



Chilly-Chili

The Annual Chilly-Chili Fun Fly was held on January 1st, 2007. There was a great turnout of members and guests at this event with probably 25 people in attendance. Orville Egli and David Ludington had the first flight of the year with David's plane. The Ausili's whipped up their special chili for the event and other members brought additional goodies. The chili was very popular. A few members did get in their first flights of the year even though there was a consistent stiff breeze blowing that made it feel, well, pretty darn chilly outside.

But the food and the company made it feel warm inside. Overall, this event was a pleasure to attend and I hope that next year we can get even more members to join us to welcome in the new year!

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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 Minutes – January 13th, 2007

Call to Order:

President Tom Kirk called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

There were 16 members present plus 2 new members that joined. In addition there were 2 guests.

Previous Minutes:

Minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasure Report:

Jim Danforth could not make it to the meeting so no treasurers report.

Old Business:

It was motioned and approved that Ken Ausili has earned a discount on 2008 dues for his delicious chili that he brought to the SIRS fun fly in January. Thanks for the good eats!

New Business:

It was mentioned that SIRS club informational flyers are being distributed by HobbyLand. Copies of these will be available somewhere around the club when the weather warms up a bit.

The membership renewal drive is going well. It is estimated that there are about 30 regular members, 2 family members, 1 junior member and 6 life members as of the Jan. 13th meeting. Membership renewals were continuing to arrive. A more exact count will be available at the Feb. meeting.

It was motioned and approved to attempt to participate in the Pantagraph Kid's Fest event during February in an attempt to raise awareness about the SIRS Club among area families. Volunteers will be needed for this event. Contact Tom Kirk if you would like to volunteer.

The swap meet is proceeding for March 3rd. If interested in getting a table contact Mike Wilson at 309-846-3874.

Show & Tell:

Tom Kirk gave an informative explanation and demonstration of electric helicopters. Helicopters continue to generate a lot of interest and have led to several new members joining the SIRS club. A discussion of li-po battery safety was also part of this demonstration. It was also mentioned that charging of li-po batteries in any of the buildings at the field is not allowed.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting was second and passed at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Todd Guttschow

S.I.R.S. ANNUAL SWAP

March 3rd, 2007

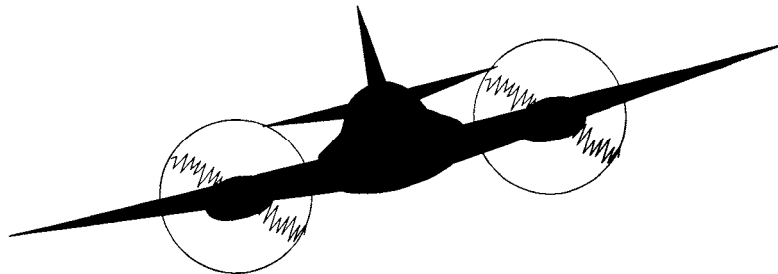
Radio Controlled Airplanes

Engines, Radios, & Build Equipment 50+ Tables

TABLE \$10 each includes one admission

General Admission: \$5.00

Spouses and children under 16 free



Location: Interstate Center Bloomington, IL - www.exposition.org 4 m west of I-55 exit 160B

SET-UP 8:30 A.M.

General public 9:00 A.M. to 1PM

FOR TABLE RESERVATION OR INFO:
CONTACT: Mike Wilson 309-846-3874
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Refreshments, nearby motels, outlet mall, and restaurants nearby.

Club Dues for 2007 & 2008

The following club dues proposal was discussed and approved at the December 2006 SIRS meeting.

Shortly after the December 2006 club meeting, bills will be sent out to all current and past members inviting them to renew their SIRS Club membership for 2007. If dues are paid in full by Jan. 31, 2007, dues for 2007 can be paid at the 2006 rate of \$72.00 for Regular Members. If dues are not paid in full by Jan. 31, 2007 then the following rates will apply for all current and past members:

Regular Member = \$84.00 dues for the year, no discounts applicable.

Junior Member = \$42.00 dues for the year, no discounts applicable.

Family Member = \$0.00 dues for the year.

Friends of the Club = \$0.00 dues for the year.

If you have been a member within the last four years, and you wish to rejoin for 2007, you need to pay the annual dues in full. This is regardless of whether you rejoin in January of 2007 or June of 2007. Our club dues are based on an annual membership amount, not a monthly fee.

Junior Membership is available to any person who is joining SIRS who holds an AMA Youth Membership Card (For those under 19 years of age as of July 1st, 2007).

Family Membership is available for anyone who lives in the same household as a dues paying Regular Member AND who is joining SIRS who EITHER holds an AMA Youth Membership Card (For those under 19 years of age as of July 1st, 2007) OR who is a full-time college student. Family Membership can also apply to the spouse of a Regular Member. Family members can only get the newsletter via email.

Friends of the Club is available for those persons who would like to be notified via email of the club newsletter and other club communication. It does NOT include any flying privileges at the SIRS Club.

For NEW members of the club who join sometime during 2007, dues will be prorated for 2007 at the rate of \$7.00 for each full month (or fraction thereof) remaining in 2007. Junior Members will be \$3.50 per month (or fraction thereof). This is only available for New members to the club. There are no discounts for prorated New members.

All Regular, Junior and Family members must hold an AMA Membership card.

Also approved were dues for 2008. Dues for Regular Members for 2008 will be \$90.00. In calendar year 2007 Regular Members can earn one \$10 discount on their 2008 dues by helping the club with a club event in a "Significant" way. Dues (and discounts) for Junior Members will be 1/2 the Regular Members rate

Kids Expo Update:

At the January SIRS Club Meeting the membership voted to purchase a booth at the Feb. 10th Pantagraph Kids Expo to promote the SIRS Club to the general population. After further investigation, however, two concerns arose:

1. It was initially believed that the fee to participate was \$150, however, it is actually \$178.
 2. After further investigation concerns were raised that we are not sure if this is targeted more to families with very young children, rather than the 8 to 16 year olds that we felt were possibly better targets for their families to consider joining the SIRS Club.
- Due to these concerns it was decided that the club will NOT participate in this years Kids Expo.

SIRS Membership Statistics

As of 1/27/07

Current Paid-Up Memberships:

39 Regular Members
1 Junior Member
2 Family Members
6 Life Members

Of those:

29 get the newsletter via email
16 get the newsletter via US Mail
3 do not get the newsletter (because other members of their family do).

Words from the Prez



"Basic transmitter set up"

This will be the topic of the Feb. club meeting. We will discuss how to set up and use a transmitter on your plane or heli. So bring your transmitter (controller) with you . Show up at the Feb. meeting and maybe you will go home with a 20 dollar gift card to Hobby Land. We will have a attendance raffle and the gift card is the prize. The club will also discuss making a motion for a end of the year attendance prize. For every meeting you attend you will receive one raffle ticket for something really super duper cool. Need help? If you are having problems building or repairing a plane/heli, bring it to the club meeting. I will start bringing a tool box so we can fix, repair or build what ever it is that you need help with.

I hope to see you at the Feb. meeting.

Tom Kirk
President of SIRS

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4	5	In the coming months.... March 3rd, 2007 Interstate Center SIRS Swap Meet 9:00AM—1:00PM					10 <small>SIRS</small> Meeting 7pm
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25	26	27	28				