

**Elected 2014  
Officers**

**2014  
Board appointments**

**Next meeting, Nov 13th  
At The Library  
7PM**

# *Flight Lines*



*Photo by Gary Pyles*



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

AMA Charter No. 396, Our 48<sup>th</sup> Year, a Gold Level Leader Club



# Stuff

*It's an honor and privilege to act as the President of this amazing RC flying club and to walk in the footsteps of those that have gone before. There are some very large footprints to fill; the challenge is felt. I have had the privilege to belong to several RC clubs over the years ranging from California, Colorado, New York and now here at the center of gravity of the USA! I have not encountered a finer club. I am pleased to have the support of the club officers and soon to be inducted new board members and most of all, the club membership which is the heart of this club.*

*This club is much more than a collection of RC fliers. It is an association of members from all walks of life having a wide variety of interests in various aspects of the hobby. We are all enhanced by the knowledge and experience of the members. We all immensely enjoy the camaraderie that is evident at the field, getting to know each other and helping each other with the endless technical issues to keep planes in the air. We feel a sense of accomplishment when a new to the hobby member takes to the air by buddy box, and even more so when they solo. We owe a lot to our fabulous flight instruction Program and the tireless efforts of the instructors.*

*I will never forget the first time I released a powered free flight model into the air 63 years ago and it actually flew at age 9. I have been smitten ever since by the joys of this hobby. Our hobby spawns creativity, technical learning, problem solving, construction knowledge, decoration and best of all, the friendship at the field.*

*We are lucky to have a hobby like this. We are lucky to have members like we have.*

*Vic Bunze*

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*Cover picture taken at the October Membership meeting.*



# MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting Minutes: October 9, 2013**

**By Dale Buchanan, Secretary**

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by President, Gary Pyles.

**Attendance:**

15 members were present.

**Announcements:**

Gary Pyles thanked the officers and the Board of Directors that worked with him for the past year. Special thanks went to Ralph Doyle and Bill Lindewirth for their great service to the club. Bill and Ralph will also be returning for the 2014 year.

**New Members in Attendance:**

There was one new member present. He was welcomed to the club and will be officially accepted at the next meeting.

Dan Ahlvers

**Secretary's Report:**

Dale Buchanan, Secretary

The meeting room at the library has been reserved for the first six months in 2014. All the meetings will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. March will be in room 2 and the 5 other months will be in room 1.

A motion was made to accept the minutes in last month's newsletter and the members accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Bill Lindewirth, Treasure

Bill reports that the club was in the green for the month of September. This was because of the Heli event and the Open House.

A motion was made to accept the Treasury report as presented and the members accepted.

**Field Report:**

Gary Graul, Field Chairman

Gary was not present.

Gary Pyles says the field looks great. Bill Lindewirth has noticed that a crack on the right side of the field towards Amrein road has developed. It is about 2 inches by 5 feet. The new field chairman may want to get something in the crack before the winter freeze.

Mowing will be on October 24<sup>th</sup> around 1:00. There will be NO flying when mowers are at the field.

**Safety Report:**

Russ Watts, Safety Chairman

Russ reports nothing new on safety issues. He also says that if you are on 2.4 you still need to put up a card on the frequency

board.

### Membership Report:

Ralph Doyle, Membership Chairman

Ralph reports that there are currently 159 members. Two of these members are also signed up for the 2014 year.

"When you join or renew your AMA membership, please, PLEASE, do NOT send a temporary AMA receipt to Ralph. He continues to get temporary receipts and he has to have an actual copy of your AMA card."

### Events Report:

Vic Bunze, Event Chairman

The electric fun fly had 12 people show up and out of that there were 7 people that competed. With a max total of 3300 points the top 4 places were as follows:

- 1ST Vic Bunze with 2648 poin
- 2nd Gene Jones with 2332 points
- 3rd Rich Taylor with 2243 points
- 4th Gary Pyles with 2158 points

Also noted was that the club needs to make a donation this year to a charity in order to keep up its gold leader standing with the AMA.

## FOURSTAR 40 RACES

### OCT 5TH



For those who were scared of the weather on race day, they certainly missed out on a great opportunity: cool temperatures, NO wind and dry conditions prevailed. We had 11 participants including 4 racers who arrived ready to race. Three heats were held and **Paul Geders** won the contest with 3 perfect flights. **Ralph Doyle** finished 2nd followed by **Kenny Barstow** and **Bob Fiely**. I want to thank the volunteers who assisted so that the event ran smoothly. The field was open for general flying at noon! Apparently, the weather kept the sport flyers away also as at the time I left, the only plane I saw was Gary Pyles and Bob Gizzie training a new pilot.

Ralph Doyle

## TECH GEMS

**Bill Lindewirth** is scratch building a PT17 Stearman for the Model Aviation News contest. The plans are on our website and you can take them to Kinkos or anywhere you want and have them made into full size plans for about \$3.50. The plane must have a box type fuselage. Bills plane will be electric with 4 channels. For the contest you must also send in a picture of the plane in flight.

The \$20.00 gift card from Mark Twain Hobby was won by Bill Lindewirth for his fine presentation.

**Leo Steck** mentioned that he is buying 11 classic pattern plane designs. He will have the molds for these planes plus wing templates and belly pan molds. Anyone interested in pattern planes can contact Leo for more information.



