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## **Prez Sez for November 2017**

### **Meeting at the Hobby Shop**

This month we will be meeting at the Mark Twain hobby shop Wednesday November 8th at 7:00 P.M. We will continue to meet on the second Wednesday of the month.

### **Officer Elections**

At the next meeting we will vote on the officers for next year and making nominations for the various awards. Mike Dierker finally has a replacement – Bob Hunsel has agreed to be treasurer next year. Bob is a long time Saints member, and past president. All other officers agreed to serve next year.

### **Awards Voting**

Also at the meeting we will vote on the Member of the Year, Officer of the Year and Crash of the Year.

### **By-Laws Update**

I have updated the by-laws to replace the permanent board of directors and do other updates such as delete committees that are no longer active. The updated by-laws have been sent out as an attachment to last month's newsletter. We will vote by email, and those that do not respond will get a call from a club officer.

### **Club Christmas Party**

At the meeting we will also discuss when and where we will have the annual Christmas party. I hope more can attend this year. Last year we had the party at Tony's on Main but only about 13 members and their guests came. Also like last year, the dinner will be dutch treat (unless the club decides otherwise). We will hand out two \$50 door prizes and two \$100 attendance prizes. The attendance prizes are given out from a drawing of the attendance tickets that members put in during the year. You do not have to be present to win the attendance prizes, but you must be present for the door prizes.

### **Membership Spots Still Open**

We still have openings for more members, so if anyone asks, invite them to join. Dues are \$125 for the full year. After the September meeting dues are \$35 to cover the remainder of the calendar year.

### **Show and Tell Needed**

Show off your latest project.

Richard

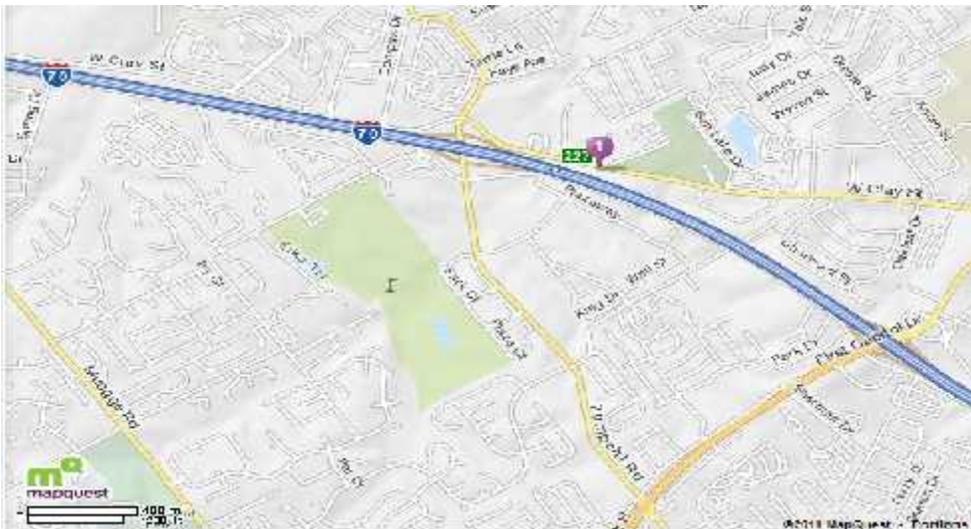
## **Meeting Schedule**

**Meeting Dates:** 2017: Nov 8, Dec \* \* TBD

**Meeting Time:** 7 pm

**Meeting Location:** Mark Twain Hobby Shop

From eastbound I-70 take the Zumbahl 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**

### **October Meeting Minutes (10/11/2017)**

The meeting was called to order on 10/11/2017 by our President, Richard Jenkins.

**Roll Call** - Vice President Doug Sanders made the roll call. At that point, there were 52 members in our club. There were 13 members present at this month's meeting. We had one visitor today, Randy Pohlman. He is new getting into drones. He was the former treasurer of the RC Freaks, Springdale Park. FEMA pressured their club on building codes and flood plain issues. They had Tracks for racing. He flew with Paul from the Hobby Shop. He recently

demoed in the Mo. Kids Unplugged organization which gives kids opportunity to experience Missouri outdoors. We talked with Randy about obtaining your AMA and talked about our club. We currently have two non-flying senior members. There were 18 openings available at the time of the meeting. 70 is the maximum number of members allowed. It has been our club's tradition to lower the membership fee after the month of September. Following the tradition, new members can join for the reduced fee of \$35. This price will be good for the remainder of the year.

**Treasure's Report** - Mike Dierker was present and gave the treasurers report. Vice President Doug Sanders inquired about how the pizza was paid for at our Cub Scouts Fly-in.

There was a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as given. Approved. And the secretary's report as published in the newsletter was approved.

**Safety report** – Corn had not been harvested at meeting time. We were managing the kids at the Fly-in to insure safe activity, we had no safety related incidents.

