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

Four-Star 40/Warbirds June 4 Helicopter Fun-Fly June 25



BOB GIZZIE PHOTOS

President Dave Brown has spent many hours, sometimes working until midnight, repairing cracks in our runway. In this picture, he is cutting a slot in the asphalt between the taxiways and runway.

Dave Brown, Gary Graul, and Kenny Wright fill cracks in the runway. Gary Pyles also worked on it. They worked at night, sometimes until midnight, to avoid disruption of flying and used "cold patch", as suggested by Ralph Doyle. It appears to work well.

PREZ SEZ:

By Dave Brown

Greetings fellow members. For those of you that did not attend the meeting, I guess you'll just have to read the newsletter. There were only a handful of people that came and nobody brought any airplanes for display.

The field sustained some damage from high winds a few days back, the "Johnny on the Spot" was blown over and some shingles were flipped back on the pavilion roof. The runway crack repair is now about 70 percent completed and the major problem areas have been repaired and sealed.

FLY SAFE, FLY RESPONSIBLY.

MEETING MINUTES: May 12, 2011

By Walt Wilson

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Dave Brown

Members signed in: Eleven members and one guest were present. This is the smallest attendance in memory. Everyone must be very happy with the way things are going!

Secretary's Report: Walt Wilson, Secretary. Paul Geders noted that the speed limit on Greens Bottom Road is actually 40 MPH rather than 45, as noted in last month's newsletter. Otherwise, the minutes were accepted as published in last month's Flight Lines.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Lindewirth, Treasurer. Bill rolled over only \$5,000.00 into a new CD, and kept more cash on hand, in anticipation of a budget deficit this year. On meeting night, we were 18 members below last year at this time. Excessive rain and wind this spring may be behind the reduced interest in flying. When the weather improves, hopefully membership will increase to the usual number. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Field Report: Paul Geders, Field Chairman. Bill Lindewirth has graciously volunteered to make signs to replace those stolen by the thief who vandalized our field. The new signs will be installed as Bill completes them. The Porta-Potty was blown over on May 9, but will be cleaned and operational again by the time you read this.

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Do not throw foam cups or other trash in the Porta-Potty! We will have to clean it or pay extra to have the vendor do it! If you brought it, take it home with you! The field is not a trash dump!

Paul Geders has a more detailed report on field maintenance activities elsewhere in this newsletter. If you are aware of anything else at the field needing repair or attention, please notify Paul or another Board Of Directors member.

Safety Report: Duane Youngman, Safety Chairman, was not present. Be sure to post your membership card on the frequency board, regardless of your radio type. Frank Hunleth was seriously cut up when his electric-powered motor unexpectedly started. **Always stay clear of the propeller and be sure your plane is restrained when plugging your battery in or making control adjustments or range checks. That little motor can do a lot of damage and will just keep hacking until it's turned off. An electric motor doesn't quit running when you stick your fingers or hand in the prop like glow engines do!**

Membership Report: Pete Stephans, Membership Chairman, was not present. We have 150 members. General consensus is that bad weather has held down enthusiasm for flying and attraction of potential members.

Activities Report:

May 7 Tailgate Swap Meet: Event Director, Daryl Youngman and his crew, did a great job and it was a beautiful, but windy, day. Predicted rain held the attendance to about 2/3 of last year and we lost some money on concessions. Some food supplies were left over and will be offered for sale at the June 4 Four-Star 40/Warbirds Races.

April 23 Four-Star 40 and Warbirds Races Rained Out : CD Paul Geders reported that the races are re-scheduled for June 4. Entry is still free and workers are needed.

June 25 Helicopter Fun-Fly: Event Directors, Tom Foster, Kevin Cordell, and Pete Stephans, were not present. The Helicopter Fun-Flies were very successful last year and we have every reason to believe they will be this year, too.

July 16 Four-Star 40/Warbirds Races: Curt Milster will be CD for the July 16 Four-Star 40/Warbirds Races.

Member Appreciation Dinner: Lee Volmert questioned the expenditure of approximately \$300.00 on the Annual Member Appreciation Meeting and Dinner, considering the anticipated financial shortfall this year. The matter was tabled for future discussion.

