



FLIGHT LINES

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

F-S 40 RACES AUGUST 4, FUN-FLY AUGUST 25

PREZ SEZ:

By Bill Lindewirth

I would like to thank Frank Nolle for volunteering to fill the position of *Field Committee Chairman* and to Greg Bohrer and Cecil Whitrock for volunteering to organize this year's *7th Annual Open House*, scheduled for Saturday, September 29, 2007. Additional workers are needed throughout the day to man the concession stand and transmitter impound area, as well as set-up and clean-up. A signup sheet will be circulated at next month's meeting.

With road construction continuing on Greens Bottom Road, access to our field may, at times, be re-routed. Construction updates and maps to our field will be posted on our website and updated as necessary.

"Plug and Play" 2.4 GHz Transmitter modules are now available for Futaba Radios through *Great Planes Model Distributors*, <http://2.4gigahertz.com>, and JR Radios through *Horizon Hobby, Inc.*,

<http://www.horizonhobby.com>.

August 4 is our third "Four-Star 40/Warbirds event of the year. For addition information on this event, visit our website at: <http://www.spiritsofstl.com>, contact Steve Cross (CD) at: 636-458-3287, or e-mail him at: svcross@charter.net.

On September 15 and 16, 2007, SLRCFA is hosting their *12th Annual Fly-In* in Eureka, MO. Additional information regarding this event is posted on their website at: <http://www.slrcfa.com> or by contacting Doug Thompson at: 636-391-7950.

Hope to see you there!

MEETING MINUTES: July 11, 2007

By Walt Wilson

Meeting President Bill Lindewirth was out of town on business, so Vice President, Gene Jones, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Members signed in: 29 members and one new applicant were present. The applicant was:

Jeremy Klutenkemper 636-397-7922

Jeremy was accepted unanimously by the members present. Welcome to the Spirits!

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

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

Field Report: Frank Nolle is the new Field Committee Chairman. A big *Thank You* to Pat Keebey, who arranged with the Highway Department to have asphalt millings, from Greens Bottom Road, to be spread on the road from our parking lot to the levee. It was also suggested that the free millings be used for reconditioning our parking lot, instead of a load of expensive gravel (about \$1800.00). Asphalt millings are ground-up asphalt, including a lot of rock.

A number of things needed at the field were noted by Bob Gizzie.

Thanks to Don Fitch for the new plane-finder.

At meeting time, the only access to our field is via Kisker/Pittman Hill Road, from the south, and is quite rough, particularly for small cars. If stopped by highway workers, tell them you're going to the field and they'll let you pass.

Safety Report: No issues were addressed, except for occasional pilots flying from outside the pilots' box.

Training Report: Pete Stephans is our new Helicopter Instructor. He can be reached at 636-926-3087.

Two Futaba buddy boxes are needed. Gene Jones suggested changing the club trainer to a JR radio and using the left-over transmitters for buddy boxes.

Membership Report: We now have 151 members, including Jeremy Klutenkemper.

Activities Report:

Four-Star 40/Warbirds Races: Steve Cross is the Contest Director. See the flyer on page 9 for details.

Fun-Fly, August 25: Don Fitch is the Event Director and promises to make it interesting. See the flyer on page 8.

Open House, September 29: Greg Bohrer will take over the concession stand, Cecil Whitrock will oversee registration and transmitter impound, and Bill Lindewirth will handle the raffles. Workers are still needed for all of the areas. A signup sheet will be passed around for hour-to-hour workers at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Identification on Airplanes: Bob Underwood discussed a statement in our constitution that contradicts AMA policy. (Continued on the next page)

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Since our constitution was written by lawyers provided by AMA, and is supposedly used as a model for other clubs, Bob suggested we contact AMA about clarification and possible changes. He also suggested the hierarchy of contacts to be followed in doing so. The Board Of Directors will review the suggestions and pursue resolution of the differences.

NEW BUSINESS: none presented



Paul Geders discussed his new Four-Star 40. The color scheme is a tribute to Bob Lamb, who first used it several years ago. Paul also created graphics by cutting them out of Monokote and discussed the techniques he used. He also noted modifications he made to the fuselage and engine.



Jim Rawlings showed his scratch-built plane again. It has an Evolution .40 engine, Airtronics radio, buddy box, cable, and charger. He wants to sell the lot for \$300.00 or best offer.



