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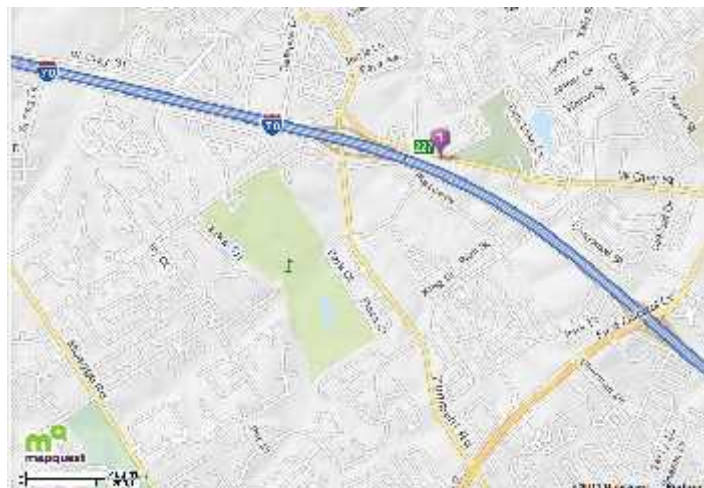
Meeting Schedule

Meeting Dates: 2020: Feb 12, Mar 11, Apr 8, May 13, Jun 10, Jul 8, Aug 12, Sep 9, Oct 14, Nov 11, Dec TBD*

Meeting Time: 7pm

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 (1/8/2020)

The January meeting was called to order at the Mark Twain Hobby Shop by President Richard Jenkins. . No new members today. Prez reminded everyone to fill out the applications for this year and to make sure your AMA is in good standing.

Roll Call – There were 14 members present.

Treasurers Report - Our Treasurer, Jim Benedict, presented the treasurers report. There was a motion to approve.

Secretary's report – none --Christmas Party held Dec.11th.

Safety report – None

Field report – There have been a couple of good flying days. The northwest edge has a few ruts. The field is also soft from the all the moisture it's been receiving. It was mentioned that you should stay west of the pavilion. When you leave the field, make sure you roll the tumblers on the lock. We may be able to empty the trash up at the Hobby Shop, but regardless, Prez said to mention that we should be responsible for our own trash.

The club needs to make up for a small oversight. Jerry the field owner was asking about whether we were having our Christmas Party. We forgot to send Jerry an invitation to the Christmas Party. Richard Jenkins will call and apologize for the oversight.

Old business – none.

New Business – Frank Eck initiated conversation about club dues. How should we handle flooding and club dues? There were several opinions voiced. Prez brought up that we could possibly be moving to a new field and we will need funds. Jim Benedict, our treasurer stated there was no course of action in the event a member approaches him about getting a refund. We continued discussion about monitoring future conditions of the field. Prez suggested prorating dues if we are flooded this year before Spring. It was suggested that maybe we should wait till the June meeting to make a decision. Another option brought up was to just giving members credit for next year.

We talked a little about what disbanding club would look like. We talked about merging with another club and moving assets to another club. It was asked if there were plans to fix the levy. They believe that any progress may have been impeded by the weather. We talked about the Phantom club, distance, runway, etc. We agreed to table the ideas brought out at the meeting and not make any motions yet.

Prez read the Drone rules from AMA which talked about transmitting drone locations to a centralized location or server on the internet. He stated the problems with having internet connections in all locations and it would be impracticable to maintain such a system. AMA is thus suggesting an exemption for fixed flying fields and locations away from urban areas that would not have internet connectivity. Prez agrees with this and suggests that everyone read the AMA letters and comment on them. Prez said that they would literally shut down flying as each manufacturer would have to build in transponder technology in every aircraft before it could be sold. The next step would be that you couldn't build your own aircraft anymore. This would also affect FPV systems. The AMA did add that aircraft less than .5 lbs. would be exempt from this. Prez stated that these issues are not a ruling but are just a proposed ruling at this point. It could be 2 to 3 years before this could be implemented. Also, congress would have to get involved.

Mike Lindsey was very animated stated that these proposals destroy the entire concept of model building and destroy the whole proprietary reason to have sanctioned flying sites. We have safety rules in enforced. Mike strongly stated that if you have an email account, please express your disregard to the FAA. We don't need to be policed! Model airplanes have not taken down passenger aircraft or police helicopters. These are drones flown by reckless individuals that are not policed. They are not R.C. modelers. They are going to legislate us and punish law abiding individuals (like the gun laws) for people who disregard the law anyway. Mike said to please, just send an email telling them to leave my club alone. Let them know that you are against legislation of R.C. clubs. We are sanctioned, we follow the rules, we don't have aircraft incidents of local or federal concerns. There is a difference between an FPV operator flying in parking garages at 3 in the morning hitting cars and disappearing. He's a rogue R.C. operator. He is not an R.C. club. Bill McMenamy mentioned the FAA has shut down local flying clubs for not following FAA rules in Los Angeles.

Talked about Bob Veenstra selling off everything. See email.

Show and Tell – none

50/50 – Don Bollinger

Attendance Prizes – Mike Lindsey (Gift card)

Motion to adjourn

Show & Tell

None

Christmas Party was held at Fratelli's Dec 11th (14 in attendance)
Awards & Prizes:

- 1) Officer of the year – Richard Jenkins
- 2) Member of the year – Frank Eck
- 3) Special Recognition to Don Bollinger (Fun-Fly Chef for 2019)
- 4) Crash of the year – Jim Plonka
- 5) \$50 - 2 door prizes – Jim Benedict and Don Shelton
- 6) \$100 attendance prize – Don Bollinger

2020 Events

Feb. 1,2020 – Lee Summit, MO – KCRC SWAP N SHOP - 520 NW Murry Rd - KANSAS CITY RC ASSN.

Feb. 15,2020 – Spirits of St. Louis RC Flying Club – INDOOR RC FLY-IN – Hope Lutheran Church – 1975 South Old Hwy. 94 – St Charles, MO (In the Gym)

Feb 15, 2020 – St Charles, ILL – ANNUAL SWAP MEET – 636 S Randall Rd - FOX VALLEY AERO CLUB

Feb 23,2020 - Fenton, MO – Buder Park – CL STUNT & SPEED

Mar 7, 2020 – Swansea, ILL – SWAP MEET – 2425 N Illinois St – BELLVILLE RC FLYERS

Apr. 4, 2020 – Granite City, ILL – ANNUAL SWAP MEET – Granite City Township Hall
2060A Delmar Ave. Granite City, ILL Midwest Air Wing RC Club

April 3,4,5 2020 – TOLEDO RC MODEL SHOW - April 3,4,5 2020
<https://www.toledoshow.com/>

2020 St Charles RC Club Membership Applications available on line.
<https://www.saintsrc.com/Documents/Application.pdf>

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