



# FLIGHT LINES

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

## Dinner Meeting at Field and Nomination of Officers for 2012 on Sept. 14 Eleventh Annual Open House on Sept. 24

### PREZ SEZ

By Dave Brown

Greetings fellow members, The meeting was held on Wednesday as scheduled with more than 20 attendees, two of which were new members.

It appears we are going to have to do something different with our web site so Bill Lindewerth, Paul Geders and Gary Pyles are getting their heads together to decide what the best fix is.

Safety. There appears to be a misnomer that if your helicopter or plane is small, you are able to fly it next to the pavilion. WRONG ! Please fly in the designated areas and not anywhere you feel like, it only takes one dumb thumb move and someone could get injured. There have also been people standing on the taxiways while flying. This is also a no-no and you could get injured by a propeller. Stay behind the designated fenced area, it is there to protect you.

There are now four airplanes in the soybean field. It is not a good idea to go out and trample through the farmers field to try to find them. If I were not going to a reunion this weekend, I was going to bring out to the field a 50' towable lift and see if they were visible from the basket. If so, I could direct someone, who is on the ground, to find them.

*FLY SAFELY, FLY RESPONSIBLY.*

### MEETING MINUTES: August 10, 2011

By Walt Wilson

**Meeting** called to order at 7:07 P.M.

**New Members present.** New members Griffon Jasin, 636-734-4810, and Rick Laitinen, 314-608-6627, introduced themselves and were welcomed by the members at the meeting.

**Secretary's Report:** *Walt Wilson, Secretary.* Ralph Doyle noted that the engine in his Spitfire, on page 8 of the August Flight Lines, has a Super Tigre .34, not an O.S. .32SX as noted. Minutes approved as published in Flight Lines..

**Treasurer's Report:** *Bill Lindewirth, Treasurer.* Treasurer's report approved as presented.

**Field Report;** *Gary Graul, Field Committee Chairman.* The missing tents have mysteriously re-appeared at the pavilion, and now that they have they will need to be safe-



DAVE BROWN PHOTO

guarded by locking them up by some means, or they will have to be kept off site, to prevent this from occurring in the future. There are seven freshly repainted starting tables at the field. We need to keep them clean, There were three people involved with the paint removal and re-application, Gary Pyles, Brian Gilmer, and Dave Brown. The painting of the bottom parts of the tables was done by Dave at his house and the epoxy coating was done by him and Gary Pyles. Please avoid fuel spills and clean any oil or other residue off your table top when you finish flying.

A third "No Spectators Beyond This Point" sign has been completed by Bill Lindewirth and installed by Gary Graul. None of the new signs have been disturbed, or stolen, so far. The repaired cracks in the runway have sunken somewhat and further filling and sealing has been done by Gary Graul and Dave Brown. The sealer can be sticky and messy when first applied. Avoid walking on it, or taxiing through it, until it has a chance to harden.

**To avoid their blowing around and being broken, please place all plastic chairs on posts before leaving the field.**

Permanent anchors have been installed on the pavilion for mounting the "Spirits of St. Louis R/C Flying Club" banner when events are in progress.

**Safety Report:** *Duane Youngman, Safety Chairman,* was not present. Broken plastic chairs should be removed from the field to avoid injury to people who may try to use them. **Mini-Helicopters are to be handled and treated like large ones, regarding safety.** (Continued on the next page)

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**Do not fly them in or near the pavilion. They can cut, or otherwise injure, people just like the big ones! Fly them in designated areas only!**

**Don't stand in taxiways when flying. You block others who may be trying to taxi to the runway and may be hit by a spinning propeller or out-of-control plane!**

### Activities Report:

**Electric Fly-In, August 7:** It was a very successful event, in spite of the heat and humidity. Twenty-one flyers registered, with about three times that many aircraft. Walt Wilson arranged with Steve Pokin, of the St. Charles County Suburban Journal, to do an article about the Spirits. Pokin and photographer, Roy Sykes, attended the Fly-In, interviewed several people, and took many pictures. The article appeared in The St. Charles County Suburban Journal on August 10. A brief Fly-In report is on page 3, with photos on pages 4 and 5.

