



THE TRANSMITTER



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Military Fly-in 2013



April Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Club President Dave Fannin at the flight field on Tuesday, 9 July, 2013 at 7 pm. There were 12 members present. The President called for a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as outlined in the June Newsletter. The motion was seconded and passed by the membership.

Club Operation Reports

TREASURER: Club Treasurer Dan Arens reported on the Club's financial status. Currently, we have 38 active dues paying members. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. The attending members passed the Treasurer's Report as read. President Fannin discussed the number of Club members needed to maintain the requirements of field maintenance and Club flying/social activities...currently we are behind the number needed and it's possible that if the trend remains, we might have to dip into our support fund. Club membership fluctuates with a number of indicators and it's hoped that the trend will change.

CORRESPONDENCE: Dan Arens reported that he had received a request for support from the AMA to sponsor an activity whose funds would be donated to the AMA for their needs.

FIELD MAINTENANCE: John Burnworth commented that he felt the flight field looked to be in good shape. There was a discussion about grass trimming around the field that could be accomplished by Club members. Also, weed control was discussed and our newest member George Hoff volunteered to support us in that effort. There has been some mole activity but minor damage that would inhibit flying activities. For the moment, everything at the field is a go for flying.

SAFETY: Club Safety Officer Marcus Robinson reported that the safety atmosphere surrounding our recent Military Fly-in was spectacular...everyone conformed to the safety rules for good flying. But there was a recent close call at the flight field where a Club member's aircraft on take-off, rolled left over the pilot fences and impacted inverted in the pit area between two of the run-up benches taking two years off of the emotional life span of another Club member who was working with his aircraft on one of the benches with his back to the incoming missile. Physically, no one was harmed...we were very lucky. It points out the vulnerabilities associated with our hobby...in this instant, the take-off run should have been made at a much further distance from the pit area. This is particularly true if you are soloing a new aircraft or one that has been recently rebuilt from an accident. It's not only piloting skill but mechanical malfunctions that can get you...please make every effort to stay safe, we can't afford to have someone seriously hurt in the pursuit of this great hobby.

TRAINING: Dan Arens reported that he has helped several people with their piloting skills. One of

our new members, Eric Bennett is an accomplished builder and flier but our newest member George Hoff is looking forward to teaming up with one of our instructor cadre so that he can get started in this wonderful hobby.

WEB PAGE: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: President Fannin reminded everyone that they still have until **31 July** to sign-up for Barry Mizes' "St. Louis area - wide RC e-mail list" which will alert them to club activities in the local area. Send Club Secretary Ralph Miller your e-mail address if you are interested in this program and he will sign you up.

NEW BUSINESS: Our President Dave Fannin has sent a personal message to the President of the Midwest Air Wing Club, inviting them to our Invitational Fly-in. This event is scheduled for **Sunday, 11 August** at our flying field at **9:30 am**. Since we are hosting this event...Dave is setting up a committee to oversee the activities and we will need everyone's effort to make the event a success. The **MAW** is a great club and inviting them to fly at our field will be a good time to visit and get acquainted.

NEW MEMBERS: The Club is proud to add two new members: Eric Bennett and George Hoff. We hope your adventure into RC modeling and flying will be something that you will enjoy forever and we hope to see you at the flying field.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Darwin Evelsizer alerted us to the electric fun fly being hosted by the Midwest Air wing this **Saturday, 13 July**...all invited and **HEY**, they have a new fabric runway...check it out.

ATTENDANCE PRIZE: The attendance prize was won by Darwin and he gave it all back to the Club...Darwin you are one good guy...thanks.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held out at the flight field on the **2nd Tuesday, 13 August** at **7 pm**...looking forward to your attendance.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:35 pm

FOR YOUR VIDEO PLEASURE

Check out this video link sent to us by Darwin Evelsizer...it shows how agile quadcopters can be...they are truly amazing but they don't become this way without the smarts provided by some young and brilliant mathematicians that develop the brains for these little beasts...truly amazing.

<http://www.wimp.com/powerquadcopters/>

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THE TRANSMITTER is the monthly newsletter of the Belleville RC Flyers. It is published to keep the club members informed of club activities. Club meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month. In Summer, May through September, the meetings are held at the flying field. From October through April the meetings are held at a local restaurant. The standard meeting time is 7 pm. The flying field is located on Rentchler road 1/2 mile South of Rte's 177 and 158, half way between Belleville and Mascoutah. Visitors and spectators are always welcome and Club membership is open to all. Yearly dues are \$50.00 and there is an initiation fee of \$15.00. Academy of Model Aeronautics membership is also required. For info or submissions to the Newsletter, contact the Newsletter Editor through the Club's Web Page at bellevillercflyers.com