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Prez Sez for February 2016

Field NOT Flooded (For now)

The water has gone down now and Pierre says it is in decent shape. There are still wet spots and the road is muddy, but we survived. At the last meeting we discussed the possibility of moving the field further south so it would not flood as often. No conclusions were reached – just exploring whether the club would want to pursue this. I haven't talked with the owner yet.

R/C Trainer Available (Hanger 9 Arrow)

An anonymous donor gave the club a 40 size complete ready to fly nitro trainer. It has a Futaba 72 Mhz radio, about ½ gallon of nitro fuel and fuel pump. Anyone that wants it can have it for your use, as long as you don't sell it. That was the one stipulation – that whoever gets it should not sell it. Hopefully you will then pass it along to the next person. In fact, we already have another trainer as well. If you want either one, contact Richard by email, text, phone, or at the next meeting.

UAS Registration- Latest Direction from the AMA: Register Now

The latest direction from the AMA is to go ahead and register with the FAA as soon as possible. The AMA is still pursuing ways for us to use our AMA number as our FAA registration, but this is not in place yet.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be on February 11th at 7:00 P.M. at the Mark Twain Hobby shop.

Memberships Due

Memberships are now due as of January 15th. Remember to turn in your application as soon as possible. Please send your check and application to:

Doug Sanders, 55 Terry Drive, St. Charles, MO. 63303
Email: dsanders2003@att.net

Richard

March Newsletter will only be sent to members listed on the next Contact List that will be published just prior to the March meeting.

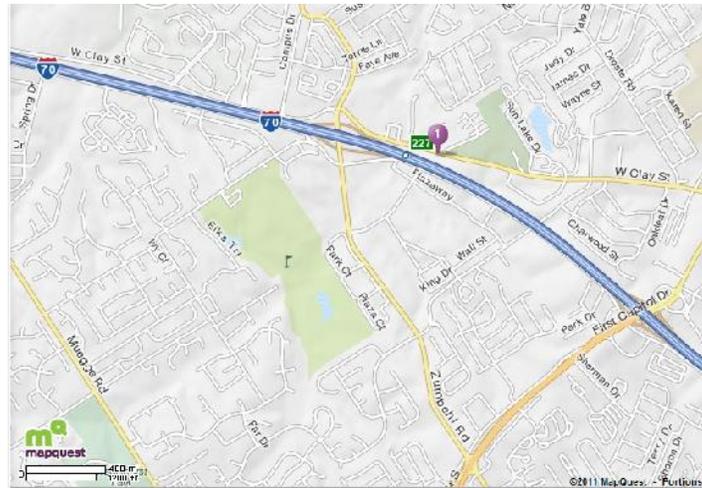
Meeting Schedule

Meeting Dates: 2016: Feb 11, Mar 10, Apr 14, May 12, Jun 9, Jul 14, Aug 11, Sep 8
Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec 8

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

January Meeting Minutes (1/14/2016)

The meeting was called to order on 10/08/2015 by our President, Richard Jenkins.

Roll Call: Vice President Doug Sanders collected applications for the 2016 season from the members present at this month's meetings. At that point, there were 9 in the database so far, 13 received today, for grand total of 33 paid members. We have a junior member (under age 19) which means his membership is only 35 dollars. The cost for family members is free. (See the membership application on our website). Doug made the roll call. There were 8 members present at this month's meeting. There were no new members or visitors.

Doug has another batch of membership cards that he is laminating and sending out. Please turn your applications in for the 2016 year.

There were no minutes from the last meeting.

Treasure Report: Mike Dierker gave the treasurers report.

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

Secretary Report: None

Field report: The berm was still out of the water. The pavilion status - Bob Pointe and Pierre Fath drove out to the pavilion as the flood water was coming up. We didn't know at meeting time how much water the field received. Our President called about the Johnny on the Spot to let them know that they may lose the potty that we rent. This was done for insurance purposes. In the past the farmer put out pumps. The rain barrel is still in place there. Pierre opened the valve on the barrel before it froze.

On the evening of the meeting, we were to have a visitor from Aerial Agriculture who was supposed to talk to us. We were supposed to hear about the process they use to take pictures of farm fields. They use imaging software and they fly drones over fields. It was mentioned that the process uses non line of sight which is not yet spelled out fully by the AMA for drones and also fixed winged aircraft. The visitor did not attend the meeting.

