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Next Meeting

February 8

7:00PM

Have you paid your dues?



PG 2 Minutes

PG 3&4 Swap Insert

**PG 5 Scuttlebutt; Notes from the editor
- Hobbyland; Fuel list posting**

**PG 6 Leonard Lee's Hog Bipe and Dale
- Township F.D. Pork Chop Dinner**

SIRS Meeting January 11, 2003

CALL TO ORDER:

President Chris Cochran called the meeting to order at 7:04pm
Approximately 18 members and 2 guests were in attendance.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Secretary Karl Laun read the minutes from the previous meeting.
Duane Holliger moved to accept the minutes as read. Ken Ausili seconded. Motion passed.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Treasurer Jim Danforth read the Treasurer's Report.
Roger Capraun moved to accept the report as read. Dennis Wallen seconded. Motion passed.
Jim reminded everyone that 2003 membership dues were due immediately.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Swap Meet
The SIRS Swap Meet has been scheduled for March 16 at the Interstate Center
Flyers have been distributed by e-mail and at other swaps
Discussion- Other forms of advertising (web, newspapers, AMA mag), overflow options.
- Micro Fastener Order
The decision was made to go with MicroFastener vs. RTL (better pricing)
Sign-up sheet and catalogs are available in the clubhouse.
- Traffic Pattern
Discussion- Traffic pattern for N-S operations. RE: avoiding the house across the road
- Big Bird Dates
Discussion- Alternate date options for Big Bird Fly-In to avoid conflict with 2nd Internet Fly-In
Chris Cochran suggested July 19-20 as alternate and moved to change to that date.
Wayne Geffon seconded. Vote by show of hands. Motion failed 5/9.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Bob King will be moving and leaving as Newsletter Editor, Karl Laun to move from Secretary to Newsletter Editor. Dennis Wallen volunteered and was appointed as Secretary.
- Chris Cochran suggested several possible membership incentives for consideration:
Officer Dues Waived – to induce participation of members in club business.
Referral Credit – Partial dues credit for each new member referred to SIRS
Club Trainer – Purchase of an official club trainer, radio and support equipment
to be used for demos and training. Instructors would be responsible for any repairs
necessary.
- Chris Cochran moved to purchase Orville's Hobbico Trainer, radio and support equipment for use
as the club trainer for \$250. Wayne Geffon seconded. Vote by show of hands. Motion passed 9/3.
- Chris Cochran noted that helmets are required for participants in combat and pylon events per
AMA rules. The club will look into various options for purchasing approved headgear.
- It was noted that the AMA did not have a charter listed for SIRS – Wayne Geffon to investigate
- Intro Pilot Program Instructors – Dennis Wallen, Wayne Geffon, Jerry Worden and Orville Egli
were suggested.
- Fuel Order (April?) – Ken Ausili will check on prices from Hobbyland. Sign-up sheet will be in
clubhouse.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Information forthcoming on 2003 Static Display and Open House.
Updates to the SIRS Website – Beginners Guide
Leonard Lee brought his newly completed modified SIG Hog Bipe for show and tell.
Stan Thompson won \$22.50 in the 50/50 drawing, donated \$12 back to the club.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chris Cochran moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm. Dennis Wallen seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Karl Laun, Secretary

S.I.R.S. ANNUAL SWAP

RADIO CONTROLLED AIRPLANES

engines, radios, & building equipment

80+ TABLES 1ST TABLE \$10.00

\$8.00 FOR EACH EXTRA TABLE:

ONE (ONLY) FREE ADMISSION PER VENDOR

GENERAL ADMISSION \$4.00



INTERSTATE CENTER BLOOMINGTON IL

WWW.EXPOSITION.ORG

1/4 m west of I-55 exit 160B

MARCH 16,2003

10:00AM TO 3:00PM

FOR TABLE RESERVATION OR INFO:

CONTACT: Wayne Geffon phone 309-661-1491

EMAIL: sirsswap2003@aol.com

**REFRESHMENTS on site, NEARBY MOTELS,
OUTLET MALL,AND RESTAURANTS**

Send to: Wayne Geffon
1205 Moss Creek
Bloomington, IL. 61704

Name _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____

Number of tables _____

Special Requests _____

If you have any equipment, planes, or other aero modeling related items to sell this is your chance to get it sold.

Contact any club member or club officer for more information.

Scuttlebutt: Nick Pull is working on an EZ40 and should have it ready for the flying season.

Charles Tarbox is working on a quarter scale Pietenpol that is a pre WW II sport plane with a high wing configuration. Charlie doesn't think that it will be done in time for the static show. The basic color will be cream however it wasn't learned what the trim colors will be as yet and that's what is taking the time.

