



ROTATE

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DUES ARE DUE SLRCFA Membership Renewal

**ALL MEMBERS ARE URGED TO
GET THEIR 2015 DUES IN AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE TO AVOID
POSSIBLE LATE FEES**

Please pay your dues **BEFORE March 1st**.

**The 2015 SLRCFA Membership application
is at the end of this issue of Rotate.**

2015 Membership Dues

Annual Dues (includes children under 18 years old).....	\$160
Associate Member (over 75 miles away and Exclusions).....	\$60
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RC Flying Etiquette

<http://allrcflight.com/unwritten-rules-of-rc/>

- When starting or running up an engine, be conscious of the prop blast. Always be aware of where loose items and exhaust residue is being directed. Dust, grass clippings and oil can quickly coat other individuals and/or their equipment.



- Always be cautious of the prop arc and the area forward. Be sure the immediate area is clear before starting or running an engine above idle. Thrown or broken props do happen and are very dangerous. For the safety of yourself and others, alert people in your immediate area that may have their attention directed elsewhere, that you are about to start an engine.
- When walking in proximity of the flight line or onto the field to retrieve an airplane, avoid walking directly in front of other flying pilots.
- Avoid taxiing your plane in the proximity of pilots that have an airplane in the air. To a flying pilot it can be very unnerving to have a plane taxi very close to his/her proximity while they are trying to keep their eyes on their own flying airplane.
- If you need to walk onto the runway, make sure everybody understands your intentions before you step onto it. Observe all

requests to land before you go. Spend as little time there as possible and announce when you are clear of the runway as well.

- Call out your intentions or difficulties to others that are flying. Some examples are: "Taking off", "Coming in/Landing", "Touch and go", "On the field", "Off the field", "Dead stick" or "Lost control". This last one can be useful to you the pilot as well. Others that are not flying will visually track where the plane goes down and be of great assistance in locating it.
- Give landing aircraft priority use of the runway and the airspace immediately surrounding should a go around be necessary.
- Give a student pilot's airplane plenty of space when flying. Beginners can become overly worried about traffic and will concentrate on collision avoidance rather than maneuvers that improve their skills.
- Always control your aircraft, whether on the ground or in the air, with the belief that radio failure can and will happen at any moment. Flying directly towards the flight line and diverting at the last minute may be exciting, but trust me it makes people on the flight line and pit area very nervous.
- Keep unsolicited advice to an absolute minimum. **Safety concerns should always be politely brought to the attention of a fellow modeler.** But if it's just general advice and you can't help yourself, be brief, be concise, present your suggestion once and move on. Just keep in mind if you really do know your stuff, your advice will be solicited.
- Some pilots do not mind holding conversations while flying and some do not like to at all. Unless you are *very* familiar with the pilot, assume he/she prefers not to chat. Wait until their plane is back in the pits and the engine is off.
- When standing in the immediate vicinity of a flyer, be sure to provide *plenty* of space and stand back a foot or two to allow him/her clear vision up and down the flight line.

- Those flying 3-D or helicopter pilots need to realize that many of the maneuvers they perform, such as hovering, can be very disconcerting to other pilots, just to name one concern. If you wish to spend part of your flight doing maneuvers in the space immediately over the runway, express your intentions ahead of time as to work out a compromise with others. If you're in the group that has difficulty flying at the same time 3-D or helicopters do, you must understand that if club rules allow, these pilots have equal privilege to airtime for expressing their styles. Politely express your concerns to those pilots, to work out a compromise. **(Hovering at SLRCFA is only allowed beyond the runway centerline, however if other aircraft are flying in the pattern, all aircraft must fly the pattern.)**



- Dogs and other pets are best left at home. If you must insist on bringing a **well behaved** pet to the field, keep it leashed at all times. Always clean up any mess left by them and dispose of it appropriately.
- Children are the future of this sport and should never be discouraged from visiting a flying field. Good behavior, however, is paramount for their safety and keeping them from damaging some very expensive equipment. Preschoolers should *always* have an adult's undivided attention. In other words, if you bring a child and you intend to fly, delegate your supervision to a trustworthy adult for the entire time you're dealing with the airplane. For the very same safety reasons, children of grade school age should not be granted permission to wander the pit area without an adult.
- Keep the language clean! Remember this is a family sport. Many modelers have children, grandchildren, nieces and

nephews they are trying to involve in R/C. These individuals should not have to worry that profanity will be used in front of the younger ones.

Upcoming Events

- March 5th 7pm SLRCFA Board Meeting @ @ Stratford Inn 800 S hwy Dr. Fenton, MO
 - April 18th Midwest Air Wing Swap Meet Bellville, IL <http://midwestairwingrc.com/events/>
 - June 6th-7th SLRCFA's Radio Control Fly In SLRCFA's annual Big Bird Fly-in
 - July 11th-12th Big Bird Fly In @ Buder Park
 - September 19th-20th Buder Park Extravaganza
 - October 3rd-4th SLRCFA's Warbirds Over St. Louis warbird only Event
 - October 18th SLRCFA's Toys for Tots/ Chili Fly
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Winterize the Field

Until Further Notice

Please place all flight stands back under the pavilion when not in use.

Indoor Flying

Has the weather been keeping you from flying? There is a solution close to home.



Many SLRCFA members have been flying Friday nights 6-9pm indoors at the Central Baptist Church in Eureka, MO. All are welcome to fly for \$5 a night, but must be a current AMA member (SLRCFA membership not required). It's a great way to brush on your flying skills, not weather dependent, and Fun!!

