



# FLIGHT LINES

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

## ELECTION OF 2011 OFFICERS OCTOBER 13

### **PREZ SEZ:**

*By Don Fitch*

Well it's been three administrations since I took office and in that time I've had a lot of help from a lot of members. I would like to thank all of you for that help. I remember one time when I got "another" complaint at the field and asked the complainer to take on the job of changing what he didn't like. His answer was, "I pay my dues". Well, if all of you felt that way we wouldn't have any club! I won't try to name all the people that helped me during that time, there were too many of you. You know who you are and what you contributed for the rest of us. YOU are the club. The others are customers. Now there are a lot of people who only come and fly but still do their bit to support the club. They make visitors welcome, help newcomers and pitch in when asked. There are a lot of experts in the club and some of them even know what they are talking about. You listen, evaluate and use as needed. Just because someone has not been flying RC for 50 years doesn't mean they can't have good ideas. We appreciate (we, being the members) any suggestions that help us with our flying or building. Thank you all for the many times I got help in flying or running the club. I am sure the new administration will do as well, or better than I did. Give them a hand. It will help you as much as it helps them.

### **MEETING MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 15, 2010**

*By Walt Wilson*

**Spirits' Field, St. Charles County, Mo.** More than 60 members and guests gathered for the Spirits' Annual Member Appreciation Dinner. Bill Lindewirth and Mark Livesay barbecued Filet Mignon, hamburgers, chicken, brats, and hot dogs for the very appreciative attendees. Several brought covered dishes, including salads, pasta salads, casseroles, and a wide variety of desserts. No one went away hungry! Some members brought planes and flew. Meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by President Don Fitch.

**New applicant** in attendance was Rick Wintjen, 314-521-8091. The Spirits welcomed him.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** *Les Richman, Treasurer.* The

Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented. We are in good financial condition.

**Field Report:** *Paul Geders, Field Chairman.* With the increase in dues to the previous \$125.00 per year, we have gone back to weekly mowing. Mowing will be on Thursday or Friday, depending upon the weather.

Gary Pyles installed a weather station on the back of the frequency board. It provides all the information one may need about existing conditions.

A recent wind storm blew down our flagpole. Paul, Gary Pyles, and Steve Ramonczuk replaced it with a new one. When finished with chairs at the field, place them on parking lot poles to prevent blowing around or away.

**Membership Report:** *Membership Chairman, Pete Stephans.* We now have 170 members.

**Safety Report:** *Duane Youngman, Safety Chairman.* Concealed carrying of guns is legal in Missouri and at our field. Duane noted, however, that some members have displayed their guns recently. Many members, some of whom also have CC permits, are very uncomfortable with this. It is strongly recommended that concealed weapons be kept concealed, or left in the car, while at the field to prevent possible accidents. A By-Law change is in work to make it against club rules to exhibit a gun at the field.

**Flight Instructor Report:** We have a number of very capable Instructors, but a Chief Flight Instructor is needed!

### **Activities Report:**

**September 25 Open House:** Open House workers are needed. Event Chairman, Tom Foster, passed around a sign-up sheet and several people committed to working specific hours and jobs. More are needed. Tom recommended that members take every action to promote the Spirits and our activities when at hobby shops or other clubs' activities. It was noted that participation in our activities is promoted by our members participating in other clubs' events. (*You can learn a lot by doing that, too! Walt*)

**October 9 Four-Star 40/Warbirds Races:** A group of CD's will officiate at this race. Participants and workers are needed.. Since this will be the last race of the year, and entry level may impact next year's scheduling, let's make it a good one!

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**October 16 Helicopter Fun-Fly.** Tom Foster, Pete Stephans, and Kevin Cordell, Event Directors. The Helicopter Fun-Fly earlier this year was a resounding success.

More pleasant weather will hopefully make this one even better. Even if you don't fly a helicopter, come watch. You'll see some amazing equipment and flying.

### OLD BUSINESS: None presented.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Nomination Of Officers For 2011:** The following members were nominated:

President:	Dave Brown
	Tom Foster (Declined)
Vice President:	Steve Ramonczuk
	Gary Graul
Secretary:	Walt Wilson
Treasurer:	Les Richman

Other candidates may be nominated at the October meeting, or written-in on the Absentee Ballot on page 7. All Absentee Ballots must be received before the start of the meeting on October 13.

**Meeting was adjourned** at 7:46 P.M. The next meeting and officer elections for 2011 will be on October 13, at the Bridgeton Trails Library.

*The following article is from the AMA Insider and the Spirits seem to be typical of most clubs. (Walt)*

### The Club Corner

by Jim Wallen, AMA Insider Club Editor

How involved are you in your local club? Perhaps you just want to pay your dues and go fly your planes when you want. Maybe you volunteer to cut the weeds on a tidy-up day at the field, but you don't want to do much more. Maybe you seldom go to a club meeting, or perhaps you make it a point to attend all of them.

