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Prez Sez

Prez Sez for March 2014

Hello again from the frozen tundra ... er St. Louis. Let's hope it warms up soon or we will all suffer from model aircraft withdrawals.

I heard a report on the radio from a NOAA hydrologist that the flooding on the Mississippi and Missouri rivers should be "minor" this year because the areas up north have had such a drought that the ground should absorb much of the snowpack. That is, unless we get heavy rains locally. Pierre says the field is open for flying, but that he has put cones near the pavilion to prevent people from driving on the field because it is getting soft and we don't want to put ruts in our nice sod. However, Pierre reports that someone has moved the cones and driven on the field anyway. Let's use common sense – the cones are there for a reason. Yes- the rules apply to you (and me) too. I am probably preaching to the crowd, but let's stay off the field for a while longer. Come out and fly, pull up to the pavilion to unload, but back up the road to park.

I hope to see several of you at the Toledo conference this year. For those that have never been, Toledo Weak Signals has had a manufacturer's trade show and swap shop every year since the 1970's (perhaps before). All the latest gadgets and gear are there, and most of the major model manufacturers have booths. Last year I learned a lot from one of the designers of the HiTec 9X system.

Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Richard

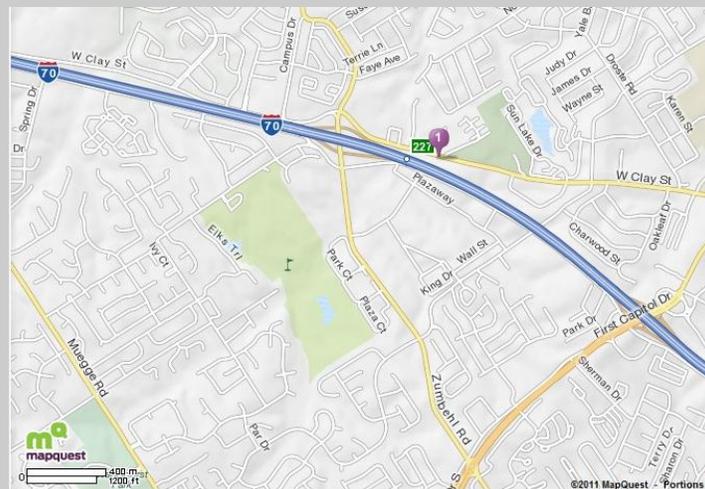
Meeting Schedule

Meeting Dates: 2014: Mar 13, Apr 10, May 8, Jun 12, Jul 10, Aug 14, Sep 11, Oct 9, Nov 13, Dec 11. (Meetings for May, Jun, Jul & Aug tentatively scheduled at the Saints field.)

Meeting Time: 7 to 9 pm

Meeting Location: Mark Twain Hobby Shop

From eastbound 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 2/13/ 2014 by our new President, Richard Jenkins.

Roll call by Dick Magee. There were 12 in attendance. There are currently 37 members on board so far this year and 37 openings at this time. Our president welcomed new member Ron Jackson from the River City Flyers Club and James Doucette, a former military man.

The new members talked about their flying experiences Ron flies high wing electrics and James hasn't flown since his military days. We welcomed the new members.

There was a motion to accept the November meeting minutes. Aye.

Our new Treasurer Mike Dierker was present and gave the treasurer report.

There was a motion to accept the Treasurer report as given. Aye.

Field committee report: Ron Kilb talked about placing your membership cards on the board when you fly. At this time there was nothing other to report. James, our attending new member stated that he went out and looked at the field. We discussed the flying perimeter of the field. New members were asked to visit the web site to get acquainted for this and the club rules.

Membership packets will be resumed and sent out. New members are waiting on their membership packets. (The web master currently has the membership packets, Richard is going to get in contact with him, they will contain the combination to lock, etc.).

Old business: Pierre Fath agreed to continue to do field maintenance. He continues to do an excellent job as you will see.

New business:

We continued our discussion on the ultralight request to use our field as a landing spot. River city members talked about their experience and issues that they had with the ultralights.

Motion was made to not have ultralights land on the field. It was seconded with no discussion.

Our discussion turned to our member awards.

Jim Plonka gets the award this year for the most spectacular crash.

Don Shelton will receive two awards. The first for one is for Newsletter Editor of the Year and the second one for Outstanding Member of the Year. Congratulations! Don's name will be added to the big plaque which goes back to 1978. The club was started in 1970 and before that in 1966 the field was started.

Web master John Bouchillon gets the award for the greatest web master.

Glen Basler outstanding service award (He brings the coffee)

President Richard talked about the flooding that we had this year. He talked about Helicopter flying and fixed wings flying again. Talked about a few problems we had with the two. Richard asked that we communicate with them and things should be O.K. The helicopter guys have agreed to share the field.

President Richard brought in the Hangar 9 Katana ARF. It's a 40 size airplane with a .55 size engine, (a little smaller than a .60). He reinforced the landing gear and extended the rudder for more rudder authority. He has a unique method for securing his pull-pull cable. He uses 50 pound test nylon coated salt water fishing leader line. He heats the nylon with a flame which makes a solid well bonded strong knot. He said that he uses this technique on one third scale size planes and up. He adds heat shrink tubing to the mix to smooth it out. It's extremely strong. He has 8 or 10 flights on this plane. He said that it needs a little more punch for knife edge loops and doesn't have enough punch to hover. Hangar 9 doesn't make this Katana anymore. The plane has a beautiful UltraKote paint job. Richard wants to sell it.

Tonight we went through the attendance prizes with 4 cards. Richard said we had plenty. Recipients were Ron Kilb, Glen Basler, Steve Swenson, Richard Jenkins.

50/50 went to Paul Trendley.

News from the Webmaster.

From the Web Master: I send out New Member Welcome and Information sheets as soon as I get the information on a new member. The Welcome sheet contains Roster Passwords, gate combinations and other info not appropriate for open posting on the web. New and old members can request one at any time. I.E. You forgot the gate code or passwords for the roster. The Vice President maintains the official club roster while I maintain a condensed version for posting on the web. Sensitive info such as AMA numbers, and other club data that is non-appropriate for Web distribution is not included on the web roster. Feel free to contact me any time with questions, pictures, for sale items, or anything appropriate for the Web Site and I will post it ASAP. Thank you for your input and hope to see you flying soon. Web Master