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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 2011 on Sept. 15 Tenth Annual Open House On Sept. 25

PREZ SEZ

By Don Fitch

Guys, the end is near! I have been president through the terms of Cecil, Gene and my own, it's time for some new blood. I didn't do anything marvelous, but at least the club didn't disintegrate. That wasn't my fault, I had plenty of help and advice from others. Walt kept the minutes and the News Letter, Les took care of the money (and he didn't get to buy another Cadillac while I was in charge), Mark cooked a million brats (sausages not kids), Paul did a whole bunch of stuff besides racing, Tom built a new table for the pavilion and repaired some of the starting tables. Pete got the members signed and paid up and, while physical limitations kept me from doing much physical work, I sat by while others worked. We had several safety officers and they must have done their jobs, nobody got hurt. I personally re-kitted a bunch of planes. The meetings had less yow, yow and more planes. Ralph kept an eye on the conduct of the club and set me straight (in a nice way) at times. September will bring some new officers to be voted in. I think Walt and Les should be reelected, if they will accept the nominations, they have done a great job for YEARS and will continue to do so if given the chance. See you on September 15 at the dinner.

MEETING MINUTES: August 11, 2009

By Walt Wilson

Meeting called to order at 7:07 P.M. Nineteen members and two guests were present.

Meeting Activity:

Tom Foster brought two beautiful helicopters and Daryl Youngman brought a new plane to show and discuss. Tom gave a lengthy presentation on flybars and electronic stability systems. He also discussed battery technology and technical aspects of his helicopters. He prefers electric-power over gas, or glow engines because it's always ready to go with no tuning or adjustments required due to weather or other variable conditions. Daryl discussed various features of his King Cobra. See the photos on the next page for more details.

Secretaries Report: *Walt Wilson, Secretary.* Last month's minutes were approved as published in Flight Lines.

Treasurers Report: *Les Richman, Treasurer.* The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Field Report; *Paul Geders, Field Committee Chairman.* The runway repair seems to be holding up well, with no complaints. Ten-day grass cutting is working out well and the mowing contractor is very happy with the arrangement. Club members occasionally do additional cutting to make a runway beyond the asphalt for planes with tail skids, or that may be more squirrely on a hard surface. It was asked if the mower could complete the job on a single day rather than cutting half on two different days, as he sometimes does. The current heat wave may be causing the mower to do it in two sessions. Paul will look into it.

Safety Report: *Duane Youngman, Safety Chairman.* Duane reminded everyone to fly parallel with the runway and not over the pits and parking lot. This is common sense and no one is to fly behind the 25' safety line. Also, stay clear of electric props when plugging batteries in and make sure the props are tight on all types of engines. Gas and four-stroke glow engines are notorious for kicking props off when starting.

Activities Report:

Tuesday, August 17 E-Warbirds race: Last month's race was a success and this one should be, too. Come out and compete, help, or just watch.

August 21 High-Wing Trainer Races: The CD, Curt Milster, notified Paul that he has to work on the date of the race. A replacement CD is not available, so the race is cancelled.

Member Appreciation Dinner, September 15: This meeting has been moved from the usual meeting date of the second Wednesday of the month to September 15, one time only. The rest of the year's meetings will be on the second Wednesday, as usual. The club will provide meat and refreshments. The rest of the meal will consist of covered dishes or desserts brought by attendees. *Bring your favorite covered dish or dessert to share with friends.*

Open House, September 25: Tom Foster is the Event Director for this year's Open House. He is in the process of acquiring prizes for the raffle.

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We have already made a donation to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Missouri this year, so the marginally successful 50-50 drawing will be deleted. As always, workers will be needed, so plan to do your share. Let Tom know you'll be there by e-mailing him at:

litespeed600@hotmail.com

Walt Wilson has arranged publicity in the Suburban and St. Charles Journal newspapers, watch for it.

OLD BUSINESS: None Presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

AMA District VIII Vice President, Jim Rice e-mailed Paul Geders and asked permission to copy the Collection Of



WALT WILSON PHOTOS

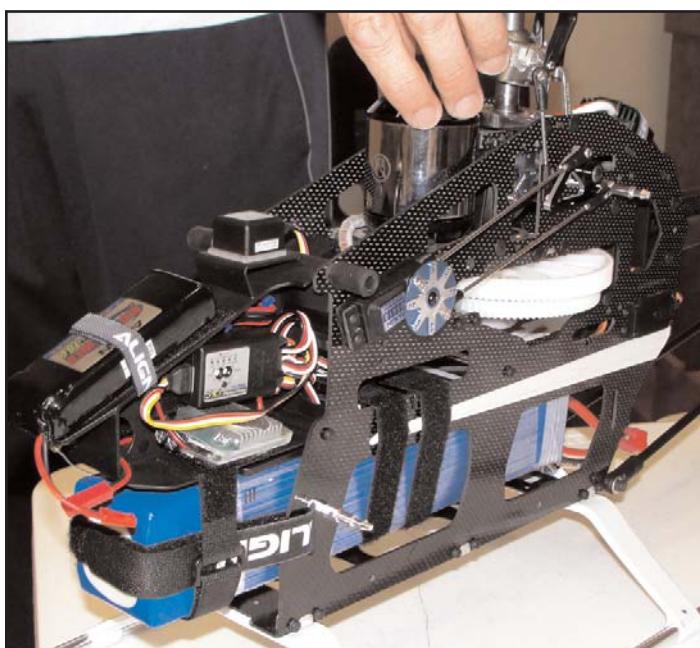


Daryl Youngman built this Sig King Cobra from a kit. It has an O.S. .61 FX up front and needs a little more work before it's complete and ready to fly.



