



Wings and Wheels 2003...Well, Almost

Story and Photo by Karl Laun

Central Illinois Regional Airport—

The attendance for the 2003 Wings & Wheels event was, in the words of the organizers, “a big disappointment”. With attendance predictions as high as 10,000, the entire event only attracted 2,500 attendees over the entire two-day schedule.

The August 9-10 event was intended to fill the void left when the Prairie Air Show was chased away from the Bloomington airport to Peoria, and also to commemorate the 100th anniversaries of the Wright Brothers’ First Flight, and the founding of the Ford Motor company and Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

In addition, the event was intended to generate donations to benefit the Challenger Learning Center, Prairie Air Museum, American Red Cross and several other local organizations.

SIRS, Inc. representatives were at the show to set up early on Saturday, and were pretty much the only “Wings” in the show. Chris Cochran, Ken Ausili, Jeff Carnahan, Duane Holliger, Wayne Geffon and myself were present to show and talk about R/C airplanes to anyone that was interested. Wayne and I flew a few demo flights from the grass beside the taxiways while Ken campaigned for the 50/50 drawing.

Congratulations to Elizabeth at the Country Inn and Suites who won the 50/50 drawing. The club netted approximately \$35 for the tractor fund.



SIRS members set up camp early in the am. Although the weather forecast was for clear skies, the morning started out with low overcast on Saturday, which didn't burn off completely until afternoon. The weather forecast proved to be as fickle as the attendance figures forecast for the event. Public participation was very light on Saturday, and even lighter on Sunday.

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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 — August 9, 2003

CALL TO ORDER:

President Chris Cochran called the meeting to order at 8:20 pm. There were 8 members and 2 guests present.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

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

NEW MEMBERS

Richard Sparks and a returning member Chuck Doubet

OLD BUSINESS:

- Chis Cochran went over some of the safety rules with the club.
- Steve Forrest is working on the missing frequency pins.
- The club trainer can be used anytime with one days notice
- Karl Laun our editor requests any new e-mail address be reported to receive the news letter

NEW BUSINESS:

- Karl Laun and Wayne Geffon flew their planes at Wings and Wheels
- A repair bill for the mowing tractor was turned into the club

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 50/50 from Wings & Wheels: \$72 total \$36 to the winner and \$36 to the tractor fund
- Please support our local hobby store, Hobby Land.
- Streator has a fly in breakfast August 17
- Taylor, Missouri has a fun fly August 31

SHOW AND TELL:

Karl Laun brought his foam electric R/C planes to show to at the meeting

ADJOURNMENT:

Karl Laun made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Jack Miller seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Dennis Wallen, Secretary.



New member Richard Sparks (L), and returning member Chuck Doubet, pose for the camera at the August SIRS Club meeting.



Karl Laun shows his electric Tridents in both the 36" and 24" versions. The Tridents are capable 3D parkflyers made from foam sheet.

23rd Annual

Big Bird Fly-in



Everett McKinley Dirksen Park - Pekin, IL
Hermon D. Lowery Field
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2003

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ No landing fee ■ 125 Ft. paved runway ■ Acres of closely cut grass ■ Overnight parking for "self contained campers" ■ Registration begins at 8:00 am ■ Free lunch for the pilots ■ IMAA & AMA rules apply 	<p><i>Sponsored By</i></p>  <p>and IMAA Chapter 37</p>	<p><i>For More Information Contact:</i></p> <p>Gary Lenhardt (309) 378-2050 E-mail Gary@LincolmlandModelers.com</p> <p>Wayne Hood (309) 347-1166 E-mail bwhood@mtco.com</p> <p>Visit Lincolnland Model AST at http://www.lincolmlandmodelers.com/</p> <p>Visit Pekin R/C Club at http://www.pekinrc.org/</p>
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SIRS "Open House" 2003



SIRS Flying Field, Covell, IL, September 6, 2003—

(above left) SIRS members Fr. Ric Schneider and Andy Cogswell along with Roger Capraun are among the first to step out on the flight line on a fantastic R/C flying day.

(above right) A small group of spectators gather to watch the flying activity at the SIRS field. Roger's J-3 Cub and Corsair can be seen in the foreground.

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Classifieds

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the 2003 Annual
 Thompson Cup Race



is scheduled to be held at
 2:00 pm, Sunday, September 28th,
 at the SIRS, Inc. Flying Field.

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The Fun Store with the Red Door

616 North Main St.



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We still have several
Hangar 9 Funtana S .40 ARF's
In stock

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Upcoming events for September 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 SIRS Meeting
14	15	<div style="background-color: yellow; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>In the coming months....</p> <p>Chicago Int'l Model Hobby Expo · September 9-14 Superman Jet Rally · Sept 30—October 5 JR/GWS Indoor E-Fly · October 11</p> </div>				20 Watt E-Fly In Country Club Hills, IL Midwest Giant Scale South Roxana, IL Sept 20-21
21 Big Bird Fly In Pekin, IL	22	23	24	25	26	27 Midwest IMAC Chsp Rantoul, IL Sept 27-28
28 Charity Fun Fly Hoffman Estates, IL	29	30 Superman Jet Rally Metropolis, IL Sept 30—Oct 5				