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Prez Sez August

Hi from the Saints club.

As you all know by now, the tractor has been repaired, but it cost +\$2K. After that, Pierre had to do another repair for an additional \$200. At any rate, the tractor is fixed. I think we need to start thinking about a new tractor, perhaps next year.

The FAA has issued a new interpretation of the Congressional Special Rule for Model Aircraft. The comment period is still open. I suggest you keep up with events on this subject through the AMA web site, www.ModelAircraft.org. The comment period is through September 23, 2014. You can comment on the rule at www.regulation.gov. The AMA position is that the FAA has applied the rule too broadly, forcing model aircraft to abide by **all** the rules that apply to full scale that operate in controlled airspace. The original rule *exempted* model aircraft. We should support the AMA by submitting comments suggesting that the FAA follow the original intent of the Congressional rule and continue to exempt model /hobby aircraft.

Hope to see you at the next meeting. We will meet at the field on Thursday August 14th, barring storms. In case of bad weather, we will meet at the Mark Twain hobby shop. Remember to bring your lawn chairs. This is the last meeting at the field this year.

Richard

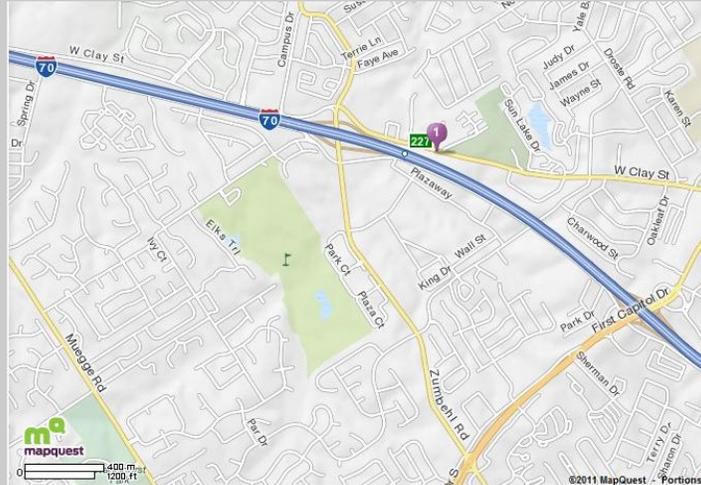
Meeting Schedule

Meeting Dates: 2014: Aug 14, Sep 11, Oct 9, Nov 13, Dec 11.

Meeting Time: 7 to 9 pm

Meeting Location: Saints Field (Jun – Aug) or 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

July Meeting Minutes (7/10/2014)

Meeting called to order 7/10/2014 by President, Richard Jenkins.

Roll call by Dick Magee. There were 18 in attendance. There are currently 57 members on roster.

Our Treasurer, Mike Dierker was present and he gave the treasures report. The cost to repair the tractor was \$2447.83. While the repair was being done, we incurred a cost of \$887.81 for tractor rental.

There was a motion to accept the Treasures report as given. Approved.

There was a motion to accept the Secretary's report as printed. Approved.

Field committee report: Field is in very good condition. It was brought to the Club's attention that someone in a car burned rubber on the field. Bob Ponte suggested that the person responsible for this act should be black balled from the club. He expressed his concerns strongly about the person putting sod down on the field. President Jenkins said that the guilty person could at least pay the cost for the sod. The club's tractor was repaired. Pierre took care of the fixing, and at the time of this meeting he has mowed an area of the field. Our President

still asks Pierre from time to time if he needs any help, but he declines. He has also been mowing the area around the grain bins for the owner of the field. Two weeks ago, a UAV was lost and found near the grain bins. Our President didn't witness it, but the craft may have veered off in that direction. He reminded us of the flying area and range of the field.

No safety incidents to report. Our President talked about the UAV that he witnessed hovering and saw the guy put the transmitter down and go to his car (mentioned previously in Prez Sez section of the newsletter). Prez talked about being in direct line of site (AMA rules for operation of UAV's, and it can't fly out of site (FAA frowns on that). That was the safety incident that the Prez witnessed.

No old business.

Mike Dierker was asked by our President to try to get the membership cards out as soon as possible to get the process speeded up. One member asked for a refund due to the delay of getting his card. His membership was refunded.

New business: All electric fly in coming up (Midwest Airways 2 1/2 miles from Horse Shoe Lake). There was 110 airplanes and ninety pilots at Rend lake in September. This was mentioned that it is in the current AMA magazine in the back (check it out). If you have an updated email, please let us know. .

Show and tell:

Mark Bean, Carbon Z Yak 54. The new one, it has a nice gold a red color scheme. He has it set up as a sport flyer and just flying it casually right now. It is capable of extreme 3d.

50/50 Don Shelton

Attendance prize: Bob Ponte (A DAY THAT WILL LIVE IN EMPHIMY, HE FINALLY WON) and Bob Moore.

Motion to adjourn.

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Warbird Fly In this weekend (8/16/2014)

To get to our field cross the Jefferson Barracks bridge over the Mississippi river on I-255 north and take the first exit "Columbia Illinois Route 3". Immediately take the next exit Palmer road, then, at the stop sign, turn right. Follow around to the next stop sign then go two miles and our field will be on your right.



Here are a few interesting pictures from the field that I took over the last month. If you have some pictures you would like the members to see, please send them to the Newsletter Editor or me and we will put them in the newsletter and/or the website.

There was a great helicopter flying just like a real helicopter. Beautiful! There were some other pretty airplanes and a visitor. He was exposing his young son to the world of R/C. We need more exposure to get the kids interested. The old crowd is getting pretty slim and new blood is required to keep the hobby active. John

