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Spillway Radio Control Club, Inc.

AMA Chapter 979

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Next Meeting:

Our next Club Meeting will be held on June 9th

at **St Charles public Library** at 7:30PM. Most meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month.

Bank: \$ No report from the last meeting.

Old Business: Rear Admiral (retired) J. D. Olson (call name Outlaw). He flew Phantom F-4s for 17 years thru multiple tours of duty in Vietnam and was a graduate and instructor at **Top Gun** and also flew F-18s for 4 years. He fielded a large number of questions from club members and we finally had to shut down the meeting around 9:30 with questions still coming. The general feeling seemed to be that we would like to see him come back or come out to the field and talk some more. Thanks go to Skip Jacobs for setting this up and thanks to those who were able to make it.

New Business: With the Spillway still flowing we are waiting to see what will be left behind and what will need to be repaired and redone. Work days will be discussed at the next meetings.

The Corp report: A week after the opening of the **Bonnet Carre Spillway**, the height and pressure of the **Mississippi River** is shooting water through the spillway well above its rated capacity. Even though **only 330 of its 350 bays are open, an estimated 316,000 cubic feet of water per second is passing through the control structure**, more than the structure's rated capacity of 250,000 cfs, spillway manager Chris Brantley said.

The spillway was designed to divert as much as 250,000 cubic feet of water per second away from New Orleans. It is opened whenever the volume in the river is expected to surpass 1.25 million cubic feet of water per second.

Safety Topic: If you plan on heading to the field in the next month you will need to take a personal flotation device. All kidding aside the field is closed due to opening of the spillway.

New Members:

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