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**September 15 Meeting Photos**



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Have you ever submitted an article for your club newsletter? Do you go to some of the club social functions?

Have you ever cornered your club Field Chairman to share with him or her some ideas you would like to see implemented? Do you show up for your training night at the field to help out? Keep in mind that all skill levels can find a role to help out with the new guys, gals, and kids!

Have you ever had the urge to put together a fund-raiser for the club? Can you find a way to show up early for club meetings and help with setting up refreshments? Have you ever thought about setting up a Valentine Day Fun-Fly to get

some of the ladies involved? Did you ever think about becoming a club officer?

You get the point. The list goes on and on. You will find that the clubs that have more people involved tend to prosper and those that don't tend to stagnate and even fail. We all know that 10% of the members do 90% of the work. It doesn't have to be that way!

If you are in any sort of leadership role in your club, think about ways to motivate some folks and change that ratio. Things do not just happen by themselves. It takes **YOU** to initiate change. Take that first step and watch how your club benefits.

More Meeting Photos



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### Spirits' Tenth Annual Open House, September 25, 2010

By Tom Foster

I want to put out a big thank you to all who helped me with the Open House. I could not have done it without all of you. You are the backbone of our club and the ones that make a huge difference. Thanks for all you have done for me and the club.

I'd also like to throw out a huge thanks to our instructors who spent the day buddy-boxing and getting people up in the air. Great job guys!

To everyone who showed up and brought static displays and flew.....I need to thank you. What a great job you all did. The sky was filled with models all day. We saw every shape and size planes, helicopters, 3D, scale, and trainers.

For those that didn't make it, what an exciting event you missed. We had 43 pilots and over 120 people there at one time. It was guesstimated that we had at least 200 visitors throughout the whole day. What a great turnout! We gave many new people a chance to fly the trainers and great concession food to eat. The weather was absolutely perfect and so was the event. We'll see if we can top this at next year's Open House!

Don't forget about the Four-Star 40/Warbirds race coming up on Oct 9 and the last event for the year, our second Helicopter Fun-Fly on October 16. Even if you don't fly in the events, come out, offer your help, show your patronage, and cheer everyone on.



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### More Open House Photos



See our web site at <http://spiritsofstl.com> for lots more pictures.

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

## Four-Star 40\* and WARBIRDS\*

### Pylon Races

Saturday, October 9, 2010



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

ENTRY FEE: \$10 for Four-Star 40 and \$10 for WARBIRDS

Registration starts at 9:00 a.m.

Racing starts at ~ 10:00 a.m.



\*Class rules are available on our website:

<http://spiritsofsl.com/contest.htm>

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BILL LINDEWIRTH PHOTO (LEFT) DAVE BROWN PHOTO



Ken Wright's first solo pictures taken on August 26. He flew a Sig Kadet Senior. Instructor Pilots were Dave Brown, Gary Graul, and Bob Gizzie. Good job Ken!

#### The Last Word

By Walt Wilson

No extra room this month, so I'll cut it short! The unbearable heat appears to be done and the corn is gone. Get out and fly, winter's coming!

Gotta Go Fly!

Greg and Jeff Bohrer's scratch-built F-105 prior to its maiden flight. It weighs approximately ten pounds and has nine pounds of thrust. Unfortunately, it experienced a power failure and landed in the corn. Damage was very minor and easily repaired.

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# Fall Heli Fun Fly



**Saturday October 16, 2010**

Open Flying Starts at 9:00 a.m. till Dark

AMA Sanctioned - **AMA Card REQUIRED**



See <http://spiritsofstl.com> for Maps to Flying Field, Flying Site pictures, etc.



**Electric outlets along pit area  
and in the pavilion**



**Concessions Available**



**Landing Fee \$10.00  
with Lunch Provided**



**Pilots Raffle Prizes**



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## Official 2011 Absentee Ballot

The following candidates have been nominated for officers for the year 2011. 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 write in another candidate, draw a line through the printed name(s) and use the line below the name of the candidate(s) already nominated for that office.

President

Dave Brown

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

Vice President

Steve Ramonczuk  
Gary Graul

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

Secretary

Walt Wilson

Treasurer

Les Richman

Absentee ballots must be received no later than 7:00 P.M., October 13, to be counted.

Sign Here: \_\_\_\_\_

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CAROLYN SCHLUETER PHOTO

*One of the many beautiful and very aerobatic helicopters does a roll at the Spirits' Tenth Annual Open House.*



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Meeting is on  
Wednesday,  
October 13  
at 7:00 P.M.