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

Meeting at Field and Nomination of Officers For 2008 on Sept. 12 Seventh Annual Open House On Sept. 29

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By Bill Lindewirth

I would like to thank Darren Miller, owner of *HobbyTownUSA* in O'Fallon, MO, for their generous donation of a *Great Planes, U-Can-Do 3D, 46 ARF* airplane. This, as well as the gift certificates previous donated by *Mark Twain Hobbies*, will be used for our Open House raffle. See the flyer on page 9 of this newsletter for complete details.

Also, *HobbyTownUSA* is offering all Spirits' members a one time, 20% off coupon. This coupon will represent a 20% discount on an entire purchase. Coupon requirements are that a Spirits' membership card must be presented at time of purchase, a *HobbyTownUSA* customer bonus card must also be either presented, or applied for, at the time of purchase as well. For additional information, contact Darren at: 636-281-2550, or visit their location at: *The Plaza at Hutchings Farm, 255 Hwy. K. O'Fallon, MO 63368.*

Our next monthly meeting, scheduled for September 12, will be held at our field. This will be our *Second Annual Membership Appreciation Dinner*. The club will furnish meat and refreshments. Everyone attending is asked to bring a plane to fly and a covered dish to share. Dinner will be served at 6:00 P.M., with the meeting starting at 7:00 P.M. Nominations of officers for 2008 will be one of the topics on the agenda.

Hope to see you there!

MEETING MINUTES: August 9, 2006

By Walt Wilson

Meeting attendance: 25 members (one new) and two new member applicants were present .

<u>New members</u>	<u>Phone</u>
James Marshall	636-379-2023
Neal Gray	314-363-6686
John Matticker	314-409-3275

All were accepted unanimously and the two applicants joined at the meeting.

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

Treasurer's Report: Report was accepted as presented.

Field Report: Some roads were closed during the past month, but our field is now completely accessible from all directions. Circuit breaker number ten is still troublesome. The electrician has been on vacation, but Bill will contact him ASAP. Millings (ground-up road surface) for our road to the levee should be available in the next month.

Safety Report; No issues were brought up, but it was noted that two planes were crashed into the corn during last week's races. Both were easily found, thanks to use of Don Fitch's Plane Finder and searching techniques that have been developed by our club. To date, as many as seven planes have been found after crashing in the corn! Several members owe Don a debt of gratitude! If you've ever had to try to find a plane in a corn field, you have to appreciate any help you can get!

Training Report: Jim Rawlings did maintenance on one of the club's trainers and turned it over to Pat Keebey to be put into service again. We don't have a Chief Instructor, but the Spirits are still hoping for a volunteer. There was some discussion about storage of a club trainer at the field.

Membership Report; We now have 162 members, including the new ones who joined at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

AMA Policies And Our Constitution: With Spirits' officers' approval, Paul Geders wrote a letter to various AMA officials concerning specific provisions in our Constitution that conflict with AMA policy. The document was re-written by AMA-hired lawyers in 1999 and has been sent to other clubs, by AMA, to use as a template for the perfect constitution. Bob Underwood has identified parts that are in direct conflict with his understanding of AMA policy. Paul's letter has identified these differences and, since our constitution was specified for our use by AMA, asked for guidance. They have not responded. A meeting of the AMA Executive Council is scheduled for August 11 and 12. Hopefully, we will hear from them after that.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nomination of 2008 candidates for President, Vice President, Secretary, and (Continued on the next page)

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Treasurer will be open at the September meeting. That's the Annual Members' Appreciation Meeting and will be at the field on September 12. See the flyer on page 8 for details. Bill Lindewirth is definitely stepping down after four years as President. All other offices are open for nominees.



John Rawlings showed his Plan-built, with modifications, Cessna UC-78. It's covered with silk and will be powered by a pair of O.S. .25 LA's. He told the story about one that he saved from the junk heap when he was an Army Air Corps Lieutenant, stationed at Hickam Field, in Hawaii, during World War II. After he rebuilt it, the commanding General gave it to him for the length of his stay. John was seeking advice in making a windshield and canopy and received several helpful suggestions



Jim Rawlings repaired and did general maintenance on this club trainer after the Boy Scout Flying Experience. He turned it over to Instructor Pat Keebey to put back in service.

Activities Report:

August 25 Fun-Fly: Helpers are needed to tie streamers on balloons and count cuts. They're also needed to time climb and count spins.

Spirits' Annual Open House, September 29: Paul Geders will have a Boeing Scan Eagle UAV on display and will be available to answer questions. Bill Lindewirth will purchase a Futaba 6EX 2.4 GHz Spread Spectrum Radio for first prize in the raffle. Second and third prizes are still being acquired, and will be worth while. There will also be a "registered pilots only" drawing for a 2008 family membership in the club. Greg Bohrer has volunteered to run the concession stand. Cecil Whitrock will oversee Registration and Transmitter Impound. Even though he can't be there that day, Bill Lindewirth will acquire prizes and Gene Jones will organize the raffle and pilots' drawings. Workers are needed in all capacities. A signup sheet will be circulated at the September meeting. You don't have to be at the meeting to volunteer, call Bill or the person in charge of the area where you want to work. See the flyer on page 9 for details.

