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Prez Sez

We sure want to keep our field in great shape so if it rains and you come out to fly and you see the orange cones blocking the field don't drive on it.

At the last meeting we had a great discussion on helicopters and fixed wing airplanes flying at the same time. It was agreed on, for all us to be gentlemen and try to share time equally.

I'm sure this will be covered in the minutes but since this is so important I will repeat it. When you are at the field and if you are a smoker PLEASE extinguish your butts either in the coffee cans under the pavilion or if you put it out and you are on the field, please field strip it.

One other thing, if you are drinking a soda or coffee, empty the contents before you put the container in the trash can or the recycle bucket if it is recyclable.

See you at the next meeting (4/11/13) at Mark Twain Hobby, and have lots of good landings. Speaking of good landings, check out the article on landing your airplane in the latest MAN magazine.

Paul (The R/C Nut)

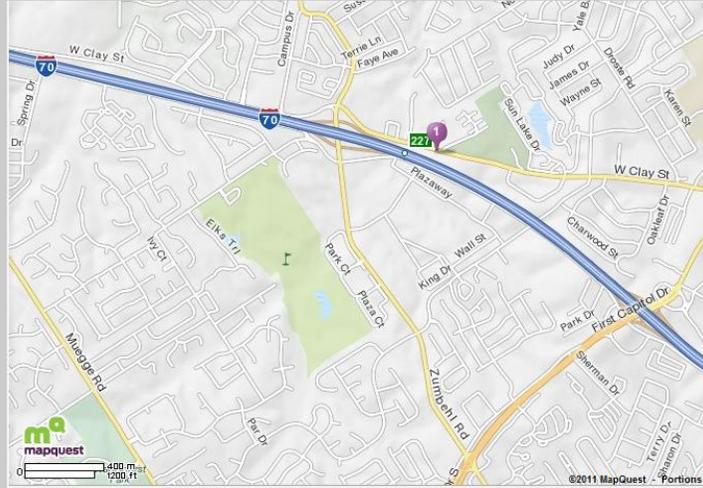
Meeting Schedule

Meeting Dates: 2013: Apr 11, May 9, Jun 13, Jul 11, Aug 8, Sep 12, Oct 10, Nov 14, Dec 12

Meeting Time: 7 to 9 pm

Meeting Location: Meeting Room at Mark Twain Hobbies

From I-70 take the Zumbuhl exit north and turn right on West Clay. Go 1/4 mile. Mark Twain Hobbies will be on your right. The meeting room is entered via the leftmost outside door for Mark Twain Hobbies.



Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order 3/14/2013 by President Paul Trendley.

Roll call: 17 people present. 46 members total, 24 openings.

The treasurer report was given by Bob Ponte as of 3/14/13.

Motion to accept the treasures report: membership aye.

Motion to accept the secretary report as printed in the newsletter: membership aye.

Motion to let Pierre Fath and Don Shelton fix the roof for something under \$400.00: Members aye.

Field Committee report was given by Pierre Fath, and to remind members again to use the recycle bucket for recyclable cans, bottles, etc and not put them in the trash can. Please empty the contents of coffee and soda before putting the containers in the trash can or recycle bucket! The road was pretty wet still as of this date. Pierre bought a new lock for the gate but Jerry Hollrah (our landlord) didn't like the way

it worked, so Pierre soaked the old one in oil and got it working better and put it back on the gate.

Pierre mentioned again about the holes at the Southwest corner of the field. Crops this year should be corn where the beans were last year and visa versa.

The frequency board should be utilized by all flyers by putting up your Saints Membership card when you are flying. Any flyer should not be allowed to fly without an AMA membership card.

Richard Jenkins asked if we had heard anything on the lease. It was mentioned that the club doesn't lease the field, the board of directors do. Paul Trendley, John Bouchillon and Bob Ponte are current members of the board. There will be some discussion about this at the next meeting. The board was created to keep the Landlord separate from the club in the event of a problem. Many of our previous board members have passed away.

Safety officers report – nothing.

Old business – none

New business – President Paul Trendley lead a discussion on fixed wing and helicopter pilots. He asked for members opinions and asked the members for comments. Paul was concerned about safety on the Field. Member comments - Pierre talked about a collision with a copter that got out of hand. Paul talked about a time when he felt uncomfortable flying a pattern in a congested field. Club members from Mark Twain Hobby Shop wanted to know if something happened that caused us to be having this conversation. Hobby Store members stated that all members share the field on Sunday with no problem. The safety field representative mentioned that everyone should fly the pattern if (planes and copters) in the air. This is difficult to helicopter pilots as they are often all over the field. Another member said that sometimes they have to wait so long on the helicopter guys take a long time flying and he has on occasion just packed up and went home. Other members stated that they never experience problems, if anyone wants to fly, they can. Our solution - mutual respect. Courtesy is the solution and we should encourage pilots of helicopter and planes to take turns.

Not all members are familiar with field etiquette as mentioned in the St. Charles Saints Flying Field Safety Rules. It is important to stress that new members should read the Club's Constitution and the Field Safety Rules. In the rules, there is an overhead picture on where the pilot blocks are and the Pit lines.

Should we designate a spot for tuning Helicopters? Some members have seen conflicts, some members haven't. Pierre said that other clubs have strict rules

about putting your planes on the tables, etc. President Paul said that safety officers should step up and talk to people doing violations. Pierre said that every member should be required to read the Bi-Laws and the Safety Rules.

Also mentioned was that tuning of planes should not be done in the pits, but the corner of the field.

The President made a motion to make common sense.

Show and tell: Ron Kilb brought the wing of his Top Flight Stenson Reliant gold wing, which was from a kit.

50/50: President Paul won.

Attendance prize: – Rick Ellis and Jason from the store. They got the gift cards.

Again Read the safety rules and constitution.

Motion to adjourn.

Show and Tell Ron Kilb - Stenson Reliant wing



Greetings from the Webmaster

There are a lot of interesting new things on the website. Member activities and new airplanes are always welcome. If you have a new project or airplane, send pictures and information for the rest of the club to see.

A new fly-in, Barnstormers over Champaign, has been added to the 2013 schedule. That makes 4 events for interested members.

West Tenn R/C Flyers, Jackson, TN May 18th

Pekin RC Club WW1 Fly-in June 22nd

Barnstormers August 24-25

Pekin RC Club Big Bird Fly-in Sept 15th

Check out the webpage for details and information on the events.

Of course, there's the Toledo show which will be over by the time you get this newsletter. Hopefully, I will have new pictures from the show and will add them to the New Toledo section on the website. Pictures from past years are there now. Click on Toledo to see. I have a picture page up there for your viewing, but I am considering making it a slide show like the field pictures on the site now. Let me know if you have a preference on which would be better.

At the last meeting, it was mentioned that everyone should be aware of our [Field Safety Rules](#) and the [Club Constitution](#). To read either one, click on the link. If you have any questions or suggestions, bring them to the meeting or send them to [President Trendley](#) for consideration. This is a club for members, run by members, and any comments will be welcome.

John Bouchillon
Webmaster