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Prez Sez

Prez Sez for July 2015

Hi from the Saints club.

Flying

Pierre reports that the field is 10% under water and the smell is not too good. He recommends we wait a couple more weeks before going out there. He says we will have to wait for the Mississippi river to go down before the water recedes. It has rained for the last consecutive 9 weekends, except for this last 4th of July weekend.

Heritage

I don't want to go all sentimental, but I just got back from a memorial service for a fellow modeler from my hometown. He taught me to fly and how to build things the right way. He could always come up with a solution to a building or flying problem. He and I also built a full scale experimental aircraft that we flew for several years. I lost touch with him in recent years and now wish I had called or gone to see him more. Too late now. My point is - take time to call or visit people while you can.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be on July 9th at 7:00 P.M. at the flying field. In case of inclement weather, we will meet at the hobby shop. We haven't seen many show and tell airplanes lately at the meetings.

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: 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: Saints Field (Weather permitting)

Meeting Minutes

June Meeting Minutes (6/11/2015)

The meeting was called to order by President Richard Jenkins.

Roll Call: by Vice President Doug Sanders. There are 57 members on board. Currently there are 13 openings. No new visitors.

There were 12 present at this month's meeting including one new member.

Minutes were approved from the last meeting.

Treasurer Report: Mike Dierker was present and gave the treasurers report.

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: Our President talked to Pierre, they talked about the skunk that had been running around the field. It was mentioned that the skunk is no longer a problem. New rock is planned to be put on the road next week.

Safety Report: Our president talked about a Lipo battery episode that he recently experienced. This was the first time in our Presidents flying career that anything like this has happened to him. He had to remove a battery that started smoldering while he was charging it. He stressed again that batteries should never be left unattended while charging, not even for a short time. Army ammunition cartridge cans are often used in the charging process. One of our members remembered an article he read that didn't recommend using the cartridge can due to the holes. Pressure build up on the inside could make the canister a projectile. Paul Trendley sustained 60 grand worth of damage in the aftermath of his charging incident. Ron Kilb talked about a new battery coming out that is made with aluminum and charges quickly. They are low capacity units right now.

Old business: Club registration of our club with the State of Missouri was taken care of. We are fully accredited now and remain a non-profit organization. If we were a profiting club, we would have had to provide financial records showing all expenses. Examples of and expense would be the amounts we spend on fuel, etc. We talked about reasons that we didn't fund the Christmas party last

year due to our eminent purchase of a new tractor. This is the reason the club is carrying the high balance that we have.

New Business: There was some discussion about using our current tractor to pull the roller since it's getting older. Some members felt that the tractor would still pull the roller, which was used in past years to roll the field.

Richard reiterated the area of the field where members are experiencing interference.

Show and Tell: No show and tell. Paul Trendley brought up a discussion about white gas used in gas airplanes. It doesn't have the bad smell like gasoline. Cabela's and Wal-Mart have stopped carrying it, but Bass Pro Shop has Coleman fuel. Richard has been getting his from Bass Pro shop. Frank Gruswitz stated that white gas is a by-product of oil. This information was obtained from a manufacturer. Some people use Coleman fuel but it's not naphtha. Richard, who uses Coleman fuel, said he just idles up a little more. Paul Trendley said he has 2 gallons in which he was going to try it the next time he flies. Richard said that it was 50 octane. He said there is an additive that will take the ethanol out. Rich said it doesn't gum up. He likes it. He's been flying with it for 2 years.

Frank Gruswitz loves the Super Decathlon and is building one. He talked about Matt Newman on RC Universe who builds them and has a lot of good hints. Build videos can be found on YouTube. He's not too far along with his build. He took Richards suggestion on purchasing a DLE 35RA which fits the cowl without any modifications. The kit is \$169 which can still be purchased from Dynafight. Pilot Stefan Pointner has plenty nice flying videos of this plane on YouTube. Frank showed us the plans. You tube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jf4yL0SyD3Y>

50/50 – Cecil White.

Attendance prize – Richard Jenkins, Hawkeye yes.

Motion to adjourn.

Land owner Jerry Hollrah is doing fine after his recent surgery.