Christmas party had 8 people. There were two one hundred dollar attendance prizes. I was one of the lucky recipients of one of the 100 dollar attendance prizes. Two 50 dollar door prizes were also given away.

Old business: Not quite old business, but we talked about AMA rulings on Drones only. They are coming up with a ruling on the definition of what a Drone is. Theoretically you're supposed to have you AMA number on your plane when flying both inside and outside.

New Business: Personal AMA Registration. Your AMA registration number will **tentatively** be used as your government registration number. You have to put this number in a visible location (handheld visible and you don't have to make it so big; it just has to be visible and identifiable in the event of a crash. No addition fees if you're an AMA member. If not, you have to get a number. There is a ½ lb. to 55 lb. size/weight limit on drones and planes.

A couple of members have registered already. You had until midnight of the 21st to register for free. Wes Wahlen brought in a picture of the application. You need a credit card, which would be good for three years. Can't fly over 400 feet and must be in line of sight (AMA rules). You have to be associated with the club in order to fly. A member filed out a protest. He read that you have to get the form on-line. This was different before the web site. If you are 55lb over then you have to fill out the form, not on line. Member Ed Volkin is waiting for his number. Fines are up to \$250,000. The question was asked 'How are they going to police the rules?' All the above represent the latest we've heard and discussed on UAV's.

Richard gave the website for the comments. He will send out the email of the registration stuff so far. Website is www.registermyuas.faa.gov. You can also do a Google search on registering drones.

Richard focused our attention on the idea of relocating the flying portion of the field. With the changing weather pattern, our club experiences a significant amount of down time due to rain in the spring season and flooding. Coupled with the time it takes for the field to dry, our average down time becomes significant at least two or three times each flying season. A third of the field is unusable, it can't be mowed and it's muddy. The idea of moving the field to an area not so susceptible to Mother Nature is just a notion right now. Nothing has been presented to the owner. We discussed the pros

and cons. One pro to the proposed layout that Richard drew on the board is that parking be located behind the pavilion, we wouldn't have to drive around it and onto the field like we do now. A con would be that we wouldn't be able to take off directly from the North to South due to industrial area. We'd have to consciously not to fly over it. I repeat that this none of this has been presented to all the members and at this point has only been discussed with a few older club members. We must carefully think through questions about the rent, moving/rebuilding of the pavilion, the nearby industrial area, etc. to figure out the best way to improve the usability of the field. There would be work involved and expenses involved. The owner may not even go for the idea. They raised the railroad tracks after the flood of 93. In the Prez say's section last month, our president said pavilion was underwater 10 ft. of water and was destroyed. The club rebuilt the pavilion as it is now in 94.

Ed Volkin said that he is in another club and they have a trainer airplane that belongs to the club. It was suggested that we keep the plane as a club trainer. It was asked if there are any volunteers to take it the plane. No one volunteered. Richard is going to take it home. If you know someone that would like to take on this task, let Richard know.

Three weeks ago, member Bob Pointe was coming out the parking lot, someone T-boned him, they ran a stop sign. He had a bruised hip, ankle possibly broken, collar bone broke, and several broken ribs. Bob is out of the hospital now. They had to cut him out of the car. Good thing he drove a big Buick Park Avenue, and was lucky he had his seat belt on. He was hit on the driver's side. We are wishing Bob a speedy recovery.

Frank Gruswitz's wife passed away in December. He also fell after that and did some damage to his ribs. He said that he is interested in joining the club again this year. He has already sent in his applications. He is still selling a considerable amount of R/C stuff.

We got another 24 cards from Mark Twain Hobby Shop.

50/50 - Wes Wahlen.

Attendance prizes – Also Wes Wahlen, and Doug Sanders.

Wes Wahlen is giving away 4 JR XP 83 transmitters. The are 72 MHz and are like knew. Let him know if you are interested.

Motion to adjourn:

Editors Note: Link to Belleville RC Club – Swap Meet Feb, 20th

<http://www.bellevillercflyers.com/EVENTS/BRCF%20swap%202016map.pdf>

Show & Tell

Editors Note: Since there was no Show & Tell I have included a video:
This video should give you a little chuckle !!!!!!!

<http://1funny.com/unbelievable-squirrel-steals-airplane/>

This is the Hanger 9 Arrow Trainer

