

# Flight Lines

The Monthly Newsletter of the Spirits of St. Louis R/C Flying Club

"Celebrating 50+ Years - Established in 1965"

## November, 2017

### A MESSAGE FROM "THE NEW GUY":

First off, I would like to thank Vic Bunze for his service as President over the last 3 years. Vic has a real passion for model aviation and his leadership is greatly appreciated. **Thanks Vic!**

Secondly, I have to be perfectly honest when I say that I was pretty surprised to be nominated and elected for this very important role in your club. I wholeheartedly call it "YOUR CLUB" because that is precisely how I feel. This organization exists to serve the membership and our love of model aviation, no matter whether we choose to enjoy it building, flying fixed wing, helicopters, multi-rotors, or other!

Since my nomination, I have gone out of my way to come to the field at times other than my normal routine to get a better feel for the membership. I have also worked harder to talk to different members at the field. There are a lot of good ideas, opinions, and common themes that need a voice, so that the officers can continue to build the kind of club that meets your needs. Short term, our goals will be the following based on those common themes.

1. **Field Maintenance** was the most common theme and has been our primary focus before the weather turns. Many of you lead the effort or lended a hand this past Saturday.
2. **Flight Safety** was always on the minds of people I talked to so we'll be kicking that up a notch on 2017.
3. **Voice of the Membership** was another key element. Many people felt that their

### NEXT MEETING:

Join us on November 9th, 2016 at the Merryweather Clubhouse (238 Pond Hollow Drive, St. Charles MO)

#### Tentative Agenda:

- Meet the New Club Officers
- New Members / Membership
- October Meeting Minutes Review
- Flightlines Newsletter
- Treasury Report
- 2017 Committee Appointments
- Flight Safety Discussion
- Voice of Membership Club Survey
- 2017 Events Brainstorming
- Volunteers / Service Help!
- Technical Presentations
- Adjourn

### 2017 ELECTION:

The membership elected the following leadership for 2017.

- Ralph Grant, President
- Mark Been, Vice President
- Greg Bowles, Secretary
- Bill Lindewirth, Treasurer

opinions were not heard or the club wasn't supporting their interests.

There is much to do so lets get started!  
Happy Flying!

## MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES:

By Greg Bowles, Secretary

President, Vic Bunze called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

### Attendance:

15 members were in attendance.

### New Member(s) in Attendance:

Josh Cruz is our newest member. Welcome Josh!

### Secretary’s Report:

Greg Bowles, Secretary

A motion was made, seconded and voted to accept the August meeting minutes as published in the 2016 September Flight Lines newsletter.

### Treasurer’s Report:

Bill Lindewirth, Treasurer

September 2016 we had an income of \$970.00 (from dues), and expenses of \$1506.00.

### Field Committee Chairman’s Report:

Paul Geders, Field Committee Chairman

1. There have been reports of less trash at the field. Thanks to the pilots who are picking up their water bottles, paper towels, etc.
2. If you are using the Charging Tables, please remember to close the outlet covers when done. There have been issues with the GFI outlets getting wet, shorting out and having to be replaced. A BIG thanks to Mark Been for replacing the failed outlets.
3. PLEASE close the gate if you are the last one out. You may notice a sign as you leave the field as a reminder.
4. Bill Lindewirth has again sprayed the parking lot to kill grass and weeds. It looks like it is working. Thanks Bill!
5. Work continues on finding a solution to repairing the cracks in the runway. We may be getting close to a solution.

6. There was a discussion on replacing the two tires on our trailer. They are very old and are not holding air.
7. Bill Lindewirth is taking the John Deere tractor we received from River City Flyers a few years ago. It needed a lot of work and the club members have decided there was no profit in the club spending funds to fix it.

### Safety Committee Chairman’s Report:

Brendon Weidinger, Safety Committee Chairman

Again no problems were reported. Thanks to everyone on continuation of being safe this month.

### Membership Chairman’s Report:

Ralph Doyle, Membership Chairman

We are now accepting membership for 2017. Presently we are at 9 members.

The club will start accepting membership renewals October 1st for 2017. As many of you may have forgotten, the AMA had (or has) a special this year that allowed you pay AMA dues through December 31, 2017. So check your AMA card. If

it says “MEMBER 12/31/2017” you do not have to send the membership chairman a copy of your AMA license as it is already on file. You still have to send in a completed 2017 club application with your check for club dues.

Any other member whose AMA license expires 12/31/2016 has to attach a valid 2017 AMA license to their 2017 application. One other thing you should check. Several of you have AMA membership cards that do not go to the end of the year, Dec. 31, 2017. Please check your AMA cards and contact AMA to find out how to extend your membership through to the rest of the year. This is to make sure you, and the club, are covered by AMA insurance.