St. Louis R/C Flying Association Fly-In: The SLRCFA is having their Annual Fly-In on September 14, 15, and 16, at their field in Eureka, Missouri. Everyone with an AMA

WALT WILSON PHOTOS (LEFT)



DON FITCH PHOTO (RIGHT)

One of the explosive scenes from the Byron Originals video shown at the meeting. It described the origin of the company, it's manufacturing facilities, products (no longer in production) and one of the elaborate shows they put on each year. They made some great scale kits, but the only product currently available from Byron Originals is fuel.

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 lunch included. See the flyer on page 8 for details.

Meeting Activity: John Rawlings and Jim Rawlings brought planes and Don Fitch and Bob Gizzie showed a tape on the 1984 Byron Originals' Annual "Striking Back" Air Show. See the photograph captions (above) for details.

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The \$10.00 gift card, donated by Mark Twain Hobbies, was won by John Matticker.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

August 4 Four-Star 40 and Warbirds Races

By Steve Cross

Saturday, August 4, was another great day of Four-Star 40/Warbirds pylon races. Although the temperatures reached the upper 90's, we had 17 pilots register. Fifteen participated in Four-Star 40 and six in Warbirds. Other than the heat, Mother Nature cooperated this time with clear skies and fairly light winds.

As usual, the racing was exciting and competitive. In Four-Star 40, we had five heats of three planes each, and ran three rounds like that. In Warbirds, we had two heats of three planes, and also ran three rounds. That's a lot of heats, but everyone cooperated by getting to the starting line quickly when it was their turn to race, so all in all, things moved pretty quickly, with little down time between races.

Another factor that definitely helped to keep things moving along was the consistent work of the lap counters and cut judges. Without these folks, we wouldn't have races at all. So, a great big "Thank You" goes to Russ Watts, Jeremy Kluentkemper, and Matt and Mark Chrouser for spending their day so we racers could do what we do. You guys did a great job on a very hot day! Also, I don't want to forget the racers who filled in on these jobs when needed. Steve Ramonczuk and Pat Keebey took turns as cut judges in between their races, and Jim Schilling helped with lap counting. I'm probably omitting others that helped also, so let me again say "Thanks" to everyone who helped make our day.

Now for the results. We had 15 entrants in Four-Star 40, which is the highest number of racers in that event in several years. The points were VERY close, but in the end, Paul Geders ended up in the top spot with 12 points, a perfect score! There was a tie for second place, with 11 points, between this writer and Jim Marshall. A flip of the coin decided it, and the writer ended up in second place and Jim in third. Then, there was a three-way tie with 9 points to determine 4th and 5th place. Those individuals, Vic Bunze, Lee Volmert and Bob Onori, decided not to flip a coin and split the prize money for 4th and 5th three ways.

The Warbirds races were fast and furious as they always are. Three planes screaming around the pylons makes for great action for the spectators! Thankfully, we didn't have any casualties, although Ron Hesskamp did experience a glitch of some sort and his Dago Red Mustang went down in the corn. He was able to retrieve it, and it appeared to have minimal damage. So, when all the racing was done, Paul Geders took first in this event also, with a total of 11 points. Steve Ramonczuk, flying what clearly was the fastest plane on the course, ended up in second with 9 points, and Jim Schilling and Ron Hesskamp tied for third with 7 points.

Another flip of the coin, and Jim was the winner and took third place.

Thanks again to everyone who came to race and to help. We all had a great time and can't wait to do it again in October (when it will certainly be cooler)! A special "Thank You" also goes to Paul Geders who stepped in to handle the CD duties when I was racing, and also helped many racers set their engines for that optimum RPM and "rattle" coming off the turns. Our planes flew their best because of his help, and it then really came down to "just flying the course". (Photos are on the next two pages)

August 25 Fun-Fly

By Don Fitch

The Fun Fly started at 11:00 A.M. as scheduled. Unfortunately, the wind was from the north and caused many problems in the ribbon-cutting event. Under-inflated balloons also contributed to the problems. Don Whitrock, who helped two others fly, was the only one to break a balloon. It was low on helium and sitting on the ground and BOY! DID HE BUST IT! Paul Geders won 1st place, which he cinched by doing 40 spins. Curt Milster got there at 11:45 and still took 2nd place. The supplies for the Fun-Fly cost \$5 more than was collected, such is life.

I want to thank Harold, John, Jeremy, Walt and Carolyn for their help. Let's do it again some time.



Don Whitrock gets the only "kill" in the ribbon-cutting event. There were several near-misses (below)



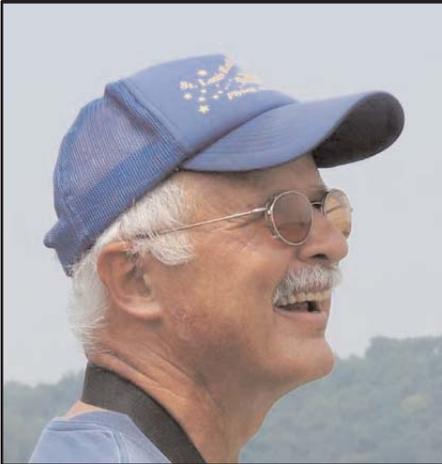
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Spirits' August 25 Fun-Fly



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The Last Word

By Walt Wilson

The photo of a young man with a Control Line plane, taken many years ago and published on page 6 of the July issue of Flight Lines, was Glenn Gercken. I forgot to identify him in last month's issue.

