



Next Meeting:

March 2, 2017  
7pm  
Library Center  
Campbell Avenue

Next Event:

Club Swap Meet  
March 4, 2017  
Walkabout Coffee Shop  
Nixa, Mo

Club Fly  
March 18, 2017  
Club Field

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## SPRING CLEANING SWAP MEET

The 3rd Annual Springfield RC Swap meet is just around the corner. The date is March 4, at the Walk-about Coffee Shop in Nixa, Mo. The location is on Rt CC off Campbell Ave in the plaza right behind the Pizza Hut.

Get into your extra parts box and the planes you want to sell to make room for that special new plane you've always wanted to buy and come to the swap meet. The price of a table is only \$10 and you can pay at the door. There will be a raffle for prizes and a 50/50 drawing (You don't have to be present to win, just to buy your ticket).

## FLOAT FLY POND UPDATE

At our February club meeting, we discussed installing a jetty at the pond so flyers can keep their feet dry when putting in their planes into the water. Rick has sent out an E-mail stating that the work for that is done and the drain pipe plug is in place. All we need now is some rain to fill the area and we're ready to go.

The costs for this improvement is about \$400. We will be contacting the AMA to apply for field improvement funds.

I will keep you all posted on the progress.

## EXERPTS FROM MEETING MINUTES

Aaron Pennington will no longer be mowing the field grass. He has done a spectacular job and we all thank him for stepping forward for the club.

The job will now be handled by George Ashley, but he has asked that the club as a whole occasionally take on this task. We will, therefore be asking club members to volunteer on an irregular basis to help with this chore.

August date to be determined will be for crack repair of the runway.

A First Saturday of the Month Coffee Club fly starting in April was suggested and agreed upon hosted by Don Hiller. This will be a regular 1st Saturday activity for the club. Starting time will be around 9:30-10:00. Along with the continued evening fly on Thursdays, this will be a great opportunity for prospective new flyers get some needed training and may promote some additional new membership. If you know someone who has any interest in our hobby, this is the chance to help them get started.



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### MEET THE MEMBERS



JON WIGGINS

Jon is retired from Missouri State University where he was a professor. Jon taught Construction management, industrial technology, and agriculture education classes for 35 years. Jon noted that one of his former MSU students, Mr. Aaron Pennington was very helpful to him when he returned to flying. Aaron was very patient in answering Jon's many questions and offering advice. A real case of role reversal for the professor.

Jon is happily married to his wife Kenna.

Jon and Kenna have one Grandson "Elliot" who has been photographed at least 3000 times by his grandmother and mother.

He is also a member of an outboard collectors club and owns a number of pre-WW2 antique outboard motors.

Jon is a long time motorcycle enthusiast, having rebuilt several and presently owning a few which he enjoys riding in the spring and summer. He is also fond of trap and skeet shooting

Jon also has the distinction of having ridden a Kawasaki trail bike down the entire length of the continental divide from Canada to Mexico in one trip. This is a distance of approximately 2100 miles on backwoods trails and unimproved dirt roads.

Jon got started with model aircraft by flying Cox P-19 control line models as a boy. He then started flying gliders and RC airplanes in the early 80's. He used a Heathkit FM frequency system even though he was not licensed for the ham radio frequencies.

Jon's brother is also involved in RC flying in Florida. He got Jon back into the hobby by letting him fly a Super Cub on floats. Jon reports that the first couple of flights were not pretty but they did instill in him a desire to get back into flying.

Jon has now been a member of the Blacksheep Squadron for three years.

Favorite RC airplane? The Ugly Stick, in fact he owns two!



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### **Favorite full size aircraft?**

World War 1: Sopwith Camel .

World War 2: Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress and the P-40 Warhawk.

Commercial aircraft: The DC-10, the DE Havilland Otter and Beaver.

Jon says that he really does enjoy all of the club activities. From Chili fly's to club fly-ins. But most of all he likes visiting with all the other members. Sharing of life's experiences and tapping into all the RC knowledge we have available to us at the field. Jon said that "It is nice to be associated with a great bunch of people who enjoy their hobby of flying and interacting with other like-minded individuals! Thanks for all your friendships".

Next time you see Jon at the field, ask him about a motorcycle, shotgun, outboard motor, teaching at MSU or his grandson Elliott. You will enjoy the conversation!

**Ron Hargrave**

**Blacksheep Squadron Secretary**

### **SAFETY COMES FIRST**

From the Model Aviation Magazine comes a safety tip for sea planes with high mounted props. He says that most sea planes he flies have the battery hatch right in front of the prop. This puts his hands in a close proximity to the blades when connecting the battery. His solution for safety is to use the old "rubber band on the throttle stick" along with a piece of pvc pipe on one blade touching the fuse and the ground. This prevents the blade from spinning if the throttle was to be bumped.

Do any of you have a safety tip/trick that you have learned from your own experience? Send me your ideas for this, or building tips, flying techniques, or just some fun stories you've had over the years.

My e-mail is on the front page of the newsletter. I'll be happy to post for the other club members to see.

### **HELP OUR CLUB GROW**

Adding new members to the club is the only way to keep any organization vibrant. Our flying club is no exception. We have been fortunate to have a few new members sign on the past couple of months but we need MORE. We always need more members.

Please stay on the lookout for anyone who may be showing an interest in flying rc planes. With the Thursday nights and monthly 1st Saturdays there is ample opportunity to introduce the hobby to new prospects.