**Member Appreciation Dinner:** The club will provide hamburgers, brats, hot dogs, and refreshments. If you want steak, bring your own and Bill Lindewirth, the cook, will barbecue it for you. The rest of the meal will consist of covered dishes or desserts brought by attendees. **Bring your favorite covered dish to share with friends.**

**Open House, September 24:** Gary Pyles and the committee planning the Open House gave a report on plans and progress. The part of the pit area nearest the pavilion will be roped off and limited to use by spectators only. Other areas will be designated for pits.

There will be a flying competition for Mini-Helicopters on the existing Heli-Pad. See the flyer on page 7.

A full-size Schweitzer 300C helicopter will be on display. The O.H. committee recommended that, during the hours of the Open House only, new Junior Members may join for 2012, free, new Full Members may join without paying the \$25.00 initiation fee, and new Family Memberships will cost only \$135.00, with no initiation fee. A motion was made and seconded, then the proposal was passed unanimously. **These deals are for new members only.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None was presented.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**New Web Site Software Required:** Our present web site was created and has been maintained using Microsoft *Front Page* software, which is now obsolete. Yahoo, who hosts our web site, has notified us that they will no longer support sites based upon *Front Page*. Dreamweaver is the latest and highly recommended software for creating or updating web pages. The cost is somewhere between \$125.00 and \$399.00, depending upon the version and where it is purchased. Bill Lindewirth recommended using a free program for the web site, with possible limited capabilities. There was a discussion and President Dave Brown told Paul, Bill, and Gary Pyles to get together and come up with a solution.

**Planes Lost In Soybean Field:** At present, there are four planes lost in the soybeans adjacent to our flying field. Searchers have gone into the soybean field and airborne cameras have been used to no avail. If you happen to find



Our resident "Gadget Guru", Gary Pyles, discussed this lighting system, available from Hobbyking.com, for \$6.95. The only shortcoming is the wires may be a bit short for some applications.



Gary Graul showed the SE-5A he is scratch-building from full-scale structural data. He's going to power it with a Saito .62 four-stroke, using a scale exhaust system

one or more of them, please return them to the owners. Try to avoid damaging the bean plants if you have to go searching.

**Paul Geders** won the \$10.00 gift card donated by Mark Twain Hobby Center.

### Meeting Activity:

Four members brought planes, or hobby related items, to show and discuss. See the photos for details.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M..**

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Paul Geders discussed his new Duraplane, assembled from an old kit. It's a very poor kit with lots of problems. Paul has an O.S. .40 FP up front, and his fingers crossed, for the upcoming first flight.



Gary Pyles showed his Icon A5 ARF, an electric-powered model of a full-scale electric-powered aircraft. The foam and plastic kit comes complete with brushless motor, ESC, servos, retracts, and a prop, for \$197.00 from **Hobbyking.com**. It takes longer to apply the decals than to assemble the rest of the airplane.



Jim Rawlings showed the Great Planes, 1/5 scale P-51 Mustang he is building for display in the Chanute Air Museum, at Rantoul, Illinois. The box containing the kit was eight feet long and weighed 25 pounds!



Walt Wilson (center) invited columnist Steve Pokin (left) and photographer Roy Sykes, of the St. Charles County Edition of the Suburban Journal, to cover the August 7 Electric Fly-In. The article appeared in the Journal on August 10.

### Concessions

By Bill Lindewirth

Having a concession stand is always a nice addition to any of our flying events.

Mark Livesay, our resident "Grill-Master" and I, have been cooking and working together for the last several years to provide the club and spectators with great food and refreshments.

Most members have no idea as to what goes into providing the club with this service, much less how much time it takes to buy, transport, set-up, cook, serve, clean-up, etc. for a single event.