CAROLYN SCHLUETER PHOTO (RIGHT)

Don Fitch presented Paul Geders with a Spirits' jacket in recognition of the many things he does for the club. He is currently Webmaster, Activities Chairman, and Temporary Field Committee Chairman.. A sincere thanks for all you do, Paul!

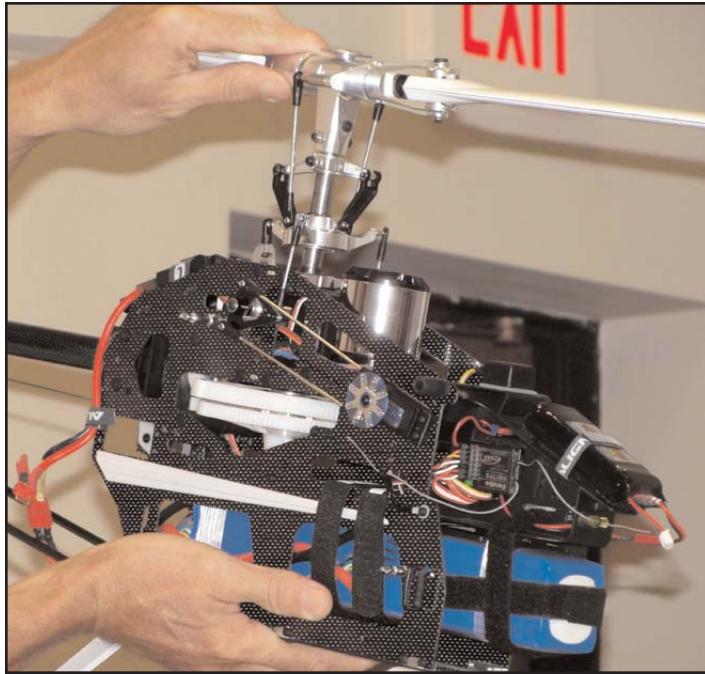


(left) The larger Align Trex 700 E has two 6S LiPo batteries and an electronic stabilizer. It can fly for about nine minutes on a charge.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 P.M.

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More Meeting Photos



CAROLYN SCHLUETTER PHOTOS



Les Richman has been Treasurer for the Spirits for 15 years. During that time he estimates that he has handled more than a quarter million dollars for the club. On occasion when unexpected expenses came up, he has loaned the club personal funds to keep from cashing in CD's early and paying penalties. It's a relatively low-visibility job which he does conscientiously and for which he deserves much appreciation. Thanks for everything you do, Les!



Betty and Westy Westhoff attend almost every meeting. Westy is one of the "Founding Fathers" of the Spirits and was a CD and has held many offices through the years.

Electric-Powered Warbirds Races, July 20

By Paul Geders

The first Electric Warbirds race had seven pilots show up, but one had to withdraw. We decided not to charge an entry fee and just have fun. After a morning of high-winds and rain we ended up with a beautiful no-wind, but very hot evening. To our surprise, we had a lot of spectators with a total attendance of 35 to 40 individuals. Entrants were Rich Taylor, Chris Nenzel, Walt Wilson, Greg Bohrer, Dick Williams and myself. Will Hopkins brought a Bearcat, but wasn't up to racing it. He and his Dad did, however, work

as cut judges. We flew three rounds of two heats each. As usual some had trouble with flying the course and mechanical problems. Rich flew a P-47 Thunderbolt and used to fly pylon in the past. He was the master of cutting out in this race. Dick had his prop disintegrate and take the canopy off of his T-28. Greg flew a very fast Corsair. On a hand launch, he buzzed his prop down by scraping it along the runway, which slowed him down a little. Walt asked Steve Ramonczuk to fly his P-40 Warhawk. Steve, not having experience with the torque of these electrics, kept ground looping, so scratched the first heat. Steve asked if I would take off Walt's plane so he would not crunch it. After that, Steve said it flew great during the racing. Chris flew a beautiful Hyperion P-51 and experienced a stripped out screw on his retracts after the first two rounds. I flew my Spitfire. The airplanes, all different, were amazingly evenly matched. No one ran away with it. Order of finish; this writer first, Walt/Steve 2nd, Greg 3rd, Chris 4th, Rich 5th, and Dick 6th. Everyone really enjoyed themselves and will be back on August 17th for another go at it. Thanks especially to the lap counters and cut judges who supported this race. Bottom-line is, we had fun!

