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Who's Who?

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Meeting for tomorrow will be at the hobby shop, due to possible rain tomorrow.

Link to Spirits of St. Louis Swap Meet May 12 http://spiritsofstl.com/

Meeting Schedule

Meeting Dates: 2018: May 9, Jun 13, Jul 11, Aug 8, Sep 12

Oct 10, Nov 14, Dec* * TBD

Meeting Time: 7pm

Meeting Location: Meetings for Jun., July & Aug tentative scheduled to meet at the flying

field, depending on the weather.

Mark Twain Hobby Shop

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

April Meeting Minutes (4/11/2018)

The meeting was called to order on 4/11/2018 by our President, Richard Jenkins.

Roll Call: Vice President Doug Sanders made the roll call. At that point, there were 41 members signed up for 2018 so far. There were 12 members present at this month's meeting including one new member and one visitor. We currently have one non-flying senior member.

Visitor Chuck Digney wants to learn how to fly. He has 26 hours on a sim, a biplane, has high wing trainers. He has a 48-inch Rock Hobby Waco. He went to our field and he saw guys flying quads and copters. He lives over near Pitman Hill road which is close to the Spirits club. We welcomed him and are glad to have him on board. Our president mentioned that we have several club members that would gladly help him get him started. He sent in his AMA but hadn't received his card yet. We shared with him the success of the Cub Scout gathering we held at the field last year. We'd like to do it again this year.

<u>Treasurer Report</u>: Our Treasurer, Bob Hunsel, was present and he gave the treasurers report. He met with Jerry and paid the field rent.

Secretary's report was approved. None, motion to approve.

<u>Safety report</u> – none. A member asked if the field has been rolled. At meeting time, a couple of members had flown already.

<u>Field report</u> – Road was o.k. Field was a little damp, but not mushy.

<u>Old business</u> – Weather station project is on hold. If someone gets a bug to do it, step right up. Some members said that they would still like to have it. A commercial unit would cost \$1100 to \$1200. We talked about locations where you could get a decent report. A couple good sights mentioned where Weather Underground and Accuweather. There was no motion for a weather station.

Don Shelton talked about adding a link about swap meets on the web site.

<u>New business</u>. – How to get more club members into the Club was a meeting topic. Wes Wallin brought up some things that the Club in Eureka is doing. They pass out flyers and do canvassing for new

members. They ask their current members if they know of potential candidates. They give local demo's. Prez said he liked the demos that they do. Wes passed out a 'Learn to fly' poster he got off their web site. There were questions on the AMA. A question was asked if there would be interested in setting up some displays in the club. Prez said to put in the newsletter to ask if anyone were interested in making a display for the club. Another suggestion to increase membership was to maybe have a 6-month membership (trial membership). Club used to have a trial membership for the year for new members.

Starting next month, we will be meeting at the field, depending on the weather or unless you hear otherwise (through email).

Show and tell: - Prez brought in a newly acquired Spektrum lx12. It is a 12 channels Android based transmitter. You can re-assign all the switches, which is standard on most transmitters. It uses Wi-Fi to connect to your computer for software downloads. It comes with a Lipo battery that can be charged with any standard cell phone charger. He talked about the transmitter having the crossfire link for extending the transmitters range during FPV drone racing. In Toledo they had a drone racing area setup where flyers used headsets to fly view drones while flying through obstacles, etc. The transmitter takes 2 minutes to boot up, but it has a sleep mode (like a cell phone) which wakes up like a phone. There has typically been a 3-month waiting list to get these transmitters, but Prez picked his up in Toledo (and they went pretty fast there too). \$695 was his cost. It has AS3X stabilization system integrated into the transmitter. He talked about the As3x's fixed and relative gain settings. You can program any voice patterns for warnings, low battery, you can put voice on your switches, etc. One member asked about the screen in sunlight. Prez hasn't had it out in the sun yet. There are adjustments for spring tensioning the transmitter sticks. You can also add a throttle ratchet if you like. It has slide rollers on the back of the transmitter that you can assign to anything. Prez talked about his Sky King plane having 13 channels. He loves the touch screen aspect for programming everything, which is a feature he loved about his Hitech transmitters. The transmitter felt great in my hands. One member said that it felt a little more solid than the DX9 that he has. It has the manual built in and you can read the manual on the screen. Since it is android based, you can surf the net through the transmitter at the field. The transmitter has been voted product of the year.

50/50 – Cecil White

Attendance Prizes - Cecil White & Don Shelton.

Motion to adjourn.

Show & Tell

Richard Jenkins and his Spektrum lx radio

