



Newsletter for the Sentral Illinois Radio Society, Bloomington, IL

A.M.A. Chapter 621

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SIRS Big Bird June 12th

Your Help is needed to make this event a success.

From your president...
Friends, Members,

Our first major flying event is just around the corner.

On the 12th of June we will be hosting our annual big bird fly-int. YOUR help is critical to the success of this or any event we will host this year.

There are several ways to help: We will set up the field for the event on Friday June 11th at around 6:00 pm.

We will need help on Saturday with check-in, radio impound, food and raffle tickets. Someone will be there to direct you on what to do. All you'll need is a willingness to help! If you can help on Saturday be at the field at around 8:00 AM.

On JULY 10th our club will celebrate 40 years of being an AMA charter club! This

will include a day of various flying activities, a pot luck dinner and music. Currently we are considering having the meat, in the form of pork chop sandwiches catered in. we'll need to know how many are attending this celebration. Look for a way to RSVP for this event elsewhere in the newsletter.

That's it for now...See you at the field!

*Respectfully,
Jerry*



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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 INC MEETING
8,2004**

MAY

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jerry Worden called the meeting to order at 8:08. There were 16 members with two guests present.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Secretary Dennis Wallen read the minutes from the April meeting.

TREASURE'S REPORT:

Treasure Jim Danforth gave the treasure's report. Paul Bessler moved to accept the reports, was seconded by Gene Barker. Motion passed.

OLD BUISNESS:

- 1 Thanks to all the members who came out to work at the field on clean-up day and to Orville Egil and Dennis Wallen for making the frequency board.
- 2 On May 22 they are going to lay carpet and fix up the little house. Please come out and support your club.
- 3 June 11,2004 will be field set up for the Big Bird Fly-in we will need your help.
- 4 June 12, 2004 will be the Big Bird Fly-in please come out and help with your club events. Bob Hawks and Lori Ausili will be in charge of the food.
- 5 Orville Egili reported that Great Planes donated a radio to the club for the Big Bird event also a donation was given to the club by Hobby Land in Bloomington. Thank you Great Planes and John Shiffer to help this event be successful.
- 6 There was a discussion about the T-shirts for the 40th anniversary of SIRS. Gene Barker made the motion to order the T-shirts and was seconded by Duane Holliger. Motion passed. There will be a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse to order club shirts for \$15.00 each.
- 7 Jerry Worden has invited a group to fly control line planes July 10th at our 40th anniversary celebration.
- 8 The fuel order will be sent in next week.

NEW BUISNESS:

- 1 Paul Bessler will bring some hat samples to the next meeting for the people who may wish to order one.
 - 2 On June 19th Fr Rick will bring out some people from his church to watch us fly and to fly on the buddy box. He would like some pilots and some instructors to help.
- 50/50 WINNER Mike Quinn won the 50/50 drawing and donated it all back to the club.

3 **ADJOURNMENT:**

Jim Danforth moved to adjourn the meeting ,was seconded by Paul Bessler. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Dennis Wallen Secretary

Static Show has small turnout but shows off fine workmanship



Chuck Tarbox winning plane Sopwith SE 5

Sage safety sayings about propellers

By VIC BUNZE

Propellers! Those cute things spinning on the front of the airplane. They put food processors to shame. Those whirling beauties can do a number on you, and if you are alone at the time, there is a danger of passing out or worse.

Here are some tips. An entire class of accidents can be avoided by properly restraining your airplane. It's best to have someone hold the airplane. Short of that, get a restraining gizmo from your local hobby shop.

Why? One way an accident can occur is because the transmitter is sitting on the ground. You are cranking away to start the engine and the throttle is set on low, as it should be. The engine starts and Murphy strikes! The transmitter falls over and the throttle goes to "full on." The airplane lunges forward and gets you. It happens.

Another variation is the airplane is new and the throttle is reversed. You think it's on low but it's wide open. When the engine is cowled, you cannot see inside.

When the airplane is restrained by the elevator, it is possible that the thrust is so great that the tails pull loose and the rest of the airplane comes at you. That's why I prefer to have someone hold onto the aircraft, with fingers wrapped around the leading edge of the wing. This is a must when working with large gas engines with enough power to pull stumps out of the ground. Don't count on the tail to hold that airplane in place when it's being pulled by an eight horsepower engine swinging a 26-inch propeller. Use a helper.

What else? Propellers come loose and fly into space. Backfiring four-stroke engines are known for throwing propellers, especially when too lean. Don't throttle up until the area in front of the propeller is clear. Keep people from standing in line with the propeller arc. When you throttle up, you need to be behind the airplane and others should be behind you.

APC propellers are a wonder of efficiency. They really cut through the air and perform. They are also very nasty if you get in the way. They have sharp edges and are stiff and strong. They won't break away like a wooden propeller.

Sometimes you just put your hand into the propeller. How? You could be fiddling with a needle valve or something and you touch a hot muffler. Bingo! You jerk your hand back and your fingers hit the propeller.

Be safe and fly like you mean it—often and with proper care, abandon, and élan.

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SIRS BIG BIRD 2004 Midwest Fly In

Saturday June -12--04

AMA sanctioned

150ft,x600ft. Crew cut grass runway

With unlimited over fly

Primitive camping at field

Awning set up and open flying
after 2 pm Friday.

Pilot req.-AMA only ---no landing fee

pilots meeting 9:30 am

Come and enjoy a relaxing day of flying

Map Directions

interstate 55&74 west side of Bloomington

exit 160 west on Rt. 9 3 1/2 miles to Covell Rd.

Covell Rd. 4 miles to field

Plane requirements

80 in. Mono --- 60 in. Bi-plane

True 1/4 scale

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New T-shirts available

Anyone interested in the new 40th anniversary t-shirts approved at the last club meeting, may sign up for them at the small house at the field. Try to get yours before the anniversary celebration on July 10th.

Who's That?

Last Month we posted the picture below to see if you could guess who it was...did you figure it out? If you guessed Karl Laun you were correct. Sorry no prizes for getting it right. Here is some information on Karl and a more recent picture. If you see him maybe he can tell you a little bit more about the picture of him in his youth.

Who: Karl Laun

I live in: Bloomington, IL

Occupation: Corporate Pilot

Years Flying: R/C-3
Full Scale-29

How did you get into the Hobby? Always had an interest in things that fly.

Recent developments in simulators and electrics pushed me to finally learn RC airplanes. Also Wayne forced me.

How many planes do you have? Electric- 6-8
Glow- 3-4 Gas- None yet
Comments or stories about the Hobby: I can't stop!!

Remember, if you have someone at the field ask you to fill out a questionnaire about yourself and take a picture. Please help out to let us all learn who our fellow pilots are so next time we see you we don't have to ask...who's that?. Thank you.



At the Field



Side notes:

Congratulation Wayne Geffon on your 4th Place finish at the Arseneau invitational

Father Ric would like some instructors to help with new flyers on June 19th.

40th Anniversary Celebration

IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING THE CLUB ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION NOTIFY JERRY WORDEN WITH THE FOLLOWING NUMBER ATTENDING AND DISH YOU'LL BE BRINING :

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	In the coming months.... 3rd Internet Fly-In • June 5-6, Edinburgh, IN SIRS Big Bird Fly-In • June 12 eXtreme Flight Championships • June 11-13, Troy, OH SIRS 40th Anniversary Event • July 10 EAA Airventure • July 27-Aug 2, Oshkosh, WI Reno Air Races • September 16-19, Reno, NV				11	12 SIRS Big
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