



“Wings of Flight” Space and Aviation Camp Visits SIRS

story by Wayne Geffon, photos courtesy of Chuck Tarbox

On July 23, 2003, a group of 15 or so youngsters made their way to the SIRS field for an introduction to R/C model aircraft. The kids are involved in a summer aviation camp that has them doing different outings each day and that day was their time to try some R/C.

Jerry Worden spoke to the kids about what keeps an airplane aloft and the basics of controlling an airplane by radio control.

We had two planes ready to fly with buddy cords and the kids were anxious to get at the sticks. Ken Ausili and I flew the trainers while the kids took their turns on the buddy cords. Most of the kids did very well and had no problems steering the planes around with a good amount of control.. Some were even doing loops and rolls by the end of their turns.

Each of them had at least one turn on the sticks and a few had more. I think the hour and a half they had scheduled to be there could have been longer without any complaints from the kids.

Chris Puckett also came out and flew an outstanding aerobatic demonstration with his 40% Edge 540.

A big thanks to Chuck Tarbox, Ken Ausli, Jerry Worden and Chris Puckett for making it a great experience for the kids.

Chuck received a nice letter of appreciation from the Prairie Air Museum and forwarded a copy to us.

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Jerry Worden speaks to the group at a pre-flight briefing.



Wayne Geffon and Chris Puckett work with one of the visitors.



Ken Ausili assists one of the campers in flying the trainer.



Another of the visitors gets assistance from Jerry Worden while Wayne handles the buddy box duties.

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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 — July 12, 2003

CALL TO ORDER:

Jim Danforth called the meeting to order at 8:14
There were 14 members present.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Secretary Dennis Wallen read the minutes from the June meeting.
Steve Forrest moved to accept the minutes as read, Karl Laun seconded. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Jim Danforth read the treasurer's report. Motion to accept was made by Dennis Wallen and seconded by Ken Ausili. Motion was passed.

NEW MEMBERS:

Gordon Danforth

OLD BUSINESS:

- August 9&10 at Wings & Wheels, SIRS club will set up a shelter for a display at Image Air.
- August 23 Camp & Fly will be at the SIRS club
- Motion was made by Jerry Warden to incorporate the SIRS club. Was seconded by Steve Forrest. A vote of 14 to 0 made the motion pass. The SIRS club will now be known as SIRS, Inc.
- Member Richard Watt will donate a plane, radio and engine to the next high school student or a student in a lesser grade that joins the SIRS club.

NEW BUSINESS

- There was a discussion about having a raffle and was decided to have a 50\50 at our open house September 6,2003.
- An updated roster was requested by the members. Jim Danforth said he would get one made by the August meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 50\50 drawing was won by Mike Wilson, he also donated \$8.50 back to the club. Thank you Mike.

ADJOURNMENT:

Fr. Rick made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Jerry Worden seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Dennis Wallen, Secretary.

Lake Ozark R/C Club Father's Day Fly-In

by Karl Laun

Eldon, MO—While visiting relatives over Father's Day, I had the opportunity to attend the LORCS Fly-In. The area is somewhat sparsely populated, but the event was very well attended by flyers from the surrounding area, some

traveling over 100 miles. The landing fee was waived early on in the day, and the field filled with a wide variety of aircraft types ranging from small electrics to giant scale flyers. Despite losing my QHOR to a tree, I had a great time there.



Area Events: Sangamon Valley Open House



June 22, 2003—Great flying weather contributed to the good turnout for both participants and spectators at the SVRC flying site at the Holmes Airport in Springfield, IL. Flyers from the surrounding area participated and the event even garnered some local newspaper and television coverage.



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Dear S.I.R.S. Members,

On behalf of the Prairie Aviation Museum and Heartland Community College, we would like to extend our thanks to you for your participation in the "Wings of Flight" Space and Aviation Camp. As you may know, this camp is an educational program we hope will continue to be an annual activity.

Success in this and future years depends on the continuing collaboration of individuals, businesses and organizations in the aviation community with local educational resources. Together we can continue to inspire young people to pursue their interest in aviation and space exploration while developing an appreciation of technology, team work and life long learning.

Thank you again for your contribution to this special mission!

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Upcoming events in August, 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	In the coming months.... S.I.R.S. Open House • September 6 Profile Brotherhood Fly-In • September 6 E-FLI-OWA 2003 • September 6-7 Chicago Int'l Model Hobby Expo • Sept 9-14 Winnebago Fun-Fly • September 21 JR/GWS Indoor E-Fly • October 11				1	2
3					8	9 SIRS Meeting
10					15	16
17 Streator Fly-In Breakfast					18	19
24 Military Fly-In Mt. Vernon, IL Big Bird Fly-In Riverdale, IL	25	26	27	28	29	30 Valley Aero Electric Fly-In Appleton, WI
31 Float Fly Oak Forrest, IL (30-31)	Newsletter Editors, Members: Send me your event information—Ed					