There has been flying at our snow covered field even though the weather hasn't been that great. The first flight of the year was by Chris Cochran. On the first of the year some flyers showed up from Jackson IL however they didn't fly and went back to Jackson. It was very windy and snow covered that day so the turnout wasn't that good. Since no one other than Chris flew the guys from Jackson went back to fly with the guys at home.

For this month tracks have been made in the snow by ski planes so some of us have been flying including yours truly.

Orville Egli rebuilt a 33% Hanger 9 Cap 232 that someone gave up on and it is ready to fly. He needs a real big motor now.

Notes from the editor: This will be the last newsletter that I will publish since we are moving out of state. Karl Laun will write the newsletter from now on and Dennis Wallen will be the club Secretary instead of Karl.

I have had a lot of fun writing the newsletter and thank everyone that has helped me with the information needed to get the letter out. A special thanks to my wife Elaine who proof reads and has helped me to eliminate my boo boo's.

Since the date that has been set for the **SIRS Big Bird** on June 7th and 8th and since **rcflying.net** are holding their event in Indianapolis on the same weekend several of our club members will be attending that event. At first thought it would appear that the conflict of dates would not bode well for our club. However! it appears that may not be the case. Our event has been set for years at the same time of the year and area flyers are used to it being held around the same time each year. There are many flyers that can not go that far and would prefer to fly here. In turn many flyers will go to Indianapolis and a good time will be had by all. I guess that will mean that more flyers will be flying that weekend and that is what it is all about.

The next time we will have to make an effort not to let the date's conflict. The one thing that the Internet fly-ins has is that most events can come together quicker and does after other clubs have made their plans and that is a problem. It is a sign of progress and we must also adjust for that.

While checking RC Universe website (another website) I noticed that several complaints concerning The NATS Flyin site and couldn't help but notice that the biggest complaint was that it was getting too big. Basically they didn't like where it was being held and suggested that it be held regionally because it was too far to go to. What is really happening is that this hobby is expanding to include new facets and many more flyers. Some events get so big a lot of flyers are very uncomfortable with flying at them. They have to wait a long time to fly or the traffic is so heavy that they are uneasy. We all must make adjustments as the hobby is ever changing. After all we are all here for flying in one form or another. So both (**our local event** and **rcflying.net** in Indy) will succeed holding their events.

Hobbyland

Hobbyland is open on Sundays from Noon to 4:00PM

Check this out:

1/3 scale Great Plains ARF Pitts \$389.99 W.S. 68.5 inches requiring a 1.6 to 2.7 2 stroke or 2.5 (41cc) gas

Sig Kadet Senior ARF 40 \$199.99

Hanger 9 ARF Cub 40 \$189.95 W.S. 80 inches

G.P. Big Stick 60 ARF \$141.75

G62 Zenoah \$299.99

Hanger 9 540 Edge 120 sale priced

G.P. Cap 232 kit 40 size \$104.95

Below are the prices for the fuel order that will be posted at the clubhouse. Ken Ausili is handling the order and any questions should be directed toward him.

Cool Power 10% \$10.82

>Cool Power 15% \$12.37

>CP Heli 12.5% \$13.73

>CP Heli 15% \$12.67

>CP Heli 30% \$21.78

>Omega 10% \$10.82

>Omega 15% \$12.37

>Omega (4 cycle) 15% \$12.67

>Wildcat 10% \$9.90

>Wildcat (special)10% \$10.14

>Wildcat 2/4cycle10% \$10.14

For more information on **The Internet Fly-in** you can go to their website.

Please go to,
www.internetflyin.com

This is an AMA sanctioned event for anyone who enjoys the sport of
Radio Control flying.

All types of planes and flying welcome.

Bring anything that flies!

Small planes, large planes, helicopters, Gliders, Electrics.
If it flies, we want to see it there.

For more information on the **S.I.R.S. Big-Bird Fly-in** contact Orville Egli or go to our website for more information. This is also an AMA sanctioned event

Our Swap for March is proceeding well and we have had several inquiries concerning the same. For information or tables contact Wayne Geffon. I will be in the area for at least a few more months and intend to help as much as I can with the swap.

Leonard Lee presents this great example of the Sig Hog Bipe for show and tell. Make sure that you make it to the static show this year Leonard. You sure did a great job in covering the Bipe and it will also look good flying around the field this spring. Can you really wait that long to fly it?



News Flash →

Pork Chop Dinner Dale Township Fire Dept. is hosting a Pork chop dinner February 15th from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM at the Covell Town Hall. Come out and fly at the field and then go to the dinner where we hold our banquet. (2 chop dinner \$6.00); (1 chop dinner \$ 5.00); (sandwich and chips \$3.00)