I originally wrote the following article about four or five years ago. It was published in the AMA National Newsletter and repeated in other newsletters by several clubs around the country. It's also been published in newsletters for organizations other than RC clubs. At this time of nominations of officers for 2008, it seems appropriate to present it again.

Something to think about

In most clubs, virtually all the work necessary to keep the organization going is done by a small percentage of the membership. The Spirits of St. Louis are no different. Whether it's maintenance at the field, being Field Chairman, Activities Chairman, a Contest Director, a Board of Directors member, Webmaster, or being President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, or Newsletter Editor, we are all volunteers. The pay scale is the same—zip.

Most members who have never been involved in any of these jobs have no appreciation of the effort that goes into doing them. Many club members have no idea who does what for the club. Some seem to think it all happens automatically and, since they've paid their dues, they're entitled to a free ride in all other aspects.

The people who recognize and assume the responsibilities do so for a variety of reasons. Most want to do something to feel like they're doing their share to support the club. Some have unique skills that enable them to make special contributions. As long as the volunteers do their jobs, the people who recognize what they're doing appreciate and occasionally thank them.

Whatever the reason, eventually the workers feel it is time to move on and let someone else carry the ball for a while. Maybe they're burned out, tired, have developed physical problems, or have family or business responsibilities that precludes donating the time necessary to do a club job. Maybe they feel they've done enough. Eventually, all will quit doing whatever they do. If you don't think that being a club officer takes its toll on time and patience, think about how many past presidents are still active members of the club. Of those who are, how many are willing to be president or hold another office?

Appreciate the people who spend their time making your club work. Pat them on the back occasionally. Don't resent them when they quit doing it. Ask yourself if you would have done that job.

Think about it, and step forward to do your share. Don't get too excited about rushing out to buy a Dooling 29, as seen on the right. This ad was published in the November, 1951, issue of Model Airplane News. Even Used Dooling 29's, in pristine condition, can bring up to \$200.00 or more, today. I sold all of mine!

Gotta go build something!

CAROLYN SCHLUETER PHOTO



Bob Gizzie, an unidentified member, Frank Nolle and Don Fitch prepare to transport two new starting tables from Don's workshop to the field

BOB GIZZIE PHOTO



The road from our parking lot to the levee has been filled in with millings (ground-up road surface) from Greens Bottom Road, courtesy of St. Charles County. Thanks to Pat Keebey and Frank Nolle for making arrangements and overseeing the project! If more millings become available, we'll have the parking lot re-surfaced with them.

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aerodynamicdoug@aol.com
for further information.



St. Louis Radio Control Flying Association
www.slrcfa.com

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"Membership Appreciation Dinner" and Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, September 12, 2007
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
MrBillst@aol.com
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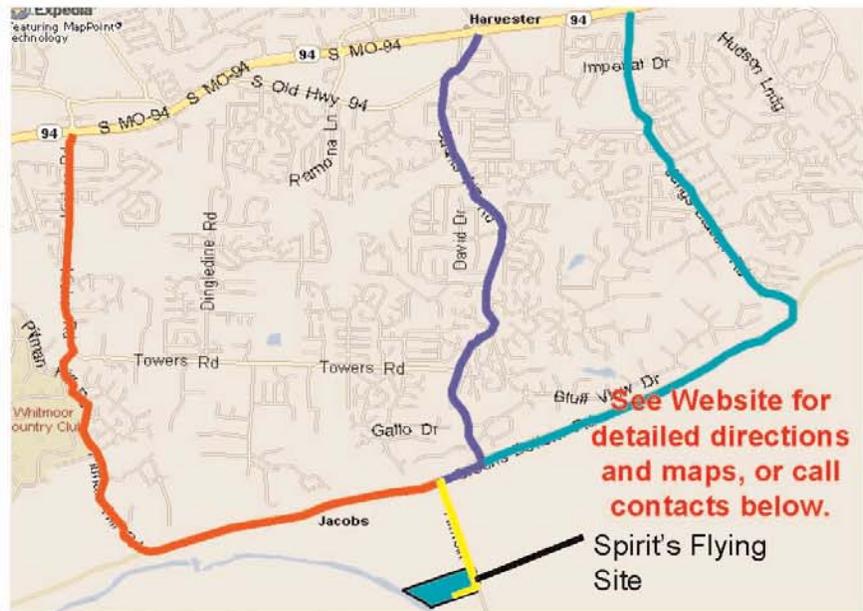
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CAROLYN SCHLUETER PHOTO

Helpers launch Four-Star 40'S for one of the heats in the August 4 races.



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**MEETING IS AT
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ON
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