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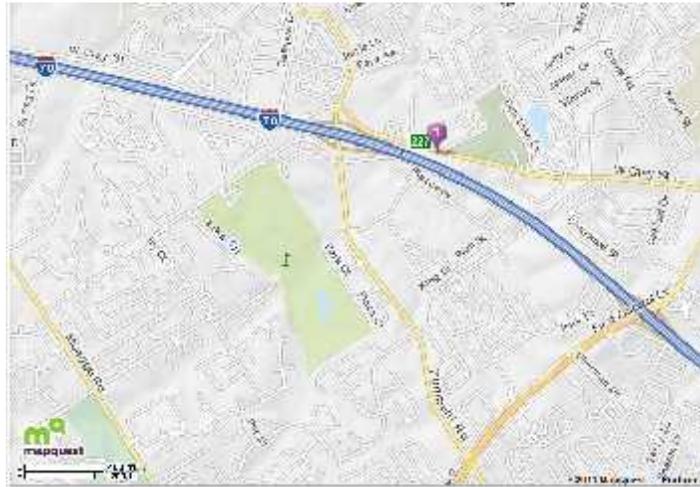
**Meeting Schedule**

**Meeting Dates:** 2018: Apr 11, May 9, Jun 13, Jul 11, Aug 8, Sep 12  
Oct 10, Nov 14, 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**

### **March Meeting Minutes (3/14/2018)**

The meeting was called to order on 3/14/2018 by President Richard Jenkins.

Vice President Doug Sanders made the roll call. At that point, there were 36 members signed up for 2018 so far. There were 12 members present at this month's meeting and no new member. We currently have two non-flying senior members.

Our Treasurer, Bob Hunsel, was present and he gave the treasurers report. We talked about rent for the field, which is due in the Spring.

**Safety report** – none

**Field report** – none. There was mention of some stakes by the entrance to the field, but at this time no one knew what they were for. It was mentioned that it wasn't Amazon.

**Old business** – Weather station, on hold. It was asked, why we need a weather station. Prez explained that it would be handy if members could look up the weather conditions online (wind, rain etc.) and decide if you wanted to come out and fly. We talked about using weather.com on the internet for St. Charles, but internet readings often differ when you get out to the field. We have had vandalism at the field in the past. It was mentioned that vandalism is always a possibility, but the unit would be mounted on top of the pavilion making it hard to get to the heart of the equipment, which would be inside the locked door. Our expense would be minimal.

**New business.** – none,

A few words were had about Don J. Pallett, who passed away. Don was former member of the club and was our club treasurer a few years ago. He had a passion for flying, but it was mentioned that he spent considerably more time working on planes than flying them. He was also a portrait painter. Club members who knew him reminisced on moments they shared with him.

Prez asked had anyone been at the field flying. No.

Prez asked if everyone got the NOTAM (notice to airmen) on President Trumps visit.

**Show and tell:** - George Hendrix retired at the end of June and rejoined the club. He brought in a Guillows B25 that he converted to RC. He covered the B25 with MonoKote, it had a nice scaled finish. It had two .020 Cox engine (smaller than a .049) 3 channels with no throttle. I believe he said that with the two-ounce gas tank the plane would run for an extremely long time. Guillows kits are quality scaled balsa model kits. He also has a Guillow's P40 with a Cox .049. He mentioned that he had 32 scratch-built planes including two foamies. He mentioned that out of all the planes he owns, only 5 of them has he flown. He has many kits that you can't get anymore (Goldbergs, Great Planes, Bucker Jungmann, Top Fight, etc.) Some have 72 MHz receivers in them. Members chimed in on how challenging the Guillow's kits were to build. They have 8<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> inch stringers running down the side of the fuselage that were hard to keep from splitting. The kits would sometimes warp when you covered them, especially with the silk span. George mentioned that he worked for Steve Green who owned a Hobby shop in St Charles. George has built many planes.

Prez brought in a Lipo Discharger (Lipo Killer). He got the kit off the internet and it's basically used to drain Lipo batteries so that they may be disposed of with no charge on them. He jokingly mentioned that he can't shot them in his neighborhood (unlike most). It has a series of 20-watt halogen light bulbs, a PC cooling them as a regulated current of up to 10 amps passes through them. They were bright and you could feel the heat off them! The unit was fixed up so that he could replace new bulbs by pushing them into terminal blocks (no soldering necessary). Prez said that it takes a couple of hours to drain a battery. Some members dispose of their batteries by dropping them off at Batteries Plus to have them recycled. But some members joked that they still prefer driving nails through them or shooting them, LOL!

Frank Eck brought in a Sig Hog Bipe for show and tell. He owns 2 other kits (an Ace Cloud Dancer, and an Ultra Sport. Using Ultrakote, he said a major problem was keeping the edges and corners from wrinkling. He bought the kit in Toledo last year. Under the guidance of Jim Plonka, Frank built a beautiful plane. Modifications made were to use torque rods on servos to replace the push rods on the ailerons. The upper and lower ailerons work together in harmony. The pilot and wheel pants are the only thing he has left to do on the plane.

50/50 – Bill McMenamy

Attendance Prizes – Don Bollinger, Doug Sanders

Motion to adjourn.

## **Show & Tell**

George Hendrix – Guillows B25



Richard Jenkins – Lipo Discharger



# Frank Eck – Sig Hog Bipe