**Field report** – Frank Eck stated that mowing is once a week. Frank and Bill McMenamy are mowing. Field looks good.

**Old business.** - Richard distributed the revised Constitution and By-Laws at the meeting. They were also e-mailed prior to the meeting. It was decided that we would poll the members by e-mail to vote on the revised Constitution and By-Laws. The officers will call the members that do not respond. A majority vote of Club's Full Members shall be required.

**Proposed By-Laws changes are as follows:**

Article 3 Section 2. - Frequency Control Committee Officers deleted.

Article 13 Section 1 & 2 - Revision to Board of Directors

Article 13 Section 4 – Deleted

Article 13 Section 5 – Revision to termination of members

Article 15 Section 1 & 2 – Delete committees

Article 15 Section 4 – Revisions to wording of Safety Officers responsible

Article 15 Section 5 – Deleted (Frequency Control Committee)

Article 16 Section 1,2 & 3 – Probationary Membership - Deleted

At the time of the meeting we couldn't vote because we were in the 3-day window of the emailed notification period. We will wait for the email votes, and then proceed from there. We will request that the replies go to Richard Jenkins. We will act on changes when we get the votes in. We will probably put things in place at the first of the year.

Richard flew his Big SBD 5 at the Rend Lake Fly in. He dropped his Nerf bombs which didn't shatter. He got the Tank Buster award for coming closest to the target! He used the dive brakes, and talked about how good they worked. Like a full-scale plane, the flaps and the dive brakes are fully extended, the angle of the nose drops several degrees, letting you ride the plane down slowly and release the bombs. The plane flies straight forward when the brakes are released.

**New Business** – Nominations were discussed for officers for next year. Bob Hunsul volunteered to be Treasurer. He was a former Club President back in the eighties. Mike Dierker talked about changing the format of the check. We plan to start a new account at the bank with the next year's appointees on it.

Again, we need a new Web master. Our web site is hosted by Yahoo. FrontPage is the software used to compose it.

Doug will check the Club Brochure at the hobby shop for changes.

**Show and tell:** - Sort of show and tell related, Wes Wallin flies everything. He reached out to other 'desktop pilots' in our club, and passed around a magazine called PC Pilot. Lots of information on PC flight Sims, what equipment is needed, what full scale planes are available, ultra-lights, submarines, downloadable real-time weather, etc. He talked about Lockheed Martin's software called Prepare 3d, which is software used to train military pilots priced at \$200. Other PC software includes Microsoft Flight Sim, Falcon 4.0, DCS World, etc.

Ed Vokoun has seven flights on his Super Chipmunk from Airborne Models, in which four ended up in crashes. He had trouble figuring out the cause of the crashes. First flight, tail heavy, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> flights the planes was out of control flying all over the place. He kept checking the cg, etc. and everything was fine. Once after retrieving it from the corn, he put it on the ground and began revving up the engine. As the engine revved up high, he noticed a fluttering of all the control surfaces. 'Ah ha', interference! He changed out the radio, no change, he changed the spark plug, thinking it may be loose. Not. The culprit wound up being the cap on the spark plug from the electronic ignition. It was not tight enough to prevent it from moving a little bit when the engine vibrated at higher rpm. His solution was to use a hose clamp (the kind with a screw) which he slipped over and tighten down the cap. Now he has enjoyed several successful flights in his pilotless Chipmunk. He joked that the pilot bailed out and left the plane after the first couple of flight. The killing part is that Ed previously used that motor in two AT6 Texans, which he crashed/rebuilt/crashed/rebuilt all due to the same issue. He never could track down the problem until now! What an unusual cause that is sure to save our club members some grief. (Don Shelton expressed a similar incident with a loose timing magnet).

Don Bollinger's goal was to build a low-cost plane that wouldn't cause any grief if he wrecked it. With no plans, he scratch built the plane he brought for Show and Tell. The fuselage of one was built from a split piece of two by four. The control surfaces are built from Dollar Tree foam. The plane has triangular wire landing gear in which the rear wheels are fed from opposite sides into a hole drilled through fuselage making them extremely sturdy. The dihedral wings are held on with Velcro and rubbers. He has made several flights on a buddy box with brother Larry. It has a nice orange and black shiny paint job. Surprising how good it flies. Awesome!

50/50 – Larry Bollinger

Attendance Prizes – 3 were given out – John Bouchillon, Don Shelton, Doug Sanders. Attendance coupons are cumulated and kept for the drawing at the end of the year Christmas Party. Drawings are for 2-\$100 bills from the year's cumulated attendances. The 2 \$50's are the door prizes at the Christmas Party in which you have to be present to win.

Motion to adjourn.

**SHOW & TELL**  
**Ed Vokoun & his Chipmonk**



**Don Bollinger & his scratch built plane**

