



# FLIGHT LINES

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

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

**NOTICE: Chance to win FREE Dues...see Membership Committee Chairman's Report!**

### ***Spirits of St. Louis RC Flying Club***

*Monthly Meeting Minutes for December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

by Paul Geders, Secretary

**President Ralph Grant:** (Not present, out of town for work) Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Greg Bowles.

#### **Attendance:**

16 members were in attendance.

#### **New Member(s):**

No new members.

#### **Secretary's Report:**

*Paul Geders, Secretary*

A motion was made, seconded and voted to accept the November meeting minutes as published on the Spirits website under November Newsletter link.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

*Bill Lindewirth, Treasurer (Not present)*

- 1) For October, income was \$775.00. Expenses were \$450.85. A motion was made, seconded and vote taken to accept the December Treasurer's Report.
- 2) The Board Will work on a rolling 3 year budget for the club.

- 3) Ralph Grant will work on an "emphasis on assets" with the VP (Greg) to determine what we have and what requires maintenance. Budget Maintenance.
- 4) Ralph Grant has been in contact with the Ostmann's. Working on setting up a lunch with them with the purpose of relationship building.

#### **Field Committee Chairman's Report:**

*Dave Brown, Field Committee Chairman*

- 1) Dave Brown has been busy getting things winterized at the field as usual.
  - a. Kubota tires aired up.
  - b. Pavilion fan blades removed and stored for winter.
  - c. Built a new wood rack for firewood storage.
  - d. Filled in pot holes and rolled them with his John Deere Gator.
  - e. Filled some cracks in the runway etc. with Jeff Becker and Bob Gizzie.
  - f. Rolled gopher/mole holes with roller.
  - g. Probably 2 or 3 dozen others things too.

#### **Safety Committee Chairman's**

*Sid Kinzel, Safety Chairman*

- 1) No incidents or accidents at the field.
- 2) We need to do a safety presentation in 2018
- 3) JD Grant has agreed to do a "new flyer/safety orientation" video this spring for the website.

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- 4) Watch out for the cold!

## **Membership Chairman's Report:**

*Ralph Doyle, Membership Chairman*

- 1) Current membership is at 129 members. 15 members are signed up for 2019.
- 2) Membership voted the new dues rate of \$150 for Family and FREE for 19 and younger youth. 37 to 1 for Family dues, and 36 to 1 for FREE youth dues.
- 3) **If you don't have your 2019 AMA card you will not be allowed to fly starting January 1<sup>st</sup>.**
- 4) **Everyone that pays in full in 2018 will be eligible for a "Free Dues" drawing that will be held at the January Meeting.**
- 5) **Click below for access to our [Membership Application \(s\)](#)**

## **Upcoming Spirits Events:**

- 1) **2019 Frozen Thumbs Fly-In; Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>; 9:00 a.m.** "Till we're frozen"; Hot Coffee, soda and Chili will be served.
- 2) **Local Aviation Museum Tour:** Greg Bowles is working on a Saturday tour of the Historic Aircraft Restoration Museum at Dauster Flying Field known as Creve Coeur Airport.

## **Upcoming Local Events:**

- 1) **SLRCFA Friday Night Indoor Flying; November 3<sup>rd</sup> thru March 29<sup>th</sup>; 6-9:00pm;** Central Baptist Church, 601 N. Central Ave., Eureka, 6:00-9:00 p.m.; \$5.

## **Old Business:**

Bob Gizzie suggested method to increase our membership by looking into having an area set aside in the southwest side of the pavilion for RC cars. The idea, if approved by the land owners, would be to have them become members of our club, thus bringing in more revenue in the form of dues. Lots of details have to be worked out if

this comes to fruition.

## **New Business:**

- 1) **Trailer-Fix or not!** Motion was made by Dave Brown to give Bill Lindewirth the club trailer by transferring ownership to him legally. Motion passed unanimously.
- 2) Dave Brown made another motion to have the John Deere 935 mower, its deck, and roller be removed from the property by Bill Lindewirth, or we will dispose of it. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3) This will tie into the issue of maintaining assets that the club owns.
- 4) Motion made by Paul Geders, related to field flooding, was to tether the tables, and Dave suggested the BBQ pit too, to the pavilion posts just like they do at Buder Park, which hasn't lost, or damaged, one table yet. All our other stuff can be moved in pickup trucks and/or vans. The folding flight tables could possibly be stored in the rafters of the pavilion. If we do flood we will move everything else to Thies Farms on Greens Bottom Rd. Motion passed unanimously.
- 5) Indoor flying session in January/February was discussed? To have an indoor flying session or not have one? Greg is to get a set date and bring date to membership. We have to have a commitment of at least 16 individuals at \$5.00 each to cover the cost of renting.
- 6) Brainstorm some Monthly Meeting Topics A few of Ralph Grant's Ideas are shown below.

**January – Vapor Pylon Racing** Ralph has acquired two Vapors' and we will be racing the pylons (photography light stands). 1st and 2nd takes the night vapors with them as winnings.

**February** – It's cold outside and the only flying we get in is online. Bring your favorite aviation related websites to review with the club!

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## **March - Training Program Brainstorming**

Let's talk about what would make a great training program.

**April - Turbines** Steve Collins has been flying turbine powered jets and he will bring in a jet and talk about getting started

**May - Smoke on!** Ralph Grant is putting smoke on his latest Extreme Flight plane with a DA 30CC gas engine. Here is what he has learned.

**June - Construction techniques** for FMS style foam airplanes/warbirds.

**July - Foam board Airplanes.** There are several members that build Flite-Test type foam

**August - National Model Aviation Day!** Membership appreciation! Fun Fly!

**September - FPV** Bring in your FPV flyer and share with the club the ins and outs of First Person View. **Nomination of Officers**

**October - Tether Cars** Several members (Paul and Walt) have been racing Tether cars. They will bring a couple and show the club what they have been up to.

**Nominations Published.**

**November - New Officers in Office**

**December - Christmas/Holiday gift ideas.**

## **There were several additional suggestions:**

1. Different type radios programming
2. Set up V-tail, crowing, flap to elevator, etc.
3. Tuning and setting up nitro and gas engines.

## **Technical Presentation(s):**

Ralph Doyle displayed and discussed his Freewing L-39 Albatros 80mm EDF jet. It weighs 102.5 ounces with a 6S 5000 mAh battery, 100 Amp ESC, 41.5" wingspan, 53.1" length, 358 sq. in. wing area, and a 12 blade 80 mm EDF. Cost is \$349.00



Photos by Greg Bowles



Ralph said it flies like a trainer and is easy to land!

Next month come and see the new AVIOS C-130 Hercules.

Also, bring your RC Christmas gifts for a show-n-tell at the January meeting. We will purposely try to keep the business meeting short.

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:11 p.m.

## **Next Spirits' Meeting:**

***Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm***

***Dorsett Village Church***

***2240 Bennington Place***

***Maryland Heights, Missouri 63034***

See website <http://spiritsofstl.com> for directions