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Prez Sez

Prez Sez for September 2015

Hi from the Saints club.

Flying

August 21st I was able to go to the St Louis Radio Control Flying Association (SLRCFA) in Eureka, MO 3D fly-in. There was everything from foamies to 150cc giants there. Great weather on Friday, not so much on Saturday but Sunday made up for it. I met Don Shelton, John Bouchillon, Benny Boisseau and others from our club there. There were a lot of great flyers from all over – Texas, Arkansas, Illinois and Colorado. Many of those pilots made my flying look like an amateur. But, I still had a good time.

There are two fly-ins still coming up – September 19th-20th at Rend Lake. Last year there were 105 aircraft and 95 pilots at Rend Lake. Rend Lake is an easy drive down I64 to southbound I57, just south of Mt Vernon Illinois.

The second fly-in is a war bird fly-in at the SLRCFA field in Eureka, MO on October 3rd-4th.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be on June 11th 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. After the September meeting, the dues go down to \$35 for the remainder of the year.

Richard

Web site for these 2 events: (You may have to copy and paste to your web browser)

http://www.rcflightdeck.com/event_details.cfm?event_id=4454

http://www.slrcfa.com/wordpress/?page_id=450

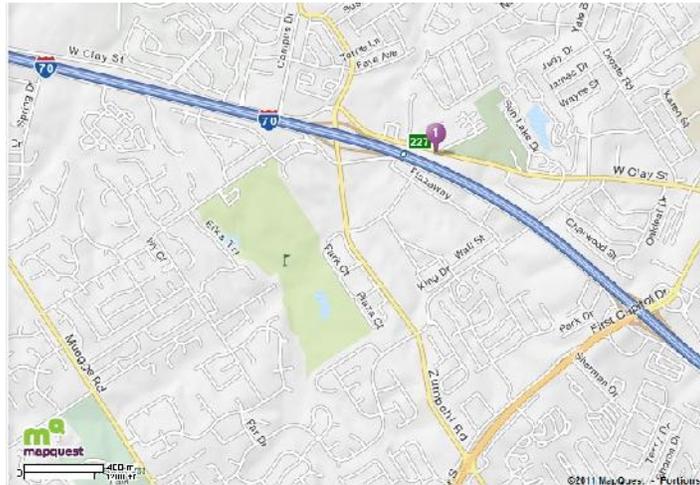
Meeting Schedule

Meeting Dates: 2015: Sept 10, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10

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

August Meeting Minutes (8/13/2015)

The meeting was called to order on 8/13/2015 by President Richard Jenkins.

Roll Call: by Vice President Doug Sanders. There 58 members on board including 2 non-flying seniors. Currently there are 14 openings. Therefore there are officially 56 members. Today there were no new joining members or visitors.

There were 14 present at this month's meeting including one new member.

Minutes were approved from the last meeting.

Treasure Report: Mike Dierker gave the treasurers report. Mike relayed a future expenditure to be released on covering the road to the field with rock.

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: The tractor is still functional but it got stuck out in the field three times. They are going to rock the road on Monday. Our president asked all members to keep the speed down when coming in.

Safety Report: Ron Kilb talked about the increase of drones in the news. The rules state that you must stay below 400ft and always keep the drone within line of site. John Bouchillon said that there was a quad copter reported flying around at incident in Ferguson. We talked a while about flying drones over people and the liable risks that may be incurred. We talked about a drone that was shot down supposedly taking pictures of the neighbors' daughter.

AMA rules say you have to utilize unaided vision in your line of sight, no binoculars. You should not fly over crowds of people. They haven't said anything about penalties. We talked about the feasibility of the AMA creating new rules beyond what they currently have. They haven't addressed privacy or invasion of privacy. There has been a 400% increase in recorded close encounters with drones. There have been 600 in the past month. Half a dozen in California have been recorded flying over the fires. These incidents interfered greatly in the efforts of preventing and putting out fires. The 400 feet applies to aircraft regardless of if you are in a clubs organization or not.

Old Business: Jerry visited and thanked us for flying down at the field. He said that we were good and there have been no problems. He said that we were going to get some rock for the road tomorrow.

John Bouchillon is still asking for Web content. Any pictures or videos will be accepted.

New Business: This month our president re-iterated the Mt. Vernon Rend Lake Fly-in. He will get us dates on that. He mentioned that the gifts for planes are all voted on the pilots. Richard will fly his P40 again this year, he said it has retracts. The Fly-in features WWII planes, big scale planes. It will be held at Rend Lake coming up September 19th and 20th.

Mike Dieker is looking for a volunteer for his position as Treasurer next year. He will go over the details of what is required. He will continue as treasurer for the remainder of this year.

Next year we will apply for the club to be incorporated. It was questioned what the status change really buys us. The definition of a Corporation (this was not mentioned in our meeting):

The term *corporation* comes from the Latin *corpus*, which means *body*. A corporation is a body--it is a legal person in the eyes of the law. It can bring lawsuits, can buy and sell property, contract, be taxed, and even commit crimes. It's most notable feature: a corporation protects its owners from personal liability for corporate debts and obligations--within limits.

The club's members wouldn't be liable for incidents that may happen. Legalities would be based on club assets. The club also can't conduct business (which we don't) unless we are incorporated.

Show and Tell: Frank Grustwitz continued to share his love for the RC Decathlon airplane. He referred a couple of YouTube videos, one made in particular by Stephen Pointner, which demonstrates the nice aerobatic capabilities of the plane. Frank is in the processed of building this plane. He brought in the rudder and elevator and discussed the current status of his build. He's reduced the weight by modifying the dimensions of spares. He demonstrated his unique way of hinging Du-Bro hinges, with a tool that he brought to show and tell. He passed around a picture of the slot tools that he uses. Unfortunately my picture of his picture didn't turn out good enough to include in the minutes. His target date for completion of his Decathlon is February of next year.

Club member George Hendrix has 30 planes for sell. He put their worth at \$30,000. He mentioned that these are expensive planes and he noted that he's not just giving them away, but would like to receive the full value for each plane. George used to build for Action Hobby. Then he worked there for 5 years.

50/50 – Paul Trendley

Attendance prize – Paul Trendley, Doug Sanders

Motion to adjourn.

SHOW AND TELL

Just for "Grins" from Frank Gruswitz