Contact: Ron Lawson 636-677-1247 for details

Volunteers Needed

St Louis RC Flying Association
Radio Control Fly In
June 6th and 7th 2015
Highway 44 at 109, 788 Augustine Road, Eureka, Mo. 63025

- >Concessions
- >Raffle
- >Balloons for Kids
- >Scale Fly Bys Saturday at Noon
- >On site Primitive Camping
- >Night flying under lights, all planes welcome, 8pm-?
- > Night Flying requires small fee for unregistered pilots
- > Demos Daily
- > Pilot Fee \$30, includes Dinner Saturday night
- >IMAA Rules Apply (80+ inch wingspan)
- >All Flyers Welcome
- >Spectator \$5 per car Gate Donation Appreciated

Hotels Close to Flying Site
Drury Inn 1-636-861-8300 Hampton Inn 1-636-529-9020
Holiday Inn 1-636-349-4444 Pear Tree Inn 1-636-343-8820

Check slrcfa.com for more information
Email: kce19555@aol.com

Night Flying

Volunteers are needed for numerous roles at our June 6th and 7th big bird flying event. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Kerry Eisenbach by phone 314-638-8755 or email kce19555@aol.com

Profile airplanes....SCALE ??

Have you ever heard that flying a profile airplane doesn't interest a RC pilot, because its not a scale aircraft, well I have news for you!!!! At EAA AirVenture 2014 I wondering the grounds "Down on the Farm", the ultralight and light-sport area and stumbled upon this aircraft. I was surprised, shocked, and excited all at the same time. A PROFILE FULL SCALE AIRCRAFT!!!!



I would like to introduce you to the AeroMax. Now you can show your buddies that a profile...is a scale aircraft. For more info visit the kit manufacture's webpage.



<http://www.teammini-max.com/aircraft/aeromax/>

SLRCFA Board Meeting Minutes February 5th, 2015



Meeting was called to order at 7:07PM with board members Stan King, Ken Merrill, Ron Lawson, Kerry Eisenbach, Shane Eisenbach, Mike Stellern, Mark Stellern, Jonathon Hendrickson, Bob Freukes, Alan Main, James Speelman, Doug Thompson and club member George Biderman in attendance.

1. Motion passed to buy spare blades and oil change supplies for new mower.
2. Treasury report was read and accepted. Currently 90 members. Members urged to pay dues as soon as possible.
3. Motion passed to revise membership application to have a box to check if you need help flying.
4. Motion passed to accept two new members Nathan and Jay Wilson, pending talk with Ken Merrill.
5. Field committee will look into product to take care of mole problem.
6. Details discussed about flying events. Volunteers are needed for June flying event and Redwing event in August. Please see any board member if you can help.
7. George Biderman reported GLSMA meeting details, which included proposals for replacing asphalt in control line and RC areas. SLRCFA club members

are urged to attend GLSMA meetings, so we can have input into how money is spent there. Meetings are the first Wednesday of each month at the Grand Glaize library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38PM



GENERAL INFORMATION

2014 Board of Directors

Stan King, President.....	314.962.4704
Ken Merrill, Vice President	636.671.7320
Shane Eisnebach, Secretary	314.226.4231
Ron Lawson, Treasurer	636.677.1247
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Allen Main, Director	636.938.5315
James Speelman, Director	314.503.4350
Mark Stellern, Director	636.458.4874
Mike Stellern, Director	636.458.0006
Doug Thompson, Director.....	636.391.7950

Club Information

The *Rotate* newsletter is a monthly publication of the St. Louis Radio Control Flying Association. Monthly General meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the club field in warm weather. The Club's private field is located at 788 Augustine Road, Eureka, Missouri. Guest/members are welcome to attend the Board meeting the 1st Thursday of the month. See web page for details.

Flying Instructors List

Jonathon Hendrickson.....	815.222.5790
Dennis Chivetta	636.391.8071

Mark Stellern	636.458.4874
Mike Stellern.....	636.458.0006
Doug Thompson.....	636.391.7950

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St. Louis R/C Flying Association 2015 Membership Application



(Please Print Clearly)

Name: _____

Address: _____ Apt. No. _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Date of Birth: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ (For **Rotate** Newsletter)

Please Provide Reference:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Skill Level: Beginner: _____ Novice: _____ Experienced: _____

Solo is required. _____ Seeking Assistance or Training, Instructors are available.

Read AMA and SLRCFA Field Rules

To have flying privileges at St. Louis RC flying field, you **MUST** have current membership in the:

ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS

5151 East Memorial Drive

Muncie, Indiana 47302-9252

1-800-I FLY AMA (1-800-435-9252)

Fax: (765) 741-0057

<http://www.modelaircraft.org>

Please attach a copy of your current
AMA CARD here

AMA membership provides liability insurance coverage for model aircraft operations.

I understand that failure to comply with the Rules and Regulations of St. Louis Radio Control Flying Association, Inc. can result in the termination of my membership in the club.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note: All Aircraft must meet sound level measure of 96 dba @ 25 feet. Level may change.



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Annual Dues (includes <i>children under 18 years old</i>)	\$160.00
Associate Member (over <i>75 miles away and Exclusions</i>)	\$ 60.00
Family Dues (includes <i>member + souse & children under 21 years old or full-time student under 23 years old</i>)	\$200.00
Junior Dues (<i>17 years old and under</i>)	Free
Handicapped Dues (<i>must provide proof of disabled status</i>)	\$55.00
Seniors Dues (<i>65 years old and older on January 1 of membership year</i>)	\$135.00

- **All current members will be assessed a \$ 25.00 fee if not paid by March 1st.**
- Applicants who join after August 1st and before November 1st will be charged ½ annual dues.
- Applicants who join after November 1st pay their full dues which apply to the following year, and receive November and December free.

Make checks payable to **St. Louis RC Flying Association, Inc.** and

Mail to:

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