



FLIGHT LINES

APRIL 2008

SMRCC - SHAWNEE MISSION RADIO CONTROL CLUB
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From your Club President

First, I want to make sure I recognize all of the people who were able to make it out to both work days at the field these past few weeks. We had 17 the first day and 16 the second. The runway was repaired and patch, the catch fence was repaired, Thelma (our roller) was fixed. The field looks great. We should get the correct windsock soon and it will look like it back to normal! Thank you SO much to those who were able to make it. We wouldn't have been able to fix our field if it hadn't been for you.

The float fly for May is cancelled. I could not secure the location we had last September soon enough and I didn't want to double us up on events like last year, so we will have to just try again next year. If you had been working on float planes, there are still other float fly's being run by other clubs this year.

This month's special presentation should be an interesting one. Roy Shenkel will talk about his experiences as a waist gunner on a B-17. An invitation has been extended to other clubs, so we should have a really good turnout. Since the presentation will take most of the meeting time, we will not be having any club business during the meeting. If there is something you need to bring up, please feel free to grab one of the officer's aside before or after. It should be very interesting. Thanks again to Darrell for organizing it.

This month also begins our training program starting April 15th. We can always use some extra hands for the pit crew, so please try to attend if you can.

We need to get our mowing teams formed also so we will be ready for spring. Please remember that participating on the mowing teams is an important part of keeping our field looking so great. If you want to help, please contact Rich Cansler.

Don't forget to renew your AMA and your club membership if you haven't already done so. Renewing your club member before April also ensures that you don't have to be re-certified for your flying permit. Make sure to remember to bring in your current AMA card when renewing your membership so you can receive your new flying permit for 2008.

Shane Sternecker, President



Club Officers



President
Shane Sternecker



1st VP of the Field
Rich Cansler



2nd VP of Training
Rick Donley



Treasurer
Neil McNeil



Secretary
Wade Atkinson



Historian/Librarian
Frank Hass



Next Meeting:
Thursday, April 10th

MEETING PLACE:

**Lenexa Community
Center—Seniors Center.**

TIME:

7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.

TOPIC OF THE MONTH:

B-17 Waist Gunner Special



SMRCC Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 7:05

Shane Sternecker

Introduction of Guests and New Members:

Guests: Fred joined us for this meeting. He is a friend of Darrel's and a member of Darrel's old club.

New Members: George is one of our latest members and is just getting into the hobby.

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Secretary Report:

Minutes posted in the previous newsletter were approved.

Treasurer Report:

Neil McNeil presented the Treasurer's report and it was approved.

Old Business:

- We are going to have an extra work day this weekend the 12th. We have had wind damage to the runway and it must be repaired before we can start flying again.
- Our set field cleanup day will still be on March 29th. Goals will be finish securing the runway, install a new windsock, new catch fence, roll the runway, check the mower blades and webcam.
- April B-17 Program— Invitations have been sent out. We need to make sure we have additional chairs / seating areas set up. We will also plan on brining refreshments.

New Business:

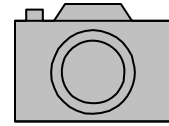
- Currently 39 Members this year.
- Mowing teams are starting to be formed. The more people we have the fewer times each team has to mow. With the new mowers and 2-3 people the job can usually be done in just over an hour. Contact Rich to sign up.
- First Training Night—Training this year will start on April 15th this year.
- Our first club fly of the year will be informal and held on April 12th.

Program: Jim Koch and Dave Para from Charlie's Hobby Shop located in Raytown joined us and showed off quite a few new items.

Models of the Month:

Gil Carlon— A T-39 Talon with retracts. .55 size motor turning a 9x8 prop. Also has a unique airless gas tank.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.



Club Night Pictures



It looks like summer is here and everyone is antsy to get back into flying. We had a great turnout for this meeting. We all look forward so seeing more meetings like this.





SMRCC Calendar of Events

- Apr 10th – Club Meeting – Lenexa Community Center/Senior’s Center
- Apr 12th – **Club Fun Fly**
- Apr 15th – **First Training Night???**
- May 8th – Club Meeting – SMRCC Field
- May 10th – **Club Fun Fly**
- Fun Fly Event = Build It / Fly It
- May 17th – SMRCC Float Fly???. (**Canceled due to no location**)
- Jun 12th – Club Meeting – SMRCC Field
- Jun 21st – **Annual Club Picnic**
- All SMRCC members and their families are invited
- Jul 10th – Club Meeting – SMRCC Field
- Jul 12th – **Club Fun Fly**
- Aug 14th – Club Meeting – SMRCC Field
- Aug 16th – **Club Fun Fly**
- Sep 11th – Club Meeting – SMRCC Field
- Sep 20th – **SMRCC City Wide**
- Open invitation to AMA registered pilots (moved to the 3rd Saturday)
- Oct 9th – Club Meeting – **Lenexa Community Center/Senior’s Center**
- Oct 11th – **Club Fun Fly**
- Fun Fly Event = Team Up / Chili Down
- Oct 14th – **Last Training Night???**
- Nov 13th – Club Meeting – Lenexa Community Center/Senior’s Center
- Dec 6th – **SMRCC Swap n Shop**
- Dec 11th – Club Meeting / Christmas Party – Location TBD

B-17 Waist Gunner

To make special presentation

The Shawnee Mission Radio Control Club invites you to attend this very special presentation.

Roy Shenkel was a waist gunner on a B17 during WW II. His plane was shot down and he spent time in a POW camp. Roy will share his experiences. He comes highly recommended as a speaker.

We also plan to have a nice display of giant scale WW II models, including a 10' span B17.

Where: SMRCC Club Meeting

(Located in the smaller building on the west side of the parking lot at the Lenexa Community Center, [where the SMRCC Swap Meet is held]. Just south of Santa Fe and Pflumm Rd.)

When: April 10, 2008

Time: 7:00 pm

We hope you will join us, to honor Roy's service and to hear his fascinating story!

PS: Some of the SMRCC wives have expressed an interest and will be attending. If your wife/ significant other / friends / anyone who would like to attend is certainly welcome.

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SMRCC Club Member

FIRST CLASS MAIL

Next Meeting at Lenexa Community Center—Seniors Center

Thursday, April 10th 7:00 pm - Adjournment.

B-17 Waist Gunner Special This Month

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