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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS OF THE SPIRITS OF ST. LOUIS R/C FLYING CLUB

Winter Winter Go Away

President's Notes:

By Eric Langston

I would like to start this month by thanking all of those members that take the time to come to our meetings each month. Our attendance is quite a bit lower than in the past. We need you to come and support the club. Starting with the February meeting we will again start drawing for a door prize for attending meetings.

Hopefully, this will entice some of you to return. I would also like to thank two members of your Board of Directors who have stepped forward to take on the job of organizing our part of the March Swap Meet with the Boeing Club.

Doug Thompson, and Anna Nolle have taken on the job. **THEY NEED YOUR HELP!!!!**

They are handling the details of the raffle, and the distributor registrations. They need your help in working the event. It is going to take as many workers who are willing to work to make this a success. Our club has the door, and the raffle this year. So, no cooking or handling of food this year. Please come to the next meeting and sign up, or contact Anna and let her know you intend to be there on the 24th of March to help. Every year our club makes over \$1000 dollars at this event. As you can see, it is worth our time to help. Also, with a new field to complete, this money will be welcome. I would also like to thank those who continue to bring their planes to the meeting. We have had some beautiful, very different planes shown at the meetings. Remember, building, showing off, and flying model airplanes is what we are all about. That's all for this month. Keep your fingers out of the CA.

*Serving you,
Eric*

Meeting Minutes: JANUARY 10, 2001

By Walt Wilson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Eric Langston.

Members signed in: 24. There was one applicant and two guests present.

New Member Applicant:

Kevin Gianino 314-921-4572

The membership voted to approve the new applicant.

Secretary's Report: Accepted as published in the December newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Les Richman presented a two month report since he was not present at last month's meeting. Three checks issued have not been cashed for various reasons. Pat Keebey asked about details of the tractor expenditures at Brinkers. Eric explained what work was performed and parts replaced. Report was accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

Field Report: Anna Nolle reported that the field has been plowed. Snow was removed from the driveway and all asphalt areas on New Years Day (See the report on page four). It was noted that the field drained well when the snow melted recently. There is no standing water and the dirt firms up quickly in spite of the snow-related wetness. A dead deer and raccoon were found at the entrance to the field today. A hunter may have left them there temporarily. It will be checked out and removal arranged if required.

The property owner plans to remove some of the trees in line with the runway in the spring. Do not cut any trees down yourself!

Safety Report: Since this is the building season, Doug Thompson displayed a box fan air filter, for use in sanding and painting that helps keep the air clean in the workshop. He also had a trash can, with an air conditioner pipe-insulator rubber molding around the top, to use as a holder when sanding on a plane or parts.

Eric Langston also noted that CA glue should always be used in a well-ventilated area. Use in

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confined spaces can lead to respiratory problems.

Activities Report: Not much flying due to the weather. See New Year's Day report on page four.

Fuel Shelter: Eric is still researching the project.

GSLMA Report: Pat Keebey reported that Buder Park is usable. The planned mall show will not happen this year. The GSLMA treasury is low because of non-supported maintenance of the Buder facility. It is requested that anyone who applies for a Buder permit donate at least \$10.00 to help build it back up. Eric recommended that we donate \$200.00 to GSLMA. It was approved with one dissenting vote. GSLMA January meeting minutes start on page four.

Pavilion: The builder did not know we had submitted a down payment until recently due to a Post Office Box mix up. Work will start as soon as the ground is above freezing. The builder will get all permits in accordance with the proposal. Pat Keebey asked what would become of the pavilion if we vacated the field for any reason. We would take it with us, if feasible.

Swap Meet: Eric asked for volunteers to run the Spirits' portion of the event. After some discussion, Anna Nolle and Doug Thompson volunteered. The date is March 24. See the flyer on page three for further details.

HELP WANTED FOR SWAP MEET

We will have a sign-up sheet for helpers at the February and March Spirits' meetings. Your help is needed to make the Swap Meet a success!

If you can't make it to the meetings, call Anna Nolle at: 314-298-8664 or e-mail: nollea@yahoo.com to volunteer.

NEW BUSINESS:

Craig Finks has been asked to put on a presentation about R/C flying for the Clayton Rotary Club on January 24th. He asked for members to accompany him and show their

planes. Les Richman and Walt Wilson volunteered.

Recruiting: Doug Thompson asked about recruiting new members. It was noted that we have always had an annual membership turnover of approximately 30%. Walt Wilson will have copies of the trifold printed for distribution at local hobby shops and other places. We will also have a "Grand Opening" when the field and weather are ready. We will solicit newspaper coverage at that time. Since we are the only open-membership club in the area and we present a well-organized training program, we should grow as much as we want at that time.

