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Model Airplane Club

AMA District VI Chapter 621 Founded in 1964



The Editor with grandchildren Carson and Sydney Wetzler. We are flying a \$6 Foamy Glider at Fairview Park, Normal. A stiff West wind made for some really great flights over a slope of 20 to 30 feet! The kids were the "retrievers"!!

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Come

Fly

With

Us!

In the Gym

After

The April 9th

Meeting

At

7:00 PM

St. Mary's

Church

School

527 West

Jackson St.

Bloomington,

Illinois

Prospective

Members

Visitors

Guests

WELCOME

Next Club meeting is April 9th at 7:00 PM

St. Mary's Church School cafeteria.

527 W. Jackson, Bloomington, IL

Flying in the gym after the meeting!

Guests and prospective members are welcome to attend!!

Field Clean Up and Flying before returning for the meeting!



Saturday April 9th Work and Play Day!!!!

Meet at the FIELD 9:00 AM

(OR WHENEVER YOU CAN MAKE IT OUT)

Bring Your Planes!

But Bring your Work Gloves Too!!

**We will get the field fertilized and then you
can give your favorite planes some Spring
“shakedown” flights too!**



Minutes of the March 12, 2016 meeting in the cafeteria of St. Mary's School

President Jerry opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Members attending as indicated on the sign-in sheet were our host Father Ric, President Jerry Worden, Vice President Bob Stadsholt, treasurer Jim Danforth, Secretary John Burrill, Communications Officer John Cralley, Paul Bessler, visitors Dick Hanson, Mark Kletz, Garrett Stotler, and Chris McAuley.

Jerry welcomed Dick Hanson. Dick has acquired some R/C planes and hopes to learn to fly them at our club.

The minutes of the February meeting had been provided in the newsletter, and John reviewed the highlights and items which would be dealt with in Old Business. The date of August 13th was confirmed as the correct date for our open house.

Treasurer's report:

Treasurer Jim Danforth presented his report, which indicated that our bank balance is \$8,252.73. There is one outstanding bill from Blue Spring, which had not gotten to Jim, and which will be looked after right away. Paul Bessler moved acceptance of the minutes and the Treasurer's report, seconded by Bob Stadsholt. Carried.

Old Business:

Jerry has attempted to contact Frank Beck in hopes of confirming the Scouts participation in the pylon racing event. Father Ric agreed to follow up with Frank. Jerry stressed that the pylon racing event is important, as it involves other clubs, and brings in significant revenue. It will require the help of all members to carry it out successfully.

August 13th will be our open house day and is also National Model Aviation day. This is an opportunity to reach out to former members and to the community about R/C activity and our club.

Bob Stadsholt reported on his efforts to procure lower pricing on our field application products, which have achieved some success. It was mentioned that Ralph Smith has offered the club a fertilizer spreader.

Jim Danforth informed members that the field lease is good until 2018, and may be renewed after that for another five years.

John Cralley reported on contacts with Heartland Community College about a Community Education program in the fall. There is a deadline of May 25th for submission of course materials, but the coordinator, Kevin, requires them at the beginning of May.

The course will be for students over 18, and will involve classroom time and field time. Jerry is chairing a committee to develop curriculum for the program. John C. has contacted a number of other clubs seeking suggestions for this, and has had several replies, some of which will be very helpful.

Jerry mentioned that we can set up a table at each of the remaining five Bloomington Edge football games to promote model aviation and our club. Justin Worden is the contact person with the Edge organization. It was suggested that the local EAA chapter might have an interest.

Bob Stadsholt has a contact with the State farm drone program and will follow up with that person to assess their interest in presenting to the club or in sharing use of the field.

The next club meeting will again be in the cafeteria at St. Mary's school at 7:00 PM April 9.

Reminder: Members are asked to plan on helping with the field clean-up on Saturday April 9th.

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Paul Bessler, seconded by Bob Stadsholt, and several of those present participated in flying activity or observed it.

Coming soon! Learn to fly Control Line models. We will have planes and instructors available! Check future Newsletters for time and dates of control line training sessions. Sign up so that you will get email alerts as to last minute training dates. Send request to: jcrall@ilstu.edu

You can be a part of the Annual Worldwide Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon! The biggest control line Fun-Fly in the world next October 2nd.



Above: Ralph Smith's son Zack works on a fuselage.

