



# FLIGHT LINES

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

## Meeting-Thursday, July 12

### Stuff:

By Gary Pyles, President

### Weather Safety:

Summer in St. Louis is here on cue. As the summer solstice passes us the warmest weather of the year, usually with light winds, arrives and provides excellent opportunities to fly. During this time, when you come to the field, make sure you bring plenty to drink and if you sunburn easily, remember the sunscreen, too. A simple thing to do is wear a hat when outside; covering your melon goes a long way toward preventing heat-related injuries. Your eyes are also easily damaged with extended exposure to bright sunlight. Think about wearing sunglasses while flying. Every year the St. Louis area has many heat-related injuries and you don't need to be one of them.

### Trash:

During several recent trips to the flying field I noticed an increase in the amount of trash that is left at the field. Typically, soda cans, cigarette butts, and the occasional aircraft part. There are no trash cans at our field, on a regular basis, for a reason. It is each club member's responsibility to pick up after themselves and help keep our field free of trash. If you see someone leaving trash at the field, give them a friendly reminder that they need to take their trash with them.

Many times trash is left behind by guests of the Spirits. You are responsible for any guests you bring to the field, including their trash. To our members that smoke, I know many regulars at the field who smoke and they always take care of their butts. These errant cigarette butts, cans, and occasional other trash may also be deposited by non-club nocturnal visitors. In any case, do what you can to help keep our field clean.

### Training Program:

Our Flight Training Program is in full swing and working well. With 10 Intro Pilot Instructors on staff we were able to handle the 16 Scouts on Boy Scout Day quickly and efficiently. If you are interested in becoming an Introductory Pilot Program Instructor, please contact me at:

[gp@gtpltd.com](mailto:gp@gtpltd.com).

Please remember, if you are not an Intro Pilot Instructor, as designated by the Spirits and registered with the AMA, you may NOT take non-AMA/club members up on buddy-box flights for training. Any Club member may buddy-box with other club members without restriction. This policy is in effect to comply with current Spirits' policies and AMA

insurance requirements. If you have any questions regarding this policy please contact me.

### Events:

We have many events still to come this year. All events are put on by club volunteers. Usually, by the same 10-20 members every time. Volunteer to help for an hour or so at our next event, it won't kill you, and you may even enjoy it. Events are our way to celebrate different aspects of our hobby. From racing, to helicopters, electric's, and scale we get to showcase areas of our hobby and share them with our fellow members and guests. Take advantage of these events and learn something new about a part of the hobby you are unfamiliar with. We have some of the most knowledgeable R/C modelers in the area. Take advantage of these events to pick their brains and learn more about our hobby.

*See you at the field and the meetings.*

Gary

### MEETING MINUTES: June 14, 2012

By Walt Wilson, Secretary

**The Meeting was called to order** by President Gary Pyles at 7:00 P.M. Seventeen members and one guest were present.

**Meeting Attendance:** President Gary Pyles would like for those of you who do not regularly attend meetings to e-mail him at [gp@gtpltd.com](mailto:gp@gtpltd.com) and tell him what we could do to improve attendance. *Why don't you come to meetings?*

**Labels for magazines:** Gary handed out Spirits' labels to be affixed to Model Aviation or other model magazines to be left at doctors' offices.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** *Bill Lindewirth, Treasurer.* Rent has been mailed and existing CD's have been rolled over. Paul Geders asked why the Treasurer didn't circulate some number of financial reports for review by the members present at meetings as the previous Treasurer did. Bill said when he became Treasurer, he chose not to do so and this was the first time in a year and a half that anyone has asked about it, so it must not be much of an issue. He noted that reports were distributed to the elected officers at each meeting and could be seen by coming to the head table at the end of a meeting. *(Continued on the next page)*

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Treasurer's report was approved as presented. No one asked to see a copy of the Treasurer's report at the end of the meeting.

**Field Report:** Gary Graul, Field Committee Chairman, was not present. When the barbeque pit was opened for use by the Boy Scouts on June 9, beer cans were found in it. Since alcoholic beverages are banned at the field, some after-hours loiterers must have left them there. Some members have been careless about leaving cigarette butts and other trash at the field. **Once again; If you brought it, take it home with you! Don't litter the field!**

**Safety Report:** Duane Youngman, Safety Chairman, was not present. Les Richman noted that Saturday, June 9, he was working on his plane in the pits when an out-of-control helicopter flew into his walker, next to him. No one was hurt and no damage was done, except to the helicopter, but it could have been a disaster! People do occasionally lose control of their aircraft. **If you lose it, yell out and warn those who may be in danger! Aircraft only cost money and time to repair, skin and bones take a lot more!** It was noted that people flying planes without landing gear sometimes land on the grass between the runway and safety line. **All grass landings are to be beyond the runway, not between the runway and safety line!**

**Membership Report:** Ralph Doyle, Membership Chairman, We now have 166 members!



*Instructor Bill Lindewirth (right) presents Allen Russell with a certificate for soloing.*

**Activities Report:** Tom Foster, Contest/Event Committee Chairman, was not present.

**June 23, Helicopter Fun-Fly:** Tom Foster, CD. A Logo 600 SE Kit was DONATED to the club for the raffle. This

is almost a \$700 kit donated by Ready Heli. This is far above and beyond the call of duty by Team Member Jim Schuster and Ready Heli. Thank you!

