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Meeting at the Hobby Shop

This month we will be meeting at the Mark Twain Hobby Center, Wednesday March 8th at 7:00 P.M. We will continue to meet on Wednesday nights.

Geotextile Project Voting

We have been discussed laying out Geotextile sheets on the field to facilitate small /electric aircraft. I decided to put out an email vote request to gauge club interest since so few come to meetings.

So far, voting has been not been in favor – (3 votes in question)

- Yes No
- 11 14 Would need or use the Geotextile?
- 14 12 Would you help install the runway?
 - 18 No response given I take this as no interest and no to helping.

Right now, it does not seem like there is enough interest to proceed. We will discuss this at the next meeting. Member Pat Eck has done a lot of research on this subject and has found that the cheap Geotextile we were considering will not hold up, according to some other clubs that have put this down. Also Pat has found that other clubs have to maintain this by patching every month due to prop strikes and other wear and tear. Pat says a closer estimate would be \$1200 to \$1300 for the good stuff.

Get your membership applications in

Remember to get your membership applications in as soon as possible. Dues are still \$125 for the full year.

Show and Tell Needed

Show off your latest project.

Richard

Meeting Schedule

Meeting Dates: 2017: Apr 12, May 10, Jun 14, Jul 12, Aug 9, Sep 13 Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec * * TBD Meeting Time: 7 to 9 pm Meeting Location: Mark Twoin Hebby Shop

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From eastbound I-70 take the Zumbehl 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 (3/8/2017)

The meeting was called to order on 3/8/2017 by our President, Richard Jenkins.

Vice President Doug Sanders made the roll call. At that point, there are 44 members signed up in our club. There were 11 members present at this month's meeting including 2 new members. We currently have two non-flying senior members. There were 30 openings available at the time of the meeting. 70 is the maximum number allowed.

New member Michael Lindsey introduced himself. He is a Navy man who spent time on the USS America Carrier Ship. He flies multi copters, helicopters, R/C planes. He flew with the Spirits of St. Louis RC Club. I believe he stated that he is an RC Helicopter instructor and he owns couple of planes. He's also into 3D printing.

New member Dan Dierking introduced himself. He is actually a former returning member. He is into Multi Copters and FPV.

Our president gave them an overview of our Club and talked about our endeavors of building up or money to buy a new mower.

Our Treasurer, Mike Dierker, was present and he gave the treasurers report. Approved.

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

<u>Safety report</u> – Not really related to field safety, but a personal safety issue just the same, President Richard Jenkins told the club about incident he had with a brand new DLE 35 motor. Richard has had good luck with DLE motors. When testing the motor, as it approached full throttle, it sheared the mounting bolts off. The propeller broke off, ending in his neighbor's yard. Richard determined that the spark was advanced an extra 5 degrees (50 instead of 46 degree's). The motor was purchase from Tower Hobbies. Hope that Tower Hobbies will accept this as a viable warranty claim.

<u>Field report</u> – At meeting time, it was reported that the field was good, not soggy. It was mentioned that during Spring, cars are parked on the road side of the Pavilion and members walk their planes onto the Field to when it is a little soggy.

Dan Eaton found a plastic fuel tank at the end of the field. He believed it to be from a WWII plane. Whoever it belongs to can pick up by getting in touch with him.

Old business. – Geotextile. Richard explained again what it was, a woven matt, like landscape material. A number of club's have laid out Goetextile for small foam airplanes. It is typically secured with 6 in staples to secure it, and the biggest effort is in laying it down on a smooth surface. We are considering doing it. Richard talked to the Land Owner, No problem. It looks like an asphalt runway. There were a ton of questions: What happens when it floods? We don't know, but we will wash it off. High winds?? Puddles after a rain?? Deer, Wildlife??. Visit's by young people doing donuts and pickup trucks. What will be the cost to remove it? Re-seeding? We talked about possibly writing to the manufacturer. Maybe we can contact and gather experiences from other clubs.

John Bouchillon – needs web input.

Our discussion turned to swap meet's. Bill McMenamy mentioned how clubs make 1000's of dollars at swap meets.

We are sending out a plea for volunteers for the field committee this year. Tom Jenson has the tracter at his house. Bill said there was three sets of keys.

Question came up on the club's constitution - What is the purpose of a Board of Directors? John Bouchillin just happens to be a board member. Used to be 7 members on the board, Paul Trendley is one of them. Bouchillon suggested eliminating the board. Key points are leasing of the field, terminating members, etc. it was mentioned that we are Non-Profit, we are incorporated. If for any reason, we would ever be sued, monies would be limited to funds that in the treasury.

Reviewing the LLC was suggested by the treasurer.

Frank Eck will be doing the checking on the Geotextle.

50/50 -. Me

Attendance Prized – Don Shelton, Doug Sanders

Motion to adjourn.

Show & Tell

A sample of 3D printing capabilities was displayed. 3D printers can be purchased anywhere from \$183 to \$20,000. He paid \$400 and made some upgrades. He showed us a carrying case that he printed for his Makerfire Quad copter. He's selling them for \$10 dollars. He can print anything you need, ex. those custom pilots for your planes, one's that will fit perfectly in cockpit. He talked about people printing large wings for planes, in sections, and gluing the together making a tough sturdy plastic wing. If you would like to get pilots for your planes, and anything you can think of, he will print it for you. His print bed is 8" by 7" inches.

> P-51D with Scale Cockpit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=984tPA7k3yg

40% Clipped Wing Piper Cub

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=db5qdP0COtA&list=PLe3kFcprrqUMVUidfFEXc_Sjbr