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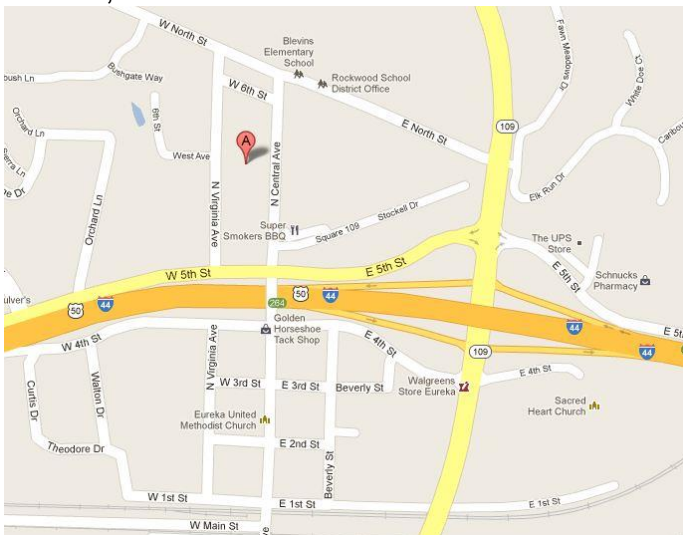
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SLRCFA's December Club Meeting



The SLRCFA December Club meeting will be held **Thursday, December 15th at 7:00pm** at the Eureka Central Baptist Church. The Church is located at 601 N. Central Ave. Eureka, MO 63025.



SLRCFA will be holding its annual gift exchange at the December club meeting. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange bring ONE wrapped gift with a \$15 minimum value. This gift exchange is like nothing anywhere. Pass the Prop...Steal the ARF..... You never know what you are going to end up with.

We also will be having our annual Christmas Raffle with hundreds of dollars of hobby related products. Tickets will be sold at the meeting for this raffle.

We will be holding our election for the 2017 SLRCFA board of directors. The newly elected board will then vote on the two officer positions, Vice President and Treasurer. Anyone needing an absentee ballot should contact Jonathon Hendrickson @ SLRCFA.ROTATE@gmail.com

We have some exciting announcements to be made at the December club meeting!!

We will be presenting Stan King and Ron Lawson with plaques for their many years of service as officers of SLRCFA.

We will be collecting **CASH donations** for the Eureka food pantry. Make sure to bring some **EXTRA** cash to help out the local needy.

Members are encouraged to bring a dessert, appetizer, or a dish to pass.

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 up on your flying skills, not weather dependent, and Fun!!

Contact: Ron Lawson 636-677-1247 for details

EARLY BIRD 2017 DA-70 ENGINE RAFFLE



Join or Renew by January 1st for a chance at DA-70!!!

Get in on the action for a Desert Aircraft 70cc Twin engine with the EARLY BIRD 2017 DA-70 RAFFLE! **For every new or renewing FULL or PRIME membership that signs up and pays by January 1st, 2017, we're entering you in a raffle for a brand new DA-70 (two tickets for PRIME).** You'll also have the option to purchase more raffle tickets... BUT ONLY IF YOU'RE A FULL OR PRIME MEMBER BY JAN 1, 2017!

Everyone likes the chance to build a new plane with the best, and a DA-70 on the front

of your latest 60cc aerobat or warbird is gonna pull like a tractor (or maybe a jet if you prop it right)!

Just go to www.slrcfa.com/2017renew and get in on the action. There you will find the opportunity to:

- Sign up or renew for a 2017 **Early Bird Full** or upgrade to a **Prime Membership** (read about the new "Prime Membership Privileges" in this issue.
- With your payment for your 2017 Full or Prime Membership, you'll receive one or two raffle tickets for the DA 70, respectively. Each raffle ticket is worth \$25 each... you'll be getting yours for free!
- Plus, ONLY folks who have renewed or joined by January 1st will be able to purchase more raffle tickets for the DA 70 at \$25 each. When you sign up, you'll have chance to go to the DA70 RAFFLE PAGE AND PURCHASE MORE.
- **BETTER YET: COME TO THE CHRISTMAS PARTY ON DEC 15 AND SIGN UP, GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS AND BUY MORE TICKETS FOR THE DA-70 ON THE SPOT.**

We will conduct the DA 70 raffle at the first Spring club meeting in April (at SLRCFA field), or whenever we hit 100 tickets sold, whichever comes first.

For questions regarding 2017 renewals, PRIME memberships and the DA-70 raffle, contact Marshall L. Henley at webmaster@slrcfa.com.

RULE CLARIFICATION

Many SLRCFA members have requested clarification regarding the rules pertaining to pilot's stations. The SLRCFA board of

directors has made a rule change to promote a better understanding of what is to be expected.