With three more big events scheduled for the rest of this year, we need "HELP"!! Mark and I will cook and serve

WALT WILSON PHOTOS

GREG BOHRER PHOTO (RIGHT)

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### August 7 Electric Fly-In

By Chris Nenzel

I just want to take a moment of your time to thank those who came to the Electric Fly-In. The volunteers get my special thanks for assisting with helping organize and keep the event running smoothly. Thanks to Mark Livesay for keeping us all well-fed. The feedback I've received on the event has been overwhelmingly positive and, based on that feedback, I'm

going to suggest that we add this event to next year's calendar now so we can get the event into the AMA magazine and get the word out to vendors early about it. Maybe next year we can get them to set up a booth or two and continue to grow the event from there!

Again, my thanks to all who came and hung out, helped and flew. If you didn't make it this year, then I'll hope to see you next year!



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### More August 7 Electric Fly-In



PHOTOS BY CAROLYN SCHLUETER AND WALT WILSON

### The Last Word

By Walt Wilson

The Electric Fly-In was a resounding success, in spite of almost unbearable heat and humidity. It's refreshing to see a new event draw participants like this and the Helicopter Fun-Flys have in the past year. The Parkzone Air Combat Event was fun to watch and shows promise for future events. It was interesting to see a Stinson dogfighting a Messerschmitt bf109, and holding it's own! Amazingly, there were no mid-air collisions, but there were no "cuts", either! We're going to have to work on that! Maybe our Electric Gurus could consider having a pure Parkzone Combat event before the end of the year, after it cools down about 30 degrees!

Coverage of the Electric Fly-In by Steve Pokin and Photographer Roy Sykes, of the St. Charles County

Suburban Journal, brought us more visibility to the public and, hopefully, will inspire more people to attend our Open House. I'll also place a notice of the Open House in the Journal near the end of September.

Wednesday, September 14, is nomination night for 2012 officers. A new President and Vice President are needed. If someone wants to be Treasurer or Secretary, they are welcome to run for those positions, too. Bill Lindewirth and I will be willing to continue in those positions, and I will be happy to continue as Newsletter Editor, if the club wants us. We will also need a new Membership Chairman and Contest/Event Committee Chairman. Those are appointed/volunteer positions, so people willing to do the jobs are needed. It's opportunity time for you to step forward and contribute something to your club, other than dues.

*Gotta go build!*

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

**Membership**

**Appreciation**



**Dinner**



**September 14 2011**

**Spirits' Flying Field**

**Family Members Welcome**

**5:00 pm to 6:00 pm Refreshments**

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

**Dinner served at 6:00 pm followed by a short Club Meeting at 7:00 pm**

**(Nomination of 2012 Officers)**

25 Amrein Road  
St. Charles, MO  
Find us using Google Maps,  
MapQuest, or your GPS  
using the address above

# Spirits of STL

Radio Control Flying Club



Date: September 24th Time: 9 AM to 4PM  
**FREE ADMISSION & FREE PARKING**  
CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE!



# OPEN HOUSE!

For more information contact:  
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**GENERAL RAFFLE: \$1 PER TICKET**  
**1ST PRIZE: BLADE MCPX RTF \$220 VALUE AND OTHER GREAT PRIZES**  
**PILOT'S RAFFLE: FREE 2012 SPIRITS MEMBERSHIP**

*Pilots: No Landing Fee, must check in at the Pilot Registration Area and have a current AMA Card to fly.*

**Spectators Always Welcome** Directions from Hwy 94 below

**Hwy 94 & Jungs Station (10 Minutes)**  
South on Jungs Station, it crosses the Katy Trail and turns into Greens Bottom Rd  
Turn Left on Amrein Rd. (just past the stop sign)  
About 1 mile down on your right.

**Hwy 94 & Kisker (10 Minutes)**  
South on Kisker to Towers, Left on Towers (just before Pitman Hill)  
Right on Caulks Hill, Right on Greens Bottom Rd  
Turn Left on Amrein Rd.  
About 1 mile down on your right.

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CAROLYN SCHLUETER PHOTO

*Paul Geders shows off with his plan-built profile F-22 at the Spirits' Electric Fly-In.*



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Spirits' Field, on  
Wednesday,  
September 14,  
Member  
Appreciation  
Dinner at  
6:00 P.M.**

September, 2011