



Next Meeting:

April 3, 2014  
7pm

S. Campbell  
Library Center

Next Event:

Clean Up Day  
April 12, 2014  
10 a.m.

Club  
Field

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# AIRMAIL

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## President's Corner

I visited the field on Sunday for the first time this year since the chili fly. It was sunny but not very warm so I wasn't surprised no one was there. I had the field to myself and tried to get an old motor running. It brought to mind the safety factor since I'd have no help if something went wrong. Early in the year we get in a hurry trying to get things ready and also maximize the time we have when we finally get out there. Be sure to take the extra time to make sure you do things safely!

Cal Adams called me the other day to let me know he is moving to Florida. Cal will be missed. He's been a great, long time club member. He is always willing to help with whatever you might need. One thing to note—never challenge him to airplane trivia—he knows everything! He has offered to donate a few of his airplanes that he can't take with him to the club to be raffled or auctioned off. I will work out the details with him but be sure to tell him thanks and good luck when you see him.

Be sure to read the article from Bob Thompson. He'll be sending us some articles on both model and full-scale aviation. Thanks Bob!

See you at the field  
Wes "Scott" Parker

## Club Field Clean Up Day

Saturday April 12th will be the club field clean up day. We will start at 10 a.m. We hope to see everyone out to lend a hand to help get the field ready for the flying season.

## March Meeting Minutes

The March meeting was held during the Spring Party that was held at Logan's Roadhouse. We had a good turn out and everyone seemed to have a good time. Several gift certificates were raffled off and Bryle Scott drew the winning names. As most of you know Russ Rhodes resigned as club treasurer because of his move to Rogers, AR to be closer to family. Aaron Pennington agreed take on the duty and combine the secretary / treasurer positions. Wes Parker thanked Russ for his service and commitment to the club and presented him with a appreciation award. We want to wish Russ and his wife the very best .



If you haven't renewed your 2014 membership yet please do so A.S.A.P.  
See Aaron or Wes



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# SPRINGFIELD R/C FLYING CLUB \*395

This is the first in a series of stories from my RC model experiences starting in 1965 and also full scale piloting of nearly 1400 hours, coincidentally also originating in 1965. Hopefully, at least some of my stories will be interesting and maybe a few instructive. My more detailed "bio" will be covered later.

## ***Oops, Wrong Airport, "This Ain't Branson"!***

The recent landing by a 737 in Holister reminded me of three such incidents that very slightly related to my flying plus one "might have". Fortunately I never mistakenly landed at a wrong airport unless one counts deviating due to weather or mechanical problems. But it could have easily happened on a flight from Tulsa to the Cessna plant in Wichita. There was another airport *right across the street*.

One of the pilots was related to me in that we both worked at AMOCO Research in Tulsa and we both flew as members of the same Tulsa flying club. I'll refer to him as Carl. He took off from Tulsa on a clear day on one of his required solo x-country flights (private license) to Ponca City, OK, about 100 miles northwest. About 45 minutes into the flight Carl got the P.C. flight service on his radio (FAA station but no control tower) and requested a field, weather and traffic advisory. All conditions were good for Carl's approach and landing. A few minutes later Carl reported "10 miles final for 35. Later, 1 mile for 35". The response was "not in sight-----". Carl had turned attention to landing. It was not bad. Slowing on the runway, he started wondering why a group of military vehicles was coming out to welcome him. He soon found out he had landed at the Enid, OK US Air force field about 120 miles due west of Tulsa. He had a long and unpleasant visit with the base commander and a few other officers. I lost track of Carl shortly after - never heard if he completed his pilot training.

Next Month - The other two "wrong landings". Both related to one of my favorite airports - Columbus MUNY (not MO.)

***Safe and correct landings to all,  
Bob Thompson***

## 2014 Spring Club Party