Pat Keebey showed his Bud Andrews Quick-Fly. It's powered by a Fox .25 and he wants to sell it for as close to \$100.00 as he can get.

The Business Portion of the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Meeting Activity: Three members brought airplanes. See the photographs for details about the planes.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

June 23 Four-Star 40 & Warbirds Race Report

By Paul F. Geders

I received an e-mail from Curt Milster, the Wednesday evening before the Saturday race, stating that he had mandatory overtime to work on Saturday and he was not going to be able to officiate. I sent him a note and said that I would run it for him.

On such a short notice...I sent a note to everyone I could think of to help with the running of the contest. The following were there, and helped make a great race, until Mother Nature intervened. Russ Watts, Dave Oswald, Don Velasco, Jerry Heisele, Cecil Whitrock, Mark Livesay, and former member (who is baby-sitting his son's house for the next 6 weeks), Gary Thompson. These are the people that make me proud to be a part of this club. They are there when you really need them.

Another very special "Thank you" goes to Steve Cross who was the assistant CD, and did a terrific job of judging when I was flying. Thanks Steve...it wouldn't have happened without you.

We had nine entrants in Four-Star 40 (which makes for an easy matrix, especially when everyone was on separate frequencies), and five in Warbirds...would have been more but some small last minute problems kept them from flying. We decided to fly all five at once...again no frequency conflicts.

We completed two full rounds by 12:00 noon, when dark clouds and lightning started to make for a questionable continuation of the contest.

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We decided to pack it up, and call it a day.

Steve and I tallied the scores and settled the three ties for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, in Four-Star 40 and 2nd and 3rd in Warbirds by having the tied individuals flip a coin. Fourth place went to Steve Cross, third to Ralph Doyle, second to Steve Ramonczuk and first to the writer. On to Warbirds. All the judges got really excited, and expressed their excitement, when we ran five airplanes at once in Warbirds. It was close, fast racing...so much so that several in the first heat went below the two-minute cutoff by two seconds. It was really exciting flying, watching five airplanes dive into

the turns and wondering if they were all going to come out of it in one piece. The

second heat saw all five diving on the start-finish line with one P-51 not pulling out due to some internal failure. Tom Galloway was dismayed to say the least. Anyway, the results were myself in third place, Jim Schilling in second and Ron Hesskamp in first place.

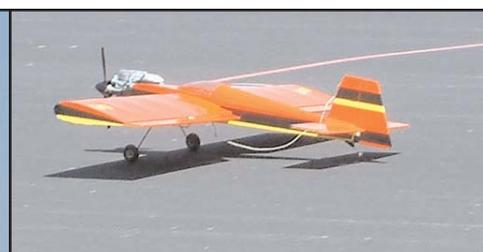
The contest may have been shortened by Mother Nature...but we all still had a great time...and "Thanks again" to all the wonderful guys who worked the lap counters and cut judging...you're the best!

Low Key Fun-Fly, July 14

By Bob Fiely

It was a great day to fly. Twelve Spirits' members were able to find their way to the field and compete in the sixth annual Low Key Fun-Fly. This year only Vic Bunze and Gene Jones scored direct hits in the golf ball drop. Vic took first place and second place was shared by John Smith and Mike Roderer. A big **Thank You** to Jim Rawlings for keeping score.

July 14 Low Key Fun-Fly

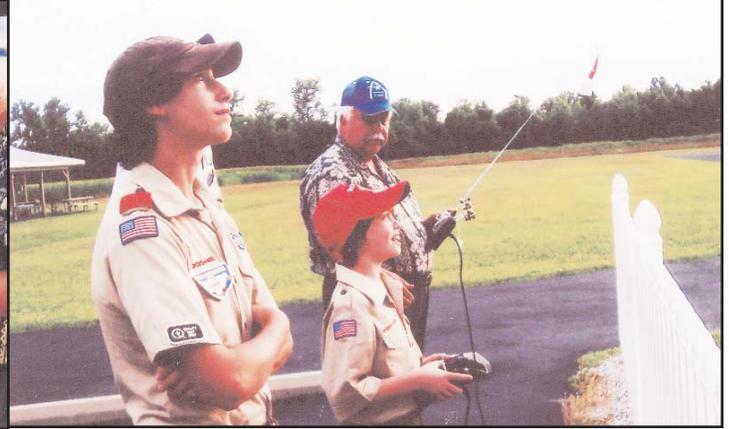


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July 14 Low Key Fun-Fly



June 26 Boy Scout Learn-To-Fly Night



MARVIN GOLDFARB PHOTOS (ABOVE)

