

# S.I.R.S.



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## 2nd Internet Fly-In a Hit, Weather Hit and Miss



story and photos by Karl Laun

Camp Atterbury, Edinburgh, IN—  
Flyers from across the Central US assembled at the Jackson County RC Flyers field for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Internet Fly-In. The event was originally scheduled for June 7-8, but early birds arrived on the preceding Friday for some pre-event flying action.

Friday's weather brought occasional periods of rain, but pilots were able to fly in between the showers. Saturday started off with hazy, overcast conditions, but by afternoon the skies had cleared and participants enjoyed excellent flying weather right up until sunset. On Sunday, the skies threatened again early, but many of the hardier fliers were able to get several hours of flying in before the inevitable steady rains put the brakes on the activities for most of the day.

Nearly 90 pilots registered to fly in the event, with well over 200 planes on the field on Saturday. There was no shortage of flying activity. CD Carl Wilson set up five flight stations on the flight line, and each one was filled (with a wait list) for pretty much the entire day on Saturday. Raffle prizes were drawn throughout the day on Saturday.

Among the many notable attendees were Jeff Williams, Danny Snyder (JR/Horizon), Bob Snyder (Planes Plus) and Chris Hinson and his crew from Extreme Flight RC.

On Sunday morning, Jon Leyland arrived from Florence, KY and treated everyone to an amazing aerobatics demonstration with his see-through Radiocraft 35% Extra. Jon later went on to place 5<sup>th</sup> in the Frank Noll XFC competition in Troy, Ohio on June 22.  
(Congratulations, Jon!)

More pictures and videos at:  
<http://www.internetflyin.com>

Profile Brothers Gator and Paul Swany continue to wring out their profile models. These guys came to fly, and did it non-stop.



Wingo's-eye aerial view of the JCRCF flying field at Camp Atterbury, Edinburgh, Indiana.

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**Club Meetings**

Club meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at the flying field in Covell, IL. Meetings begin at 7:00pm during the winter (CST) and 8:00pm during the summer (CDT).

## SIRS Meeting Minutes — June 14, 2003

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Chris Cochran called the meeting to order at 8:11 pm  
There were 15 members present.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Secretary Dennis Wallen read the minutes from the last meeting.  
Wayne Geffon moved to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The treasurer's report was read by Treasurer, Jim Danforth. Motion to accept the report was made by Ken Ausili, and was seconded by Steve Forest. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Chris Cochran and his volunteers will fix the frequency board.
- Jerry Warden and his volunteers will fix up the frequency pins.
- Chris Cochran has gotten a fire extinguisher for the club.

Jerry Warden made the motion to incorporate the club. This will be published in next month's newsletter and be voted on.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Shirts and hats with the club logo are going to be ordered. Sign up sheet will be in the clubhouse.
- A new SIRS club logo will be looked into.
- Ways to get more members was discussed. More next meeting.
- A motion was made by Orville Egli to get a new screen door for the clubhouse. The motion was seconded by Dennis Wallen. Motion was passed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

50/50 drawing was won by Stan Thompson, he donated \$11.50 back to the club

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Ken Ausili made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Jeff Carnahan seconded. Motion was passed.

Respectfully submitted, Dennis Wallen, Secretary.

## More Internet Fly-In Photos



# Words from the Prez



One more time, for the record:

For months the SIRS officers have been gathering information regarding the incorporation of the SIRS Club. Most recently, the officers have found an effective avenue for the SIRS Club to undertake this action. The incorporation of the SIRS Club will offer an additional legal protection layer for each SIRS member, in the event of a tragedy. The AMA has provided staggering

statistical data that shows that 90% of the clubs in the US have incorporated. The primary reason is for incorporation is the additional legal benefits above and beyond the AMA primary coverage's which take effect after an individuals personal homeowners insurance policy. In these days of large scale aircraft and regular scale, the aircraft are faster more nimble and the weights/wing span have increased dramatically, which in turn we must realize can do significant damage in the right circumstances. Thankfully, we at the SIRS Club have been free of major accidents, and lets all do our part this year to continue this track record.

The Club officers want to inform you of the information gathering actions that have taken place to date. The Officers will be providing in-depth paper

work to the meeting attendees in next months (July) meeting. At the meeting, after the information has been presented and discussed, we would like to gain acceptance (by vote) and continue with the incorporation proceedings. With acceptance we can move forward and have the SIRS Club incorporated within a reasonable time period, then we can all enjoy the flying season that is upon us.

If you should have any questions or comments please contact Chris Cochran, SIRS Club President or Jim Danforth, SIRS Club Treasurer. Contact information can be found on page two of the newsletter.

*Chris M. Cochran  
President, SIRS Club*

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## Winnebago Sport Modeler's RC Club Annual Fun Fly(s)



- ◆ **Sunday July 13 & Sept. 21, 2003**
- ◆ **Start time 9:00 AM**
- ◆ **Kieselburg Forest Preserve RC Field - Roscoe, IL**
- ◆ **Free Flying – No Landing Fee**
- ◆ **2003 AMA License Required**
- ◆ **Flying Demos throughout the day**
- ◆ **Helicopter Demo – 10:30 AM**
- ◆ **Experience flying with provided trainer plane and instructor**
- ◆ **Raffle – Great Prizes**
- ◆ **Food Tent Available**
- ◆ **Music & DJ**
- ◆ **Good Time!**

**Directions:**

(From South) I-90 exit Riverside Blvd. west to Perryville Rd. Perryville north to 173 (T intersection) turn left to 251. Right (north) on 251 to Swanson Road. Right on Swanson Road 1/2 mile to flying field on right.

(From North) South from Roscoe, IL on 251 to Swanson Road. Left on Swanson Road 1/2 mile to flying field on right.

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# Upcoming Events for July 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 <b>SIRS Meeting</b> Festival of Giants St Charles, IL (11-13)
13 Winnebago Fun-Fly Roscoe, IL  Scale Fly-In Elk Grove, IL	14	<b>In the coming months....</b> Winnebago Fun-Fly • July 13 & September 21 S.I.R.S. Open House • September 6 E-FLI-OWA 2003 • September 6-7 Chicago Int'l Model & Hobby Expo • September 9-14 JR/GWS Indoor E-Fly • October 11				19
20	21					26 Tigers Pattern Classic Columbia, MO (26-27)
27 Warbird Over Chicago Country Club Hills, IL	28	29	30	31		

Newsletter Editors, Members: Send me your event information—Ed