**Dont forget to renew  
your AMA and Spirits  
Membership!  
  
Now Accepting 2017  
Renewals!**



**MINUTES (CONTINUED):****Event & Contest Committee Chairman's Report**  
(Position Open):**Upcoming Spirits Events:**

"The Thrill of the Chill" – Sunday, January 1st, 2017,  
9:00am to "when we are too frozen to fly!"

"Winter Indoor Fly-In (#1)" - Saturday, January 14th,  
11:00 am-3:00 pm; \$5 Pilot Fee

Hope Lutheran Church, 1975 South Old Hwy 94 (Hwy 94  
and Pralle Lane across from White Castle).

"Winter Indoor Fly-In (#2)" - Saturday, February 25th,  
11:00 am-3:00 pm; \$5 Pilot Fee

"Winter Indoor Fly-In (#3)" - Saturday, March 25th,  
11:00 am-3:00 pm; \$5 Pilot Fee

**Upcoming Local Events:**

STL Whirlybird FPV Races; Saturday, November 12th;  
Buder Park, Valley Park, MO.

MVSA; Unlimited/RES; Saturday, November 12th;  
Emerald View Sod Farm, 1722 Hwy 79, O'Fallon, MO.

Lafayette Esquadrille; Turkey Shoot C/L Contest;  
Saturday, November 20th, Buder Park, Valley Park, MO.

**Old Business:**

Your elected 2017 club officers are:

- Ralph Grant, President
- Mark Been, Vice President
- Greg Bowles, Secretary
- Bill Lindewirth, Treasurer

Voting was unanimous for the nominees (no write-ins  
were listed) with 21 ballots cast; 17 email ballots & 4  
paper ballots.

Following a discussion at last month's monthly meeting  
and correspondence with the AMA, a motion was made  
to vote on allowing members previously expelled from  
the club, to be reinstated if they choose to rejoin the  
Spirits. The BOD and general membership in attendance,  
voted unanimously in favor.

**New Business:**

No new business.

**SPIRITS EVENTS:**

The following Spirits events are  
confirmed so mark your calendars!

- The Thrill of the Chill - Jan 1, 2017
- Indoor Fly-In #1 - Jan 14, 2017
- Indoor Fly-In #2 - Jan 25, 2017
- Indoor Fly-In #3 - March 25, 2017

More to come so stay tuned!

**Technical Presentations:**

No presentations this time, though Vic Bunze brought  
in a nice desk model of a signed Chuck Yeager X-1 for  
everyone to drool over.

**Member of the Year Award:**

Our 2016 "Member of the Year Award" went to Greg  
Bowles, Secretary "In appreciation for your outstanding  
efforts & contributions as Club Secretary." The award  
included 1) a certificate suitable for framing, 2) free use  
of the Pot-a-Potty, 3) free parking at the end of the field,  
and more seriously 4) free membership for 2017.  
"Thanks everyone! It was my honor and privilege to  
serve the Spirits - the best AMA club in St. Louis." Greg



Greg Bowles, Member of the Year Award Recipient!

-Photo by Bill Lindewirth



*The meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.*

Next Spirits’ Meeting is Wednesday, November 9th, 7:00-9:00pm at Merryweather Park subdivision clubhouse. An email will be sent to all members with the following map and directions. Spirit yard signs will be posted to assist members showing the direction to the clubhouse.

**Merryweather Club House**

**To Hwy 94**

**To Spirit's field**

**From the intersection of Upper Bottoms Rd and Jungs Station Road Rd.**  
 Take Jungs Station 'north' towards Hwy. 94.  
 At the third street on the left, turn LEFT onto Willow Bend Drive.  
 At Willow Wood Ct there is a STOP sign.  
 Proceed around the Merryweather Park Monument.  
 At the Pond Hollow Drive, STOP, turn RIGHT.  
 The Club House is on your left at the intersection of Clarkson Park Drive.

**238 Pond Hollow Drive, Saint Charles, MO**





# **THRILL OF THE CHILL**

## **New Years' Day 2017**

**Who will be the first to fly?**  
**Annual New Years' Day Fly-In**  
**Regardless of the weather, 9:00 am - ????**

**Spirit Field is located at 73 Amreinn Rd.,  
St. Charles, MO 63304  
(Greens Bottom Rd. & Caulks Hill Rd.)  
Spectators always welcome! Free Parking!**

**Free Coffee & Donuts, NO Landing Fee  
and Open to all AMA Members  
For more info visit <http://spiritsofstl.com>  
or Facebook**