Rule #7

Takeoffs and Landings are permitted on the paved or grass runways only. Taxiing out to the runways is permitted, provided it's past the white lines at either end of the runway. Pilots must stand behind flight stations #1-6 on either side of the runway dictated by the wind direction. Absolutely no flying from the center of the runway.

*While rule #7 does not specifically state that you must fly next to the other pilot(s) when flying, common sense must prevail. If somebody is flying at station 1, you should fly at station 2 and fill in as close to the other pilots that are already flying. If you are not comfortable flying from the nearest station, simply wait for them to land and then fly. Communication is key to safety at the flying field. Make sure that you use callouts and that they are **acknowledged by ALL pilots**.*

Rule #19

No fueling or starting engines from under the pavilion or in front of the pavilion. ALL planes must be started from the concrete starting pads at the ends of the runway, from flight stands or using personal hold downs. Personal hold-downs must be located by the one of the two starting pads.

SLRCFA Visitors

Have you been out at the field and had a visitor ask you about the Club? Sure we all have had this happen. SLRCFA now has a New Flyer holder located under the pavilion near the Electrical Panel. This container is filled with upcoming event flyers and club brochures, flyers, and Business Cards. Please utilize this to give our guests information about our club.



facebook



SLRCFA has an ACTIVE facebook page managed by Jonathon Hendrickson, Marshall Henley, and Geoff Biderman. Happenings at SLRCFA's page are constantly being updated with up to the minute news and even LIVE streaming video. Don't miss out on what is happening at the field. Be sure to check out our [facebook page](#) and "like" it if you are a facebook user.

2017 SLRCFA Board Election

Nominations are officially closed for the 2017 SLRCFA board of directors.

The Elections will be held at the December 15th Club Meeting.

Nominations Include:

Vice President: Marshall Henley, James Speelman

Treasurer: Dennis Chivetta

Directors (8 needed): Jim Beerman, Geoff Biderman, John K. DeLuca, Barry Klussman, Allen Main, Mark Stellern, Mike Stellern, Doug Thompson, and George Biderman

Election of the Directors is a simple majority vote from the general membership. Election of the officers is made by a simple majority vote by the newly elected board of directors immediately following the Director election. This in further detail can be found on our constitution under Article 6.

Pilot Communication

Many of us could use a little refresher on runway communications and protocol. This system keeps our pilots and aircraft safe and prioritizes runway use.

Runway Communications (callouts) are verbal announcements required to be used between you and any other pilots anytime you or your aircraft enters the runway area (grass or paved).

- **"Coming out"** as you prepare to place your aircraft on the runway or taxiing to the runway.
- **"Taking Off" aircraft is on the runway and ready for takeoff roll.**
- **"Setting up to land"** as you begin your downwind leg gives others time to clear the area for you.
- **"Landing"** as you are on final approach.
- **"On the runway"** if your aircraft stops dead on the runway.
- **"Off on the far side"** if your aircraft veers off on the side away from the pilots' stations
- **"Crossing the runway"** Anytime you have to cross the runway (in either direction).
- **"Runway clear"** after you have retrieved your errant aircraft, or if it has been taxied off the runway on the pit side.
- **"Dead stick"** when your engine dies while in the air. Other pilots will pass this announcement down the line as it is a signal for everyone to immediately clear the runway.
- **"Touch and go" or "Slow fly-by"** (note that high speed low passes and acrobatics over the runway when other pilots are at stations are forbidden-these may only be performed out past the runway over the grass).

- **"Low Pass"** is a high or low speed pass a low altitude over the border between the asphalt and grass runways.
- **Aircraft down.....** "(followed by the general area).
- **"Don't have it"** The pilot will announce that he has a problem as soon as possible, other observers may be able to get a fix on the plane if it goes down. If you do get a fix, such as a certain tree, etc., do not move. Call for another person to stand beside you and show them the point you fixed on. Even turning around and back can lose the fix.

Most SLRCFA members are fluent in runway communication, but new members and guest may need a little help.

Runway Protocol/Priorities allow multiple aircraft operating in close airspace to land and/or maneuver on or over the runway in an orderly and safe manner. This list below is in order of priority.

1. Declared **"dead stick" landing** has priority over all other flight activities. The runway must be cleared for him. If more than one happens at the same time, generally, the first declared has the right-of-way, or he may yield to a lower other aircraft at his discretion.
2. Declared **"equipment problem"** and needing to land ASAP.
3. Declared normal **"landing."**
4. Declared **"touch and go."**
5. Declared **"take off."**
6. Declared **"slow fly-by."**

High speed low-passes over the paved runway are **never allowed** and **must be performed past the far edge of the paved runway.**

Hovering over the paved or grass runway is **NEVER** allowed while there is an established pattern. If there is no established pattern or you are the only pilot flying, you may hover no closer to the pilot's stations than the paved runway center line. However, if you are the only pilot flying and all other pilots present approve, you may move from the pilot's station to get closer to your aircraft.