Below: Bob Stadsholt mans the SIRS booth for last year's Senior Expo.



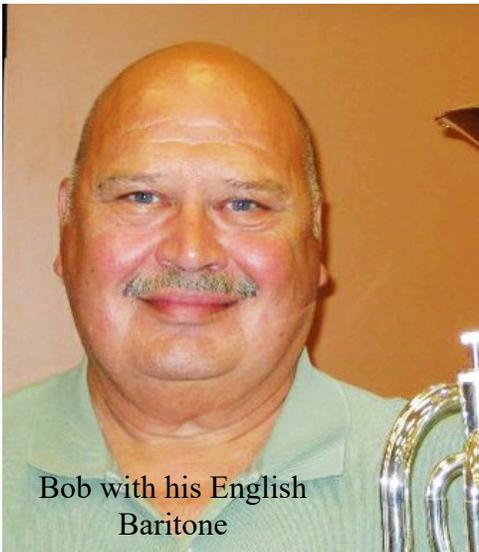
Meet Our Members

Vice President Bob Stadsholt

Club Vice President Bob Stadsholt and his wife live in Bloomington, IL.

His wife, Donna, is a retired music teacher who taught at Northpoint School in Normal. Bob has two daughters: Jennifer is married to Jeff Herrman, Charleston, SC and Kara is married to Gary Thompson, Downs, IL. He has two granddaughters.

Bob himself is very musical and was Band Director at Chiddix and Colene Hoose Schools, Unit 5 in Normal for 10 years 1972 – 1982. Bob still participates in music activities although he switched vocations becoming a Systems Analyst at State Farm until he retired in 2007.



Bob with his English
Baritone

About modeling Bob says, “I still consider myself an RC pilot even though I haven’t had a plane in the air for several years. I am officially qualified to solo having passed the exam under the tutelage of Dennis Wallen. I just might repair my trainer this year and sneak out to the field when no one is there to find out if I still know how to do it.”

“About 10 years ago I bought a cheap electric model at Walmart. I decided to buy a better plane but was unhappy with the selections at Walmart. I found out about the club and attended a meeting. The next plane I purchased was a Hobbico Nexstar on eBay which I still own and plan to fly again this year.”

Bob scored the high honor of this year’s Club Award: “Most trips to the field without an airplane!!” This fall Bob was elected the 2015-2016 SIRS Vice-President! He has drawn up a master plan for improving the field after consulting with professional landscapers and golf course maintenance personnel. (An outline of his plan was included in the February Newsletter)

Bob has many talents and during the summer he runs steam traction engines at several threshing shows in the Midwest. He also teaches “steam” school in Pontiac, IL every spring. Bob says “I golf with buddies once a week. I love to BBQ and my latest toy is a Big Green Egg (*Google it, Ed.*). I play baritone in the Brass Band of Central Illinois here in Bloomington. I am a member of AMBUCS, a club that builds ramps for those who need them to access their homes. I make wine for family and friends. My wife and I escape Illinois for Florida at least a few weeks each winter.”

In conclusion, he wants to emphasize that he “really appreciates our club members. It a great group of guys who are always willing to help each other. I want our newer members to understand that and not hesitate to ask when they need help.”

2016 Events Schedule

April 9th Field clean-up fertilize day! Assemble at 9:00 AM. Fly after work finished.
Club meeting at St Mary's Church School (7:00 PM)

May 14th Club meeting (location to be announced)

June 11th Club meeting at the field

June 25, 26 Pylon racing (field prep will occur the week before)

July 9th Club meeting at the field

August 13th Model Aviation Day/Open House (club meeting at the field)

Sept 11, 12 Pylon racing (field prep will occur the week before & club meeting at the field
Saturday 7:00 PM)

October 2nd Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon

October 8th Thompson Cup pylon race (club meeting at the field)

Some links that may interest (entertain) you:

AMA Video mentions Extreme Flight RC competition coming up at Champaign Club
<http://air.modelaircraft.org/april-2016-episode-7/>

Ten Best World War II Fighters (you may not agree)

<https://m.warhistoryonline.com/whotube-2/10-best-wwii-fighter-aircraft-1939-1945.html>

AMA Video illustrating Control Line Modeling (Oldie but Goodie)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=vJ0OChpLtbg

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Send me your NEWS, Photos and any model aviation related information to share!!