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There will not be a regular club meeting in Dec. ----Christmas Party Thursday Dec. 13th at Tony's on Main in St. Charles. If you are planning on going make sure you notify Richard Jenkins. Email <u>Richard.jenkins.stl@gmail.com</u>

Meeting Schedule

Meeting Dates: 2019: Jan 9, Feb 13, Mar 13, Apr 10, May 8, Jun 12, Jul 10, Aug 14, Sep 11, Oct 9, Nov 13, Dec TBD Meeting Time: 7pm Meeting Location: Mark Twain Hobby Shop

November Meeting Minutes (11/14/2018)

The meeting was called to order at Mark Twain Hobby Shop on 11/14/2018 by our President, Richard Jenkins.

<u>Roll Call</u> - Vice President Doug Sanders made the roll call. At that point, we have 47 members total. There were 14 members present at this month's meeting. We still have one non-flying senior member.

<u>**Treasurers Report</u>** - Our Treasurer, Bob Hunsel, was present and he gave his final treasurers report. Thanks, Bob, for your great service this year, it is much appreciated.</u>

Secretary's report - approved.

Safety report – none.

<u>Field report</u> – Field looks good. Mower was repaired, had a clogged filter and clogged fuel line. Rain barrel froze solid. The spicket wasn't opened. We had a long discussion about picking the lock on the gate.

We talked about Jerry again and whether anyone had heard any more about plans to sell the field. Bill McMenamy said he talked to Jerry and he didn't mention anything.

<u>Old business</u> – We are still trying to see why the Club is not showing up in the AMA name search or the distance search.

Don Shelton got on the AMA to renew his membership. The web site doesn't work with the AMA number. The AMA number used to be the login id, but they changed it to use your email. If you renew online, members please note that you need to use your email address.

Larry Bollinger said that he received two cards, another member said that he also got 2 cards instead of one.

Remember, we don't have a meeting in December, we substitute the party.

Don Shelton has the new certificates at home. He has frames for them and said they look good. Certificates will replace the plaques, which are given to the recipients of the secret ballot casted by our members for nominations for Member of the year, Crash of the year and Officer of the year.

Reminder of the Saints Christmas Party Dec 13th @ 7pm Tony's on Main. An email was sent out by Don Shelton in October asking members to RSVP a reply if they would be coming. We have reservations for 16. <u>mailto:richard.jenkins.stl@gmail.com?subject=RSVP</u> <u>New business</u> – Jim Benedict volunteered to be the Treasurer next year. Great! He has been a longstanding club member.

<u>Show and Tell</u> – Prez brought in a DLE 20cc RA motor. He loves that the spark plug is angled back and the carburetor and exhaust are mounted on the back, giving it a great mounting footprint for the cowling of a Warbird. It can be mounted upside down with little sensitivity to shutting off like a glow engine. The engine comes with a newer DLE electronic ignition. Prez has a couple of these engines at home and they run great. He's never had any trouble with them. He commented that the DLE runs smoother than the RCGF with he noted runs a bit rough and shakes the dickens out of your airplane. He got the DLE on sale for about \$260. One of his other DLE 20's has a side exhaust and he had to make the typical cutting of the cowl to get it mounted. I asked Prez where I could get a profile airplane that would use a DLE 20, they are so hard to find. Bill McMenamy said that anymore these days, you have to get plans and buy wood. Prez suggested Ohio Model Products. He also mentioned visiting Profile Brotherhood online if I wanted to go the plan route.

Jim Plonka brought in his F6F Hellcat. He took us back in time when RCM Model magazine was in existence. Each magazine would feature plans for 2 or 3 models, and his plane was a 'Wings Kit'. He said that back in that day, there were no ARF's, either you built the plane or you didn't fly. Another member said he owned a Wing's Zero airplane. Anyway, he bought the plans up in Toledo and he installed Sierra Pneumatic retracts, which were considered top of the line. The plane has two small tanks in a hatch in the wing. The tanks are crammed in and are 'paralleled'. With pneumatic retracts, you have to use pneumatic disconnects and so far, he hasn't had problems with them leaking. He uses an OS 125 Nitro engine, 3 position flaps, utilizing 50%, 75%, 100% on all of his surfaces until he finds out how the plane behaves. His foam wings have a half inch tube running through them for the pneumatics which he claims is tricky. He is willing to share the method he uses. He also put all the panel lines on by hand. The finish is beautiful. He used a ¾ ounce cloth and Polycyclic on a foam sheeted wing, which was explained as a foam wing with 3/32" balsa laid over it using contact cement. Then comes the Hobby Poxy, the primer, the spraying, the sanding (Wow, what a process!!!). The plane weighs 11 pounds right

now he needs more than a pound of weight in the nose to balance it. The pneumatic retracts were so smooth and super cool! There are two tanks in the fuselage, with servo linkages etc. that go to the retracts. You have to pressurize the system (about 120 psi) with an air pump. There are valves to adjust the speed of the retracts. I believe he said that he can get half a dozen retracts before having to repressurize the system. (That's some serious stuff!)

<u>50/50</u> - Doug Sanders,

Attendance Prizes (2) - John Bouchillon, he donated his ticket to the club. Doug Sanders. Bob Hunsel.

Motion to adjourn



Jim Plonka's F6F Hellcat