**July 21, Four-Star 40/Warbirds Races:** *Ralph Doyle is Event Director.* As always, Lap-Counters and Pylon Judges will be needed. Contact Ralph at [keelhaul@sbcglobal.net](mailto:keelhaul@sbcglobal.net) if you can help. See the flyer on page 7 for more information.

**Flight Training:** Eighteen introductory flights have been given in the past week. Sixteen were for Boy Scouts. Only AMA-licensed Introductory Pilot Program Instructors are allowed to give introductory flights to non-AMA members.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None was presented

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Illegal Flying:** It has been noted that at least one ex-member has recently flown at our field. If you witness someone flying without putting their membership card on the frequency board, ask them if they are a member. If not, ask them to refrain from flying unless they are an invited guest of a member who is present.

**Meeting Activity:** There were no technical presentations. Al Russell soloed and was awarded a certificate.

**Spirits' Caps For Sale:** Bill Lindewirth has Spirits' blue summer caps in stock for \$15.00. See him at the field or e-mail at [mrbillstl@charter.net](mailto:mrbillstl@charter.net) if you want one

**Four-Star 40's:** Paul Geders offered two used Four-Star 40 airframes, with servos, for sale. Both were sold on the spot, sight unseen.

**Meeting was adjourned** at 7:51 P.M.

**Thank You:** Bob Gizzie noted that Brian Gilmer just returned from a job in Ohio, after six months and, on his second day back, repaired a broken starting table using his own materials. Welcome back and thank you Brian!

### Boy Scout Day, June 9:

*By Les Richman, Co-Event Director*

Saturday's weather was perfect for the boys and our instructors; a bit windy, but still flyable. We had 16 Cubs and Boy Scouts, plus another half dozen leaders. Add this to seven instructors and some club members who just came to watch--we could have sold food and made a few bucks! Boy Scout Troop 11, from Temple Israel, brought their own charcoal and hotdogs and cooked their own lunch (my suggestion). They cleaned up and you could not even tell they had been there. Everyone who wanted to fly--did! Even a few of the adult leaders gave it a try. I heard many positive comments on how smoothly the instructions went and how well the boys responded.

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**June 9 Boy Scout Day**



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There were NO accidents, everyone went home happy, and by noon the field was empty.

One of the Scouts told me that this was the sixth time he had come to fly. We talked about him joining the club. He's considering it. *Photos are on page 3.*

### More About Boy Scout Day, June 9:

By Gary Pyles

I think the event was a success and we introduced model aviation to 16 new youngsters and families. Without the time and effort donated by club members, events like this would not be possible. The instructors' dedication toward having their equipment ready and the willingness to help even the smallest child explore the wonderful world of flying is to be commended.

To the seven registered instructors of the Spirits who came to help, I thank you for your service.

A special thanks is in order for those club members, who are not registered instructors, but jumped in to help with everything from aircraft handling and starting, buddy-box trimming, and generally everything in between, Don Whitrock, Daryl Youngman, and Duane Youngman, THANK YOU!!

And lest I forget, thanks to Vic Bunze! The kids really enjoyed the candy drop from his Telemaster. I am sure that his services will be requested in the future. Great Job, and On Target!

Gentlemen, it is members like you and the willingness to sacrifice your time toward volunteering to support Introductory Flights and providing support in force to events like Boy Scout Day that are at the core of what makes our club great. Without your time and effort, an event like Boy Scout Day would never get off the ground.