OLD BUSINESS: None was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: None was presented.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

Field Committee Chairman Report:

By Paul Geders

The asphalt repair work is coming along very well due to

the efforts of our President, Dave Brown, our Vice President, Gary Graul, and Kenny Wright, with moral support from several other members including Gary Pyles and Gene and Irene Jones. See the photos on our website under "At the Field 2011" for more details of their efforts. They have taken on this task working in the evenings so that members could still fly rather than shutting the field down for a day or so. They worked as late as midnight to do the repairs.



BOB GIZZIE PHOTOS

Here, Dave is applying caulk to a smaller crack in the pits, while Gene and Irene Jones, and Gary Pyles lend moral support.



The repairs consist of cutting the Petro-tac on either side of the cracks and removing it. Then they dug out the cracks down to the sand. They put in several layers of tamped rock from the parking lot followed by several layers of tamped cold patch asphalt. After peaking the last layer of cold patch, it was then tamped flush to the surrounding area, using a power plate. Lastly, they applied a coat of the best rubberized sealer with a roller.

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Smaller cracks in the pit area, elsewhere, and the cracks on either side of the center taxiway concrete culvert were sealed using a gray concrete caulk. It is aggressively sticky and after curing was coated with the rubberized driveway sealer. More repair work is still to be done in the same manner.

If you see them, ask if you can assist in any manner, like getting them some refreshments, etc. We cannot thank these guys enough for what they have undertaken and done.

They stepped out on their own for the benefit of all the other members. Please, next time you see Dave, Gary, and Kenny, let them know how much we appreciate their unselfish efforts.

Replacement signs are also coming along very well. Bill Lindewirth has taken on building all the new signs, made out of treated lumber, with hand routed and painted lettering. These new signs will come in about \$150 to \$180 dollars cheaper than the previous stolen ones. We will set these new signs in concrete to discourage removal. Again, another example of someone going above and beyond for the benefit of all the members. We owe Bill a debt of gratitude and appreciation for his efforts, too. Let him know how much you appreciate it!

Trash On The Trailer;

By Bill Lindewirth

I recently borrowed & returned the club trailer. Before using it, I had to discard all the trash that was being stored in it. I repaired the safety chains and soldered in a new four-

At The Field..



WALT WILSON PHOTO

Following the tradition, Bob Gizzie cuts the back out of Taylor Anderson's T-shirt to commemorate his first solo flight on May 7, 2011.



Gene Jones (left), Babe Raab, Taylor Anderson, and Bob Gizzie celebrate Taylor's solo flight and show the plane he used. All three instructors assisted Taylor in achieving this goal. Congratulations, Taylor!

pin connector for the trailer lights. I also took care of several other minor things that needed attention. In a few weeks, I will repair the side marker lights.

Please remember that the trailer is not to be used as a rolling dumpster.

May 22 Scale Fly-In:

The day was beautiful, except for the 20 MPH south wind. Most of the 14 scale planes were grounded for safety reasons. Several people flew various types of aircraft, but landings across the runway were common. CD Curt Milster handed out "Best of Show" certificates for various categories of aircraft and most attendees enjoyed having a good old, laid-back, bull session while commenting on the antics of those brave souls who flew.

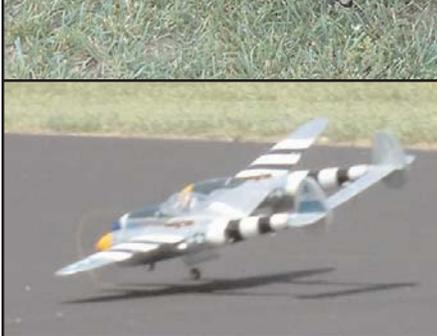


WALT WILSON PHOTOS

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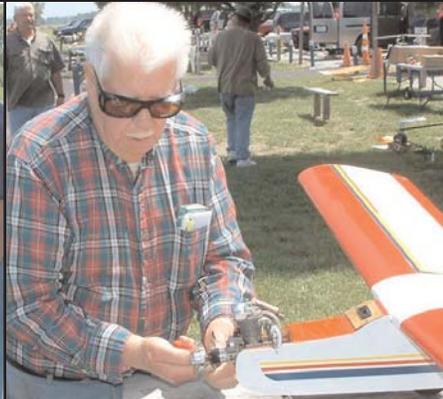
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Spirits' Tailgate Swap Meet, May 7:

Apparently, predictions of a rainy day kept attendance down, but there was still a good turnout for the Swap Meet. The day turned out to be beautiful, except for a brisk wind. Many people flew anyway and had a great time, even those just relaxing and watching while looking for that great deal, or waiting for buyers. Event Director, Daryl Youngman, did a great job of organizing. Mark Livesay and Bill Lindewirth worked concessions and no one went away hungry.



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

Four-Star 40* and WARBIRDS*

Pylon Races

Saturday, June 4, 2011



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

ENTRY FEE: NONE. Novice & Expert Classes for both Four-Star 40 and WARBIRDS Race for "Bragging Rights", and 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place 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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The Last Word

By Walt Wilson

It seems that most days are either too windy or it's raining, when we want to fly. Some flyers ignore the wind and fly anyway. I've gone flying when the wind was so strong that you could hover a trainer at more than half-throttle. One day, one of the guys flew a "Swizzle Stick" up to himself, hovered it (flying level), and picked it out of the air with his free hand. ***I don't recommend trying this, those props can do a lot of damage if you make a mistake!*** I can remember days when I was flying and it started raining, but I continued flying, as long as I could see the plane. One New Years Day, 1999 I think, a couple of our members flew in a snow storm, but soon landed when they lost sight of their planes as they got a short distance away. Those days are behind me, now. I get more jollies designing and building than flying, and won't fly unless conditions suit me.

Our April 23 Four-Star/Warbirds Races were rained-out and the wind kept most scale planes grounded at our Scale Fly-In. Rain predictions kept attendance down at our Tailgate Swap Meet, but the day turned out to be beautiful. I got the impression that there were a lot more sellers than buyers.

The advent of ARF's, Ebay, Craigslist, and low-cost Chinese web sites have made it very difficult to sell finished airplanes, or expensive components, at a swap meet!

The next event is June 4; the re-scheduled Four-Star 40/Warbirds races. This one is an experiment to see if free entry will induce more novices to try racing. Winners will receive certificates and have "bragging rights". If attendance is about the same as in previous years, when we had \$10.00 entry fee "Cash Bashes", we'll probably go back to that format for future races. That remains to be decided. If you want to try racing and the entry fees were what kept you away, June 4 is the time to do it!

The full-scale P-51, "Petie 2nd", I discussed last month has been sold. It will be delivered to the new owner, in Florida, by the time this newsletter is mailed.

While deciding on a new project, I'm rebuilding the nose on an Electrify Fokker D VII with which I made an unscheduled landing. There wasn't much left, so I'm ad-libbing a lot of it as I go. Fortunately, spare parts are available for a cowl and badly bent-up landing gear.

See you at the field!

Gotta go build!

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Helicopter Fun Fly



Saturday June 25, 2011

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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Spirits' 2011 Activities Schedule

| Date | Contest/Event | Contest/Event Director | Notes |
|--------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---|
| June 4 | Four-Star 40/Warbirds | Paul Geders | Re-scheduled April Races |
| June 25 | Helicopter Fun Fly | Tom Foster/Kevin Cordell | |
| July 16 | Four-Star 40/Warbirds | Curt Milster | Field is open to General Flying until 10:00 or 10:30 A.M. on racedays |
| Aug 7 | Electric Fly-In | CD TBD | This is a Sunday Event and will be Open to General Flying after 2:00 P.M. |
| Sept. 7 | Meeting at Field | B of D | Member Appreciation Dinner |
| September 24 | Open House | Committee | |
| October 1 | Helicopter Fun Fly | Tom Foster/Kevin Cordell | |
| October 8 | Four-Star 40/Warbirds | Steve Cross | |

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Walt Wilson's "Dallas Doll" P-51 was built from a House Of Balsa kit and finished with fiberglass and Hobbyoxy paints. It has a K&B .40 for power.



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Meeting is on
Thursday,
June 9
at 7:00 P.M.