*Relaxation demonstration Full throttle Bob Fiely*

## Flight Training

**Gary Pyles** has volunteered to continue to run our excellent flight training program. Many thanks to Gary for all his innovative work on this program and many thanks to the numerous flight instructors , who now wear the distinctive Red Caps and Polo shirts provided by Gary.

Gary says the club has 4 good trainer planes. Gary would like to put in the new budget for next year to purchase 3 new Hobby King 6 channel orange transmitters, receivers and batteries. The total cost of the new equipment would be about \$260.00. He also says we need to replace some of the batteries in the transmitters that the club now owns.

## Electric Fun Fly

We had a really good time flying three timed events. Rolls, loops and spins; Climb and glide; and two minute precision. Engraved Trophies were awarded to 4<sup>th</sup> place.



Steve Ramonczuk *Fun Fly Photos by Gary Pyles*

**New Business:**

**Election of Officers for 2014**

Leo Steck and Brendon Weidinger were nominated for the Vice President position. The results of the voting for the new officers for 2014 are:

- President: **Vic Bunze**
- Vice President: **Leo Steck**
- Secretary: **Greg Bowles**
- Treasury: **Bill Lindewirth**

The frequency board could use more 2.4 spots for cards.

Bill Lindewirth presented Gary Pyles with a club jacket and hat for his tremendous services to the club for the last two years



*Gene Jones winning climb and glide*



*Bruce Omans and Vic Bunze*



Intense Competitors scheming Ralph Doyle , Rich Taylor and Tony



Vic Sticks landing

# Klass Kote Missouri

Klasskote Paints · NovaRossi Engines · B&D Retracts · Sig Mfg. · Morgan Fuel · Balsa USA · RTL Fasteners



*Klasskotemo is operated by long-time club member Leo Steck and offers a great line of products for the R/C enthusiast. From Klass Kote 2-part epoxy coatings to B&D Retracts, Nova Rossi Engines, and now kits from SIG Mfg.*

*The new SIG Four-Star 54 is available and Leo can get one for you.*

*Call Leo at 636-828-4343 or email him at [info@klasskotemo.com](mailto:info@klasskotemo.com) for pricing and availability.*



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

## MEMBER APPLICATION & AGREEMENT



FOR THE PERIOD **JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 201**\_\_

[spiritsofstl.com](http://spiritsofstl.com)

*AMA and Spirits memberships run from January 1 to December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. You must be an AMA member for the year you are applying for membership. (AMA introductory memberships are not valid)*

Check New or Renewing Below	Check the appropriate box or boxes		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>New Member</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Full Membership</b> \$135	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Youth Member</b> \$25 (under 19)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Aug./Sept dues</b> \$10/month (\$2.50 youth)
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Renewing Member</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Family Membership</b> \$160	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Associate Member</b> \$25 (non-flying)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>"In Arrears Fee" \$25</b> after the March meeting

Membership includes a subscription to "Flight Lines", our monthly newsletter. Check below to indicate how you would like to receive your copy:  online @ [spiritsofstl.com](http://spiritsofstl.com)  by US Postal service

Do you wish to be contacted by email, by the Spirits, about upcoming events & announcements:  Yes  No

<b>Primary Member Information</b> (please print clearly)		
First Name:	Last Name:	AMA No:
Address:		State:
City:		Zip:
Telephone:	Email:	Age (optional)
Signature:		Date:
<b>Family Member #1 Information</b> (please print clearly)		
First Name:	Last Name:	AMA No:
Relationship:	Email:	Age (optional)
Signature:		Date:
<b>Family Member #2 Information</b> (please print clearly)		
First Name:	Last Name:	AMA No:
Relationship:	Email:	Age (optional)
Signature:		Date:
<b>Family Member #3 Information</b> (please print clearly)		
First Name:	Last Name:	AMA No:
Relationship:	Email:	Age (optional)
Signature:		Date:

**By signing this application you agree that you have read and will comply with the current AMA Safety Code (available at: [modelaircraft.org/files/105.pdf](http://modelaircraft.org/files/105.pdf)) & the Spirits' rules and regulations as stated in the latest version of the Spirits' Bylaws, Constitution, and Safety Rules available for review at [spiritsofstl.com](http://spiritsofstl.com).**

*New members that join in August or September shall pay \$10 (\$2.50 for Youth Members) for August and or \$10 (\$2.50 for Youth Members) for September, plus the annual membership dues for the coming year. New members joining after October 1<sup>st</sup> pay only the annual membership dues for the coming year. (For example: If you join October 1, 2012 your membership will extend through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013.)*

**RENEWING MEMBERS:** There is **NO** grace period when renewing! Not renewing your membership by Dec 31 results in your complete loss of flying and voting privileges with the Spirits in the coming year, until you have renewed. Additionally, if you have not renewed by the end of the March meeting you are subject to any "In Arrears Fee" listed on the membership application.

**Send this completed and signed application, a copy of your (all family members) AMA card(s) with your check made out to Spirits of St. Louis R/C Flying Club, Inc.** (no cash accepted) to the Membership Chair. You will receive your card in about 2 weeks. You may also apply in person during one of our meetings. Check our website for our next meeting time.

**Mail applications to:** Ralph Doyle, 2463 Wesington Dr, Maryland heights, MO 63043

You may contact Ralph by telephone at: 314-878-7914 or email: [membership@spiritsofstl.com](mailto:membership@spiritsofstl.com)