### Helicopter Fun-Fly, June 23:

By Tom Foster

What a great day our Fun Fly turned out to be. We had 40 pilots, 80 pieces of meat, unlimited music, almost 100 people at one time, a big beautiful blue sky and the best field in Missouri. We had pilots come from as far as Atlanta, Tulsa, Springfield, Columbia and Illinois..... talk about die hard pilots! We flew, flew and flew some more. Thanks to Bill and the staff, the food was perfect and sold out fast. We also had Sharon O'Connor's cookies which always get two thumbs up from everyone! You haven't had a cookie till you've had one of these. Our own club members rolled out the red carpet for our guests and held up the outstanding Spirits of St. Louis R/C Flying Club's high level of professionalism and hospitality. This is without a doubt the most dedicated group of R/C enthusiasts that Missouri has to offer. To all the Spirits' members that helped, you are the very backbone that keeps this club at the top, Thank you so much. The other reason for our Fun-Fly's success was all of our Team Members hard work and our sponsors. We had a Logo 600 SE helicopter donated to the club for our raffle and a huge THANK YOU goes out to Ready Heli and Team Member/Club member Jim Schuster. Team/Club members Kevin Cordell and Steve O'Connor also brought in high dollar prizes for the club as well. A huge THANK YOU goes out to Ready Heli, Heli Direct, Curtis Youngblood Enterprises, Synergy/Rail Blades, Horizon Hobbies, Tower Hobbies, Heli Wholesaler, Great Planes, Castle Creations, Scorpion, KBDD and RC Pilot Magazine. If you're looking for a new heli, plane or other R/C related item, please look at our awesome sponsors' wide selection of products and patronize the ones that care about us. Thanks so very much to you all. Until the next event, may all your flying be all that you want it to be and I will see you at the field.

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PHOTOS BY WALT WILSON AND CAROLYN SCHLUETER

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

**Pylon Races**

**Saturday, July 21, 2012**



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 for those that want to "cash bash", otherwise free and race for "bragging rights" and certificates**

**Registration starts at 9:00 a.m.**

**Racing starts at ~ 10:00 a.m.**

\*Class rules are available on our website:

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



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**Spirits' 2012 Activities Schedule**

Date	Contest/Event	CD/ED	Notes
July 21	Four-Star 40/Warbirds	Ralph Doyle	Field Open for General Flying Until 10:00 or 10:30 A.M.
Aug 4	Electric Fly-In	Bohrer Bros./Jeff Becker	Field Open for General Flying After 2:00 P.M.
September 8	Four-Star 40/Warbirds	Steve Cross	Field Open for General Flying Until 10:00 or 10:30 A.M.
September 12	Meeting at Field	Bill Lindewirth	Member Appreciation Dinner
September 22	Helicopter Fun Fly	Tom Foster	All Day Event
September 29	Open House	Committee	

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### The Last Word

By Walt Wilson

With this issue, the calendar year is half over, already! We're entering the last quarter of the Spirits' fiscal year, too. I promised myself I'd fly a lot this year, but have only been out a few times. If it hasn't been too windy, it's been too hot much of the time. On the good days, I always seem to have something of a higher priority to do. On the other end of the price scale from the big iron on pages 4 and 5, to have something to fly around the house, I scanned Ebay and picked up a mini-helicopter called a Syma S107G, with three-Channel controls, twin rotors, a metal frame and gyro. The total cost for the whole RTF system was \$22.49 with free shipping! It's complete with a transmitter, LiPo battery, USB and transmitter charge cords, and the only thing you have to add are six AA batteries for the transmitter. It's infra-red control, not a radio control, but works fine except under some lighting conditions or in the wind. It flies fine around the house or garage, as long as you stay inside. It would be a blast to fly in a gymnasium or other large open space. They have positive fore, aft, and directional controls with instant response. It's well-built and rugged, an amazing item for the price. Go to Ebay and search for: **Syma S107G** under the *Toys and Hobbies* category (All R/C and other models

are listed under that category). Scroll down until you find one with a "Buy it Now" price of \$22.49 and Free Shipping. They are available at that price as of this writing. Spare parts are available, but for the price, I would just replace it, if it breaks, and use the broken one for spares. So far, after a couple of months of flying, our helis have held up very well. It comes from China and takes about ten days to arrive, but it's worth the wait.



WALT WILSON PHOTOS

*Walt Wilson bought one of these Syma S107G helicopters for himself and one for his grandson, Nicholas, also a Spirits' member. They're easy for novices to fly and are built a lot like some larger and much more expensive helicopters.*



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Last month, I sent the newsletter out in envelopes and the idea was well-received by all but one member who commented by e-mail. He said he's only had one newsletter that arrived damaged in the many years he's been in the club and thinks envelopes are "overkill". In the other extreme, another member e-mailed that this was the first newsletter he has received intact and applauded the use of envelopes. The majority of members at the meeting were in favor of envelopes, so I'll continue using them. They're more work to get ready to mail, but the added cost is only about one cent per newsletter!

Bill Lindewirth purchased a new First Aid kit at Sams Club and installed it at the field. He reported that, at someone else's field, they were having a Rocket Launch Meet when a lady spectator was injured. She later sued the club sponsoring the Rocket Launch for having "inadequate First Aid" available. Duane Youngman, Bill, and others researched what constituted "Adequate First Aid". I contacted AMA for their recommendation which was rather vague, so Bill took the initiative to buy a new one for the field, which meets OSHA specifications.

That's all for this month!

*Gotta go finish this newsletter!*