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Prez Sez

Hello Saints members,

Financial Concerns

At the last meeting Don Pallett discussed his concerns with the clubs finances. Basically we have had more expenses this year with tractor repairs and other things and fewer paying members. We have approximately 61 members on the roster, of which 13 are life members. Life members do not pay dues. Also we have 2 members that are on the field committee that do not pay dues. Considering all the work the field committee does, I don't think it would be right to ask them to pay dues.

As of the end of May we had about \$2800 in the bank. This is considerably less than we had at this time last year. Our only income is through club dues, so this balance will have to last until next December. So far this year, we have been spending about \$1000 per month. Luckily, we have paid out most of our major expenses, but there are always unexpected expenses (stuff happens). We are **not** to the point that we need to ask for an assessment yet (extra dues from members) but we will have to watch our spending carefully for the rest of the year.

We discussed several options at the meeting.

1. Change the by-laws to require life members to pay partial dues (maybe \$50).
2. Create special non-flying senior membership that would be free but still require those that are still flying to pay dues.
3. Increase the membership fee to \$125 for next year.
4. Cut expenses at the Christmas party by:
 - a. Reducing the attendance prize cash awards.
 - b. Increasing the ticket price to fully cover the cost of the party. (This has been all paid from the club treasury in the past. The money paid by members for the party was all turned around and given out as attendance prizes.)
5. Watch expenses – only buy items absolutely needed, and ask for donations of other items. I know many others have donated items in the past. To get this started, I have donated the wheel lock that we purchased for the tractor (\$100). I will also cover all costs for copying brochures for the hobby shop for the rest of the year.

I will be working on the by-laws changes to be voted on for items 1), 2) and 3) above. These changes will have to be approved by a 75% majority of all members, not just those attending meetings. I will make the proposal so each one can be voted on separately. Since no by-laws changes are needed for item 4) this can be handled with simple votes at meetings before the Christmas party.

I encourage you to come to the next meeting to discuss these important changes.

Club Treasurer Needed

Don also told me that he needs to retire as club treasurer as soon as possible due to health problems. This would be just until December when new officers will begin their term. I cannot take over myself (nor do I want to) since one person is not allowed to hold two offices. I really need someone to step up here.

Club Officers for 2010

President - Richard Jenkins
Vice President - Dick Magee
Treasurer – Don Pallett
Secretary – Bill McMenemy

Thanks
-Richard

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Meeting Schedule

Meeting Dates Remaining in 2010:

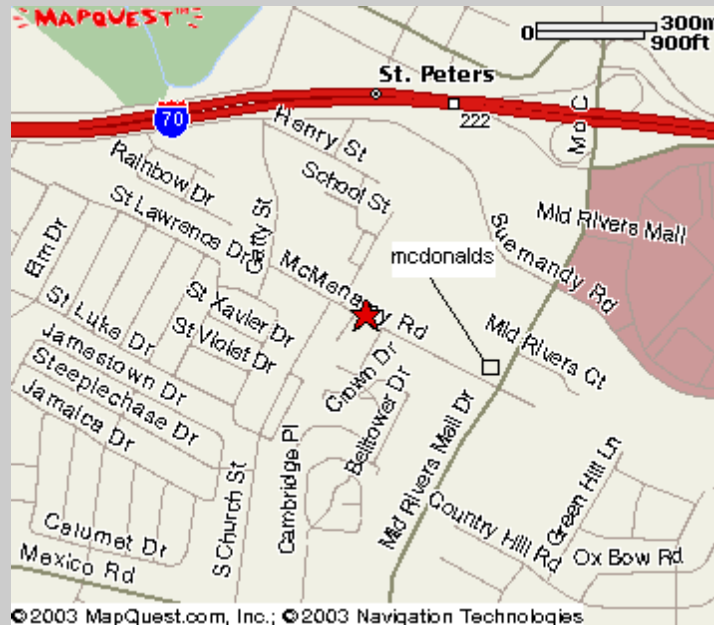
Jul 8, Aug 12, Sep 9, Oct 14, Nov 10, Dec 9

Meeting Time:

7 to 9 pm.

Meeting Location: St Peters Senior Center

From St. Charles go West on 70 to Mid Rivers Mall Drive. Turn left and go South to McMenemy Rd. Turn right on McMenemy by the McDonalds. Go 1/8 mile. Senior center will be on your left.



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Meeting Minutes

St. Charles Saints – Meeting Minutes

There were no minutes taken at the June 2010 meeting.

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Show And Tell

No pictures from the June meeting but here's a recent evening at the field.



Bob Ponte's Jet Hanger Hobbies A-7 EDF.