Contest Directors: Additional Contest Directors are needed. There are tangible benefits available for CD's and we need a few more in the club. Contact President Eric at 314-344-4459 if you want to apply.

Bylaws: The bylaw changes have been submitted to the lawyers and AMA for approval. We haven't had any feedback. As noted last month, the AMA wants to present our bylaws to all clubs nationally to be used as a model in developing theirs. There was discussion about the reasons for bylaw updates.



Bob Fiely shows his House of Balsa P-51 at the January meeting. It's powered by an O.S. .25 FX and is built for hand-launching. It's finished in Monokote. Bob noted that Olive Drab Monokote works differently from other colors and shrinks less.

Meeting Activity: Bob Fiely showed and discussed his House of Balsa P-51. It's the .10

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to .15 size and he has an O.S. .25 FX in it. He built it for hand launching and it has no landing gear. Bob installed the engine inverted and then realized that landings may become a problem with the glow plug and open carburetor arriving first. He's waiting for a good stand of grass before flying it.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

DID YOU KNOW?

By Walt Wilson

Did you know that past Flight Lines, dating back to January of 1999 are available for viewing with most pictures in glorious color?

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<http://www.spirits.simplenet.com>

When you get into the web site, click on **Flight Lines Index**. A menu will come up and you can click on whichever issue you want to see.

You can view it on line, or download an Adobe Acrobat Reader pdf file, depending upon your computer and software setup. You can even print it on your own color printer, if you have one.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Please keep in mind that your 2000 Spirits Membership expired on December 31, 2000.

As of this writing, a little over half of the membership has renewed. Membership renewals will only be accepted through March 1, 2001. After that time, NO renewals will be accepted without the \$25.00 New Member Initiation Fee.

Thank You;

Bill Lindewirth, Membership Chairman

GSLMA MINUTES: JANUARY 3, 2001 MEETING

By Pat Keebey

Attendance: All clubs represented except Balsa Busters, Boeing Phantom Flyers, Thermaleers, and Signal Chasers. Twin City Flyers are inactive.

Secretary's Report: Minutes accepted from previous meeting.

Treasurers Report: Field Fund \$606.68

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Mall Show: Still waiting for information from Crestwood Plaza.

B. Concrete Pads-replace pilot station pads in the spring. Cost is \$7.00 each.

C. Reserve Contest Dates at Buder Park. All clubs interested in holding a model aircraft event at Buder Park need to get the contest date in so that it may be scheduled and approved by the Park Department ASAP.

D. All clubs need to bring in a list of club officers. The list should include name, elected office held and phone numbers.

E. Motion was made to add 2000 expenditures to the back of the Buder Park Flying rules that will be sent to each applicant with his or her 2001 permit.

In 2000, GSLMA spent approximately \$4103.44 on the flying facilities located in Buder Park.

GSLMA received approximately \$3,414.00 in donations (the donations were for flying permits, however, no donation is required since the facility is a public park). Some items of maintenance for the flying site are paid for out of GSLMA funds. The resurfacing of the R/C runways and Control Line areas, for example, cost approximately \$2800 in 2000, and are expected to be over \$3000 in 2002.

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned: The next meeting will be February 7, 2001, at 8:00 P.M. at the St. Louis County Library, on South Lindbergh, in the East Room.

NEW YEAR'S DAY FUN FLY

By Eric Langston

I went to the field at 10:00 A.M. on January first. The temperature was in the single digits. I made coffee and heated water for other hot drinks. Doug Bunn showed up shortly after I did and got his plane ready to fly. He started it, carried it to the runway and gently set it on top of the snow. With a little instruction on taking off from snow without the use of skis, he managed a reasonable takeoff. After a short and somewhat interesting flight, he brought it in for a very soft landing on top of the crusty snow.

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Frank Nolle plows the pits and taxiway on January first. Doesn't this make you want to rush right out? Believe it or not, Doug Bunn actually flew!



Coffee's ready! Spirits, Frank Nolle, Eric Langston and Anna Nolle (foreground), brave single digit temperatures to clear the driveway and pits so members could fly on New Year's Day.

I'm sorry if anybody did not get there while the coffee was on. I left the field shortly after 12:00 P.M. The Nolle family and I were the last ones out, and we had been there 45 minutes after anyone, with something to fly, had gone home. *(Lee Volmert and Les Richman arrived later, but no one else flew. ed)* But hey, the weather has to get better, so maybe I will see you all at the field for some warmer winter flying in weeks to come.