Boy Scouts' Learn-To-Fly Night

By Les Richman

Twenty-one Boy Scouts (in full uniforms) and about a half dozen of their leaders (also in uniform), from Troop 11, descended on the Spirits Field on June 26 for our *Boy Scouts' Learn-To-Fly Night*. They returned because they had such a good time last year, but this time they brought more boys and leaders. According to Bob Gizzie, all the boys and one of the leaders got a chance to fly a plane that night. I gave a short talk about how models fly and thanked them for coming before they took off. They're already planning on returning next year.

The Last Word

By Walt Wilson

Serious road work is in progress around our field and access can be dicey at times. As of this writing, the only way in is via Pittman Hill Road, from the south. People coming from Page, or other points north or east, can go over 94, left on Harvester, bear left onto Caulks Hill Road, turn right on Tower and go all the way to the end. Then turn left on Pittmann Hill for about a block, then left on Greens Bottom. Follow Greens Bottom to Amrein. You can also get there by going west (south) on Highway 94 to Kisker or Pittmann Hill, then left to Greens Bottom. The last few hundred feet, or so, to Amrein, aren't paved, but are gravel and passable unless you have serious ground clearance problems. If highway workers stop you, just tell them you're going to the

BOB GIZZIE PHOTO



Bob Gizzie splits the back of Jeremy Klutenkemper's shirt in the traditional celebration of a first solo flight on July 12. Jeremy flew his Super Star Select after going through the Spirits' training program with instructors Gene Jones and Bob.

flying field and they'll let you pass. It's not clear how long these conditions will last, but don't hold your breath. It's a few miles further for those of us coming from the north and east, so allow a little extra time.

Gotta go finish publishing this newsletter. I don't seem to have enough spare time to build or fly these days!

AUTUMN FUN-FLY

August 25, 2007

This fun fly will start at 11:00 AM

Entrance fee will be \$3.00 per person.

1st Event

Cut the tail of the balloon.

Once the person's airplane is airborne, a 12" hydrogen balloon will be released upwind from the pilot. 1 M&M will be given for each hit on the tail. 2 M&Ms will be given for breaking the balloon.

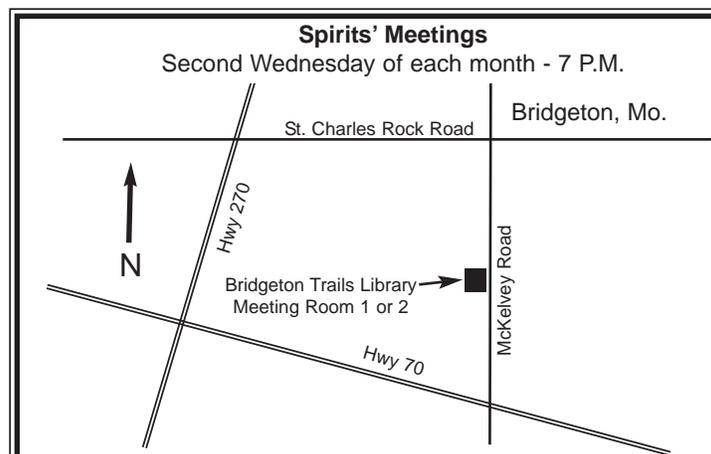
2nd Event

Pilots will be given 35 seconds to climb; at that time the pilot may begin spinning. One M&M will be given for each spin completed.

3rd Event

Go home happy.

For more info, call Don Fitch at 636-441-0373
or e-mail him at dfit4@charter.net



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



Presents



Four-Star 40*

and

Silver Class WARBIRDS*

Races

Saturday, August 4, 2007



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

Steve Cross, 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: **Steve Cross** at 636-458-3287
or e-mail him at: svcross@charter.net

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WALT WILSON PHOTO

Bob Fiely, followed by John Smith, walks his plane to the runway prior to flying in one of the events at the Low Key Fun-Fly on July 14.



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**Meeting is on
Wednesday,
August 8
at 7:00 P.M.**