Instructor Bob Gizzie reported that a lot of training was going on. He also announced that he needs a break and is stepping down as Chief Instructor. Bill asked for a volunteer to replace him, but there were no takers. The other Instructors are still available. See our web site for a list.

Spirits Apparel: Pat Keebey has a request for clothing, but has to have more to place an order. We can't order one piece of embroidered or silk-screened clothing at a time because setup costs are prohibitive. (Continued on the next page)

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He will hold the order until other requests are received. He will re-order a dozen caps, though.

Ray Meyers is in Delmar Gardens Nursing Home. Drop by and see him if you know him.

OLD BUSINESS:
None was presented.

ACTIVITIES REPORT:

Annual Swap Meet: Profit from the Swap meet is the lowest we've experienced. It was decided to not participate, if there is one next year.

June 9 Topless M&M Fun-Fly: It was a fantastic day for flying and all contestants flew topless in at least one event. There were only six entrants, due to conflicting events in the area, but everyone had a good time. Paul Geders had the most M&M's of the right colors for first place. Gene Jones was second and Vic Bunze was third. Photos are on pages 3 and 4.

June 10 Missouri History Museum Display: Don Fitch organized a display of our planes at the Missouri History Museum on June 10. Carolyn Schlueter assisted and, since space was limited, Walt Wilson was the only other exhibitor. The society donated \$100.00 to the Spirits for our participation. Photos are on page 5.

June 23 Four-Star 40 and Warbirds Races: CD Curt Milster was not present at the meeting. See page 7 for details.

July 14 Fun-Fly: Bob Fiely discussed the events to be flown and possible reduced or eliminated entry fees. See the flyer on page 9 for details.

Annual Open House, September 29: Volunteers are needed to handle the various aspects of the Open House. There were no volunteers at the meeting. If there are no volunteers, we may drop the event.

Why Cash Bashes? Bob Gizzie asked why we had to have



Bob Underwood answered several questions about the AMA safety code and guidelines.



Rich Taylor discussed his new Eflite Edge 540 ARF. It seems to be a really nice airplane.



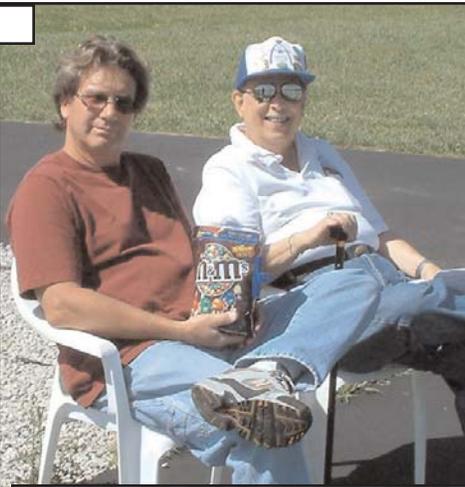
Rich also discussed his Wattage Decathlon and its challenging ground handling characteristics.

entry fees and cash prizes for participation in Fun-Flys. He felt the club could provide some small prizes for all participants or they could just fly for bragging rights. This was discussed several years ago, when money was short, and it was decided that the club treasury would not take money from the entire membership to provide prizes for the small percentage of members and non-members who regularly participate in these events. Club contests must be self-supporting.

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PHOTOS BY CAROLYN SCHLUETER AND WALT WILSON

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After costs are paid, the remaining money from entry fees can be distributed as the Contest Director sees fit. If there are no entry fees, no prizes will be provided by the club.

NEW BUSINESS:

Boy Scouts Learn-To-Fly Night: Les Richman has been asked by the Scout Troop we entertained last year if we could do it again on Tuesday, June 26. We will do so. Planes and pilots are needed. See Les to volunteer.

Owner's Names on Airplanes: Bob Underwood noted that the AMA Safety Code says that all model aircraft must have the owner's name and AMA number on-or-in them. Paul Geders noted that our Constitution says all members will comply with the AMA Safety Code.