If more than one pilot is flying, the established pattern must be followed. Takeoffs and landings will be all in the same direction unless the wind changes and all pilots agree to reverse the pattern.



SLRCFA Dues Increase

SLRCFA Annual Dues will necessarily increase for 2017. Prior administration slated for the dues to increase to \$180 in 2017, but the current Board determined that a more accurate and necessary number to have a surviving club would be \$195, a \$25 increase from 2016. After surveying other area clubs the board also eliminated the all membership levels except Full, Junior, and Associate.

2017 Membership Dues

Prime	\$250
Annual Dues	\$195
Junior Dues (23 years old or younger & No Voting Rights)	\$25



PRIME MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES!

2017 Ushers in the Exclusive, new PRIME MEMBERSHIP...

SLRCFA is proud to announce our new Prime Membership starting Jan 1, 2017. We've been talking about adding value for those members who attend our events, so Prime is your ticket if you're in that crowd.

With your Prime Membership you get these PRIME MEMBERSHIP EXCLUSIVE BENEFITS:

- Free pilots fees for all three 2017 events (Big Bird Fly-In, Show-Me-3D and Warbirds), plus any others we announce (Toy's for Tot's excluded – the landing fee is a gift for the kiddos). This Prime Membership Benefit includes the food, event raffle tickets (with registration) and pilot prizes/awards that the other non-Prime pilots will be paying for! This alone is a \$75 value!
- Two (2), yes TWO free tickets for our 2017 Desert Aircraft 70cc Twin raffle. \$50 value! \$850 value if you win!
- The ability to purchase more DA-70 raffle tickets – only those who are members by 1/1/2017 are eligible to purchase tickets at \$25 each.

- Your special Prime Membership card with the PRIME Logo
- 2018 PRIME RATE GUARANTEE: Your 2018 Prime Membership Dues will not increase. You're locked in to renew at \$250 for a 2018 Prime Membership (as long as you renew by Jan 1, 2019).

Remember, to get all these PRIME MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS, you need to be signed up and paid by Jan 1, 2016. Better yet: come to the December 15 Christmas Party and get it all done then: we'll have your DA-70 raffle tickets and membership card printed there on the spot! For those of you who have already renewed, you can move up to PRIME

PRIME MEMBERSHIP Value Calculator

- 2017 FULL membership \$195
- 2 FREE DA-70 raffle tickets \$50
- 3 (or more) FREE landing fees for 2017 events \$75
- **TOTAL** ~~\$320~~

A PRIME MEMBERSHIP costs only

\$250

for all this value, plus you get the same food, raffle tickets (with registration), and pilot prizes as those paying for their landing fees PLUS A GUARANTEE TO KEEP THIS RATE FOR 2018!!!

for only \$55, as long as you do it by Jan 1st (contact Marshall or Dennis).

Contact Marshall L. Henley at webmaster@slrcfa.com if you have Prime Membership questions.



- December 15th, 7pm SLRCFA Club Meeting & Christmas Party @ Eureka Central Baptist Church 601 N. Central Ave. Eureka, MO 63025
- January 1st 9:30am @ SLRCFA Field First Flight of the year
- January 4th, 7:30pm SLRCFA Board Meeting @ Saint Louis County Library Eureka Hills Branch 156 Eureka Towne CTR, Eureka Mo 63025
- February 1st, 7:30pm SLRCFA Board Meeting @ Saint Louis County Library Eureka Hills Branch 156 Eureka Towne CTR, Eureka Mo 63025
- March 1st, 7:30pm SLRCFA Board Meeting @ Saint Louis County Library Eureka Hills Branch 156 Eureka Towne CTR, Eureka Mo 63025
- April 5th, 7:30pm SLRCFA Board Meeting @ Saint Louis County Library Eureka Hills Branch 156 Eureka Towne CTR, Eureka Mo 63025
- May 3rd, 7:30pm SLRCFA Board Meeting @ Saint Louis County Library Eureka Hills Branch 156 Eureka Towne CTR, Eureka Mo 63025
- June 3rd-4th, SLRCFA's Giant Scale & Jet Fly In
- June 7th, 7:30pm SLRCFA Board Meeting @ Saint Louis County Library Eureka Hills Branch 156 Eureka Towne CTR, Eureka Mo 63025



GENERAL INFORMATION

2016 Board of Directors

Jonathon Hendrickson, President, Newsletter Editor	815.222.5790
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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 Wednesday or Thursday of the month. See "Upcoming Events" in *Rotate* for Dates, Times, and Location.

Flying Instructors List

Jonathon Hendrickson	815.222.5790
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Join or Renew Online @ www.slrcfa.com or by Mail.
Make checks payable to **SLRCFA**. Mail to Dennis Chivetta, Treasurer St. Louis RC Flying Association, 187 Brightfield Drive, Ballwin, Missouri 63011. Any questions call 636.391.8071.

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