(Photos are on the next page.)

Electric-Powered Warbirds Races, August 17

By Paul Geders

Six pilots came to race, but weather conditions caused the event to be cancelled. There was a heavy cloud cover and failing light by 6:30 P.M., along with a 12 MPH wind.

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EP Warbirds Races, Tuesday Evening, July 20



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High-Wing Trainer Races, August 20

By Paul Geders

Races were cancelled because the Contest Director, Curt Milster, had to work on that day. A replacement CD wasn't available on short notice.



BOB GIZZIE PHOTO

Mark Livesay put on an impromptu cook-out on Monday, August 16. All who happened by enjoyed the much cooler weather and had some good eats, as well as fun visiting.

Attention Builders:

By Bill Lindewirth

For those of you that like to build: Top-Flite, the makers of Monokote, are hosting a covering contest with a grand prize of one of two \$1,000.00 shopping sprees at a hobby shop of your choice. You can either cover a new model or re-cover an ARF. The deadline for entering is September 15, 2010. For additional information, visit their website at:

<http://www.top-flite.com/contest/index.html>

Also, IMAA (International Miniature Aircraft Assn.) is hosting a "Build a Big Bird Contest" with \$1,000.00 going to the grand prize winner. The theme of this contest is to build an affordable IMAA legal big bird, (under \$500.00) either from a kit or from scratch. Judging will be based on, Innovative Thinking, Creativity, and originality will Be rewarded! Think "Outside the box" or better yet, throw the box away! The deadline for entering is : March 1, 2011. For complete details visit their website at: <http://www.fly-imaa.org/> Good Luck!

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For Sale:

Former Spirits member, Steve Aquado, passed away recently. His wife, Margie, has the following items for sale, individually, or as a package (preferred). Here is a partial list. All these models are R/C, built from kits, and have painted finishes.

P-38 (two 46 engines, I think)

B-24 (four .25 engines)

P-51 (60 size)

P-51 (40 Size)

Morrissey Bravo (25% gas model)

J3 Cub (25% size)

Quickie Racer

Assortment of new and used two stroke glow engines (mainly OS) and a number of 72 MHz radios, along with field boxes and some balsa kits. Margie Aquado's phone number is 636-398-4572.

The Last Word

By Walt Wilson

There are fantastic air museums all over the continent. There's one at Creve Coeur Airport that has many vintage planes worth modeling. If you've never been there, you should try to get to the U.S.A.F Museum at Dayton, Ohio. There are five hangers and an outdoor area, all stuffed full of war planes from the past 100 years, to admire and photograph. If you ever have an opportunity to go to Omaha, Nebraska, go to the Strategic Air and Space Museum just outside of town. They have everything from an XF-81 Goblin to a B-36 Peacemaker. The biggest mystery about that museum is how they got all those gigantic aircraft there, even though there are no airports within miles of the place. They have movies that tell you how they did it! Either

museum is well worth the trip for anyone who likes airplanes!

Don't forget to contact me to get your jacket patch commemorating the Spirits being an AMA Leader Club for five years.

That's all for this month. Enjoy the improving weather!

Gotta Go Build, or fly!



Spirits' 2010 Activities Schedule

Date	Contest/Event	CD/ED	Notes
Wed., Sept. 15	Meeting at Field	B of D	Member Appreciation Dinner
Saturday, Sept. 25	Open House	Tom Foster	
Saturday, Oct. 9	Four-Star 40/Warbirds	Ron Hesskamp	
Saturday., Oct. 16	Helicopter Fun-Fly	Tom Foster	

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

Membership Appreciation Dinner



September 15, 2010

Spirits' Flying Field

Family Members Welcome

5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Refreshments

**(Club will provide meat and refreshments. Please
bring an aircraft and a covered dish to share)**

**Dinner served at 6:00 P.M. followed
by a short club meeting at 7:00 P.M.**

(Nomination of 2011 Officers)

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

10th Annual Open House!

Saturday - September 25, 2010
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM



- FREE Admission! FREE Parking!
- Pilot Registration Required with Current AMA
- Transmitter Impound Area Provided for Your Safety

SPECTATORS ALWAYS WELCOME!

RAFFLE PRIZES

Raffle Ticket Cost: \$1.00 each, 8 for \$5.00, 25 for \$10.00

Registered Pilot's ONLY drawing for FREE 2010 Spirits Family Club Membership!

Drawings at 2:00 p.m. – Must be present to win!

Hosted By: **Spirits of St. Louis R/C Flying Club, Inc.**
Website: <http://spiritsofstl.com>

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Tom Foster discussed his two electric-powered helicopters. The one on the left is a .90 size Align Trex 700 E and the other is a Mikado Logo. Both are examples of state-of-the-art electric helicopter design.



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Spirits' field, on
Wednesday,
September 15,
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Appreciation
Dinner at
6:00 P.M.

September, 2010