Meeting Activities: Bob Underwood discussed AMA policies and Rich Taylor brought three planes. See the photos on page 2 and to the right for details.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

June 10, 2007 Missouri History Museum display

By Walt Wilson

Don Fitch was recently approached by a representative of the Missouri Historical Society about displaying some of our planes at the Missouri History Museum during their "Flight City" Exposition. Space was limited, so Don recruited me to display a couple of my scale planes to go along with those he planned to show. We were in a relatively heavy traffic area, and talked with dozens of people, including at least one former Spirits' member. GSLMA also had a very nice display, in a more remote part of the complex. They had some great looking planes, but they were almost all ARF's, as opposed to 90% of ours being "home-built" or "scratch-built". We enjoyed a floor show with dancing girls, for about an hour, too!

The society made a nice donation to the Spirits for our participation. Photos are on page 5.

The Last Word

By Walt Wilson

After doing a great job, Bill Lindewirth needed a break and has asked for someone to head up the concession stand at our events. No volunteers. After doing a great job, Don Velasco, our *Field Committee Chairman*, had to resign for health and business reasons. Bill asked for a new chairman. No volunteers. After doing a fantastic job, Bob Gizzie is taking a well-deserved break from serving as *Chief Flight Instructor*. Bill asked for another instructor to replace him. No volunteers.

In most clubs, a handful of people do all the work, regardless of the size of the membership. Eventually, the worker bees get tired and decide it's time to pass the baton to someone new. Now it's time for someone else to pick up *these* jobs. Not all jobs are indispensable. It's a convenience to which we've become accustomed and was really nice while Bill and his assistants were willing to do it, but maybe we really don't need a concession stand at all our events. We



Austin Whitrock is the proud new owner of this electric SlowPoke, thanks to Rich Taylor.



Can you identify this current Spirits' member from his 1960's picture? Answer next month!

do need a Field Committee Chairman to see that all the jobs are done properly and keep our field as nice as it has become. How about it? Someone needs to step forward.

The Instruction Program has been instrumental in the growth of our club. Other clubs without such a program have not grown like ours and most don't have our resources. We have a crew of experienced Instructors so, as long as they're available, we can probably survive. For an experienced pilot, being an Instructor isn't a bad gig. You get a lot of stick time and have the opportunity to become a better pilot using other peoples' airplanes and fuel! You just have to be very patient and have a gentle nature. It's still important to have someone in charge of it. How about one of you Instructors stepping forward?

Don't always count on "They will take care of it". "They" is you!

Gotta go finish this newsletter!

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



Presents



Four-Star 40*

and

Silver Class WARBIRDS*

Races

Saturday, June 23, 2007



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: Curt Milster at 636-387-9100

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REVISION HISTORY			
REV	DESCRIPTION	DATE	APPROVED

	NAME	DATE	Washington University	
DRAWN	M.GEDERS	5-12-07	St. Louis Missouri	
CHECKED	L.CAFAZZA	5-12-07	TITLE	
ENG APPR			Circle Square Triangle 2	
MGR APPR			SIZE	DWG NO
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			SCALE: 1:1	WEIGHT:

Here is one answer to the “Design and Build Challenge” presented in last month’s newsletter, courtesy of Matt Geders.



Bill Lindewirth holds his Starfire ducted fan jet at the SLRCFA fly-In on June 9.

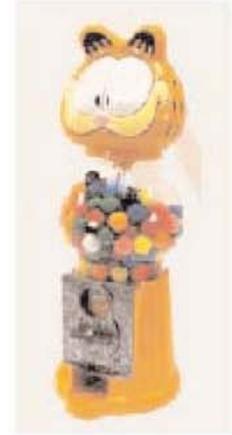
PHOTO BY DONNA FREYMUTH



If you need a flight box, Barry Mizes has two older ones to give away. Call him at; 314-721-1841 or e-mail him at; bmizes@yahoo.com



Low Key Fun Fly



Saturday July 14, 2007
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: \$1.00

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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e-mail at: mrsfie@swbell.net

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WALT WILSON PHOTO

Closeup of the Spirit of St. Louis replica on display at the Missouri History Museum (Jefferson Memorial), in Forest Park. The actual Spirit of St. Louis is in the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C.

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**Meeting is on
Wednesday,
July 11
at 7:00 P.M.**