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Prez Sez

Prez Sez for April 2015

Hi from the Saints club.

Toledo

I just got back from Toledo, so I don't have an update on the field condition. The Toledo convention was great as usual. I have been going up there for the last 30 years or so. Each time I take two days to go through and I still see new things every time I go through. I got to talk with the factory reps for Hitec, Futaba, JR and many others. About 1/4 of the booths were taken with drone manufacturers, everything from large commercial sizes to low end hobby size. Want anything custom? – No problem just ask around and someone can make it for you. There were many museum quality planes, helicopters, boats on display. At least 3 half scale models occupied one side of the display area. How do they transport these things? In short all the latest, biggest, smallest, highest tech, or whatever was there if you took the time to find it.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be on April 16th at 7:00 P.M. at the Mark Twain hobby shop.

Memberships

We still have openings, so you can still join the club. Just download the application from our web site <http://www.saintsrc.com/Documents/Application.pdf> and mail it in with your check. You can also rejoin at the next meeting.

Richard

Meeting Schedule

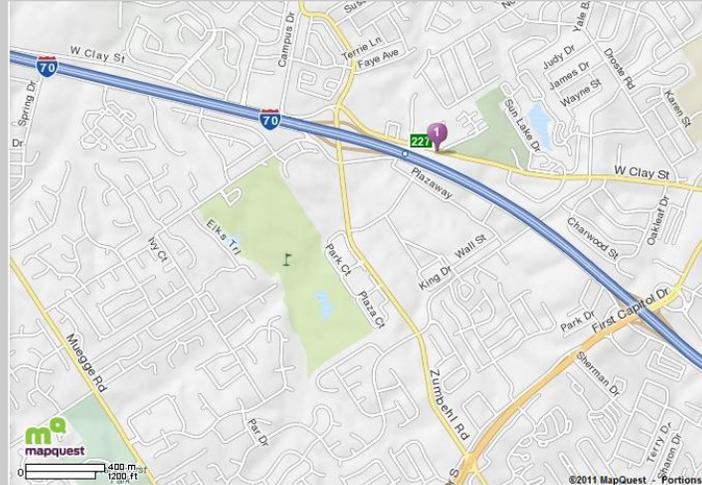
Meeting Dates: 2015: Apr 16, May 14, Jun 11, Jul 9, Aug 13, Sep 10, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10.
(Meetings for May, Jun, Jul & Aug tentatively scheduled at the Saints field.)

Meeting Time: 7 to 9 pm

Meeting

Location: Mark Twain Hobby Shop

From eastbound I-70 take the Zumbohl 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

March Meeting Minutes (3/12/2015)

The meeting was called to order on 3/12/2015 by our President, Richard Jenkins.

The roll call was made by Doug Sanders our Vice President. There are roughly 49 members on board plus the names of the 2 people who turned in applications at today's meeting. At current there are 19 total openings. The openings are going fast.

Daniel Conway and Al Fernandez (welcome back) were the 2 members turning their applications in at the meeting this evening.

Richard McGee and Richard Wempe are our clubs senior members.

There were 16 present at this month's meeting.

Minutes were approved from the last meeting.

Our Treasurer, Mike Dierker was present and he gave the treasurers report. President Richard reiterated the boat situations. (See last month's newsletter)

There was a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as given. Approved.

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

Field report: Talked about the road that went out. Doug went out, the field mushy the road is mushy.

Safety Report: Ron Kilb, our Safety Officer, talked about placing a rubber band on throttle stick to insure that the engine doesn't rev up accidentally. Other members agreed that kill switches should be utilized if possible.

Old business: We received the insurance certificates from the AMA. We renewed our application to the State to register as an Incorporated Club. The cost was \$20. We chose not to register as a non-profit organization, as this would require submitting financial records for the prior five years.

New Business: Paul Trendley turned the discussion towards the insurance payments on the Club's boat that was sold. For several years, we had been paying \$50 for club insurance at Horseshoe Lake. Question, should we cancel? We haven't used the sight in 2 years. It has been paid for this year. We agreed to take this matter up at the next meeting. Paul said that at the St. Peter's lake (370 Recreational Park) we have permission to fly electrics there, but if we do fly, the site is not covered. Should we take out site insurance for the Club? Richard said that he would have to go to the City of St. Peters and present an insurance certificate. Paul said that he would talk club member Jim Plonka, who should be able to shed light on the subject of what permissions would have. The question was put forth by Don Shelton as to 'what actually does the insurance cover'? It is believed to just protect the landowner from liabilities that he may face for incidents that happen by Club members. This may open up a can of worms. Frank Gruswitz said that there once was an incident at Buder Park that was covered by 'GSLMA' (Greater St. Louis Model Association) and the AMA.

Pres talked about the Toledo show and the next meeting being moved. The show has some 'after hours' events starting on Thursday the 9th, and the actual show starts on Friday the 10th and continues through Sunday the 12th.

Frank Gruswitz, as the Club knows, has been getting rid of a lot of equipment due to health issues. Frank brought a couple of large boxes of Balsa and Ultrakote to the meeting. It was free for the taking by all that attended the meeting. He stated that he wanted to get rid of all of it suggested that it if necessary it could be taken out to the field and given away. He didn't want to take any of it back home with him.

Show and Tell: Doug Sanders brought in a most interesting item, the Dura-fly Auto G-2 Gyrocopter (see attached photo). It's a combination helicopter and fixed wing plane. Doug said that the rotor head is put on a transmitter switch. When switched on, the rotor is allowed to spin up. It spins freely for takeoff. A flex shaft is connected to the main rotor head and a bearing system allowing the rotor head to spin freely and disengages when the power is switched off. The prop continues to spin due to the forward motion of the propeller; it behaves like a wing in flight and can be tilted to give an aileron effect. Dick McGee was concerned about the gyroscopic effect that may tend to torque the copter over and cause it to lose lift. Doug damaged the flex shaft and had to buy another one. The Gyrocopter can fly slow and is said to do a few aerobatic maneuvers. Doug has yet to fly it.

50/50 – Cecil White

Attendance prize – Dick McGee, Cecil White.

Motion to adjourn.

Show and Tell

Doug Sanders and his Durafly Auto G-2 Gyrocopter