Eric



Just another day at the field! Anna Nolle drinks coffee while waiting for someone to fly. Son Cliff is in the background

The Last Word:

By Walt Wilson

Sig Manufacturing Co. Inc. is celebrating their 50th Anniversary by underwriting a "Fuel For Fields" program. Any AMA chartered club is eligible for a 50 cent donation, from Sig, for each gallon of their fuel purchased. Each eligible gallon of Sig fuel has a coupon attached. If club members collect these coupons, as they buy the year's fuel, and the club submits them to Sig before December 31, 2001, the club will receive the appropriate donation for flying field development. The money may be used for equipment or whatever is needed. If members will submit their coupons to me, I'll take care of the submission toward the end of this year. Sig won't accept coupon submissions from individuals. At Pat Keebey's request, I've included an application for flying at Buder Park. See page six. The GSLMA rules for that field will be mailed to you with the card. If you choose to go fly there, be sure you're familiar with their field rules!

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Also, start rounding up your junk (oops) treasures for sale at the Swap Meet on March 24th. This is always a fun event. If you want a table, get there early or you won't get one! I enjoy looking at the stuff people have for sale.

It gives you a good idea what people are building and how well (or poorly) they do it.

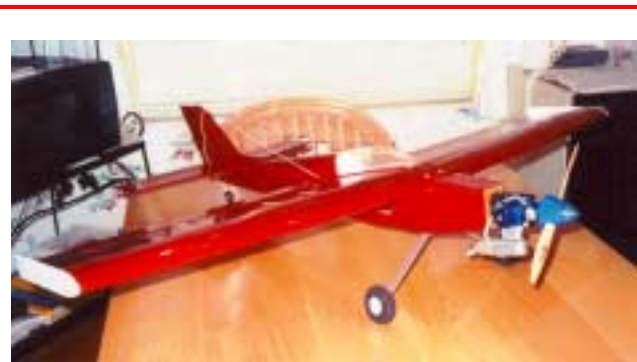
Usually, you can see some great looking and unusual planes there. Sometimes you find bargains and sometimes you don't. If you're looking for something specific, chances are pretty good you'll find it. Whether or not you get the deal you want is between you and the seller. If you think the price is too high, make an offer! The bargaining can be fun! They want to sell it or they wouldn't have it there.

Take cash in smaller denominations, the seller may not think to bring enough change and checks are usually not accepted. Besides that, if the seller wants \$10.00 and you wave a fiver at him, he may take it! Early buying assures that you get the choice items but, as it gets close to closing, the prices for what's left usually get a lot better.

During the course of the day, you're likely to run into old friends and acquaintances who you may not have seen in many years. People drift off to other clubs, or drop out of the hobby, and resurface at events like this. It can be as much

of a social event as a sale. People come from all the local clubs, and some from great distances, to attend these meets. Typically, there will be 700 or more people walking through during the day.

Gotta go build (and dig through the basement for something to sell)



FOR SALE

Great Planes Aerobatic "Fun One" powered by a new O.S. .40 LA. It's newly built and has never been flown. Covered in Pearl Red Monokote, it can be yours for only \$150.00!

Call Ozzie Barron at 636-939-0762.

Keep Going, There's More!

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SWAP MEET

SATURDAY- MARCH 24, 2001

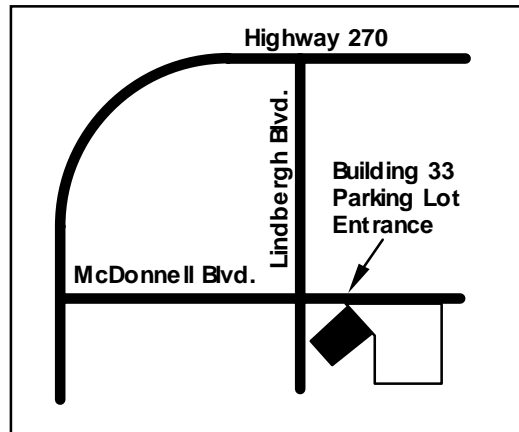
Boeing - Bldg. 33, Corner of Lindbergh and McDonnell Blvd.
ADMISSION \$4.00 - CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE

HOBBY SHOPS SET-UP AT 10:30 A.M.
INDIVIDUALS WITH SOMETHING TO SWAP/SELL
AT 11:30 A.M.
ALL OTHERS AT 12:00 noon

CONTACTS: Anna Nolle; 314-298-8664, e-mail: nollea@yahoo.com
or
Jim Wortkoetter; Daytime 314-233-0735, Evenings 636-947-1034

Table Fees:

Two Tables - Free, Third Table: \$10.00, Each Additional Table: \$15.00



REFRESHMENTS: HOT FOOD, CHIPS, SODA

RAFFLE PRIZE: Futaba 8-Channel Radio

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN
TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLY ON DAY OF SWAP MEET

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General Membership meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at the Bridgeton Trails County Library Branch, 3455 McKelvey Rd. (1/4 mi. south of St. Charles Rock Road).

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Flying Field: Our new field is located on Amrein Road, off Greens Bottom Road in St. Charles County.