



Here are a couple of recent pictures from the SIRS field . Spring is upon us and everybody is ready to kick off the new flying season.

If you have any current pictures from the field or any building projects please email me some pictures to share with everybody. Thanks.

Mike Wilson
SIRS Newsletter Editor

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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 - April 14th, 2007

Call to Order:

President Tom Kirk called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM. There were 18 members present.

Previous Minutes:

Minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer Report:

Jim Danforth said that the club treasury is in good shape and should be able to meet the forecast of the clubs expenses for the year. The club may try to pay off the balance of the tractor soon.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

Upcoming events were discussed. It was decided that June 16th, Saturday, would be added to the calendar as a club-racing day. It was mentioned that Sept. 16th is the Pekin Big Bird event.

Field clean up day was discussed. It was brought up that a new windsock is needed for the field. Fred will look into this.

Show & Tell:

Tom Kirk did a brief presentation on soldering. There was also some discussion of cool tools for our hobby.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting was second and passed at 8:45 PM.

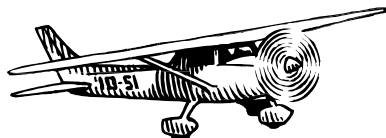
Respectfully submitted by Todd Guttschow

SIRS 2007 BIG BIRD

MIDWEST FLY IN

SATURDAY JUNE 9th, 2007

Showtime 9:30 AM till 4:00 PM



Break Time Noon to 12:45

150ft x 600ft large crew cut grass runway with unlimited over fly. Pilot requirement: AMA & IMAA Membership # Current! AMA/IMAA Sanction Event

Registration 8:30-9:30am

Pilot meeting: 9:30am – \$10 Landing Fee

Plane Requirements

80 inches Mono --- 60 inches Bi-Plane

True 1/4 scale

Concessions at field ---- 50/50 Raffle

Web Site: www.sirs-rc.com

Directions to SIRS Field:

Interstate 55&74 west side of Bloomington

Exit 160 west on Rt 9 - 3 1/2 Miles to Covell Rd

4 Miles to SIRS field

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SIRS 2007 Field Work Day Pictures



**Thanks for everybody's help on field work day.
Everything looks great!!!**



Todd Guttschow

Spotlight SIRS Member Interview

Todd has been a SIRS member for 6 years. It took 3 attempts before he got hooked into the hobby. His first attempt was when he was around 14 years old, and then mid 20's and finally the third attempt he was hooked on flying helicopters. He didn't have anybody to teach him how to fly helicopters. He had to learn on his own by using the simulator and practicing out at the field.

Todd's first helicopter was a Glo Raptor 30. Since then he has owned a couple of Electric e-Flight Blade helicopters.

He finds the hobby relaxing and a way to get away from everything and concentrating on his flying skills. He has always liked aviation and went to flight school to become a pilot. He received his solo license but didn't know what he wanted to do with it at that point of time in his life.

He sees a lot of new people coming into the hobby to learn to get started with electric and ARF's. It is a great family hobby that everyone can enjoy. Eventually after the person gets hooked they will branch off in other areas of the hobby that interest them. Todd has his own hobby store out of his Computer Deli businesses which are in four different locations. They are located in Bloomington, Champaign, Springfield and Peoria.

His advice to newbie's that want to fly helicopters would be to get a simulator and practice. If you crash on the simulator you are not out any money. When you are flying out at the field he recommends starting out flying about 6 inches off the ground, keeping the tail in and using training landing gear so you don't break a lot of blades.

Todd is an active member and the current SIRS secretary.

WORDS FROM THE PREZ



Last month I wrote that I was going to get rid of all my glow engines and take the path of the electric powered models. I did sell off all but one of my glow power planes. I kept my Gremlin. I look forward to getting it up this year and cutting some streamers. The last time I flew it I did 600 dollars damage to my friends car and caused another friend to run for his life which caused him to crash his plane. It is a good story now but it was not so funny at the time. I was lucky not to sell off all of my glow engines. I had to duck tape one to the wing of my electric plane to keep it from blowing away. I think the average wind mph over the last three weeks has been 87. The last nice temperature days we had all I could was sit in my house and watch the top of the trees bend down and touch the grass. Good old Illinois weather. Next week it will 98 degrees followed by a snow storm.

A big job well done to Dave and Doug for taking on the painting of the bleachers and the tables. Pat took on the job again of sucking out the out house. (We better get him a tooth brush!) Thank you to everyone else that helped.

I look forward to what I am calling for myself " The year of the helicopter" I want to try to master forward flight and start on inverted flight. I hope everyone has a great year and I look forward to seeing you at the best flying field in the world... Stan Thompson's SIRS field of dreams.

Captain Kirk

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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6	9	In the coming months.... May 12th Static Show June 9th Big Bird					12 <i>Sirs</i> Meeting 8pm
13	1						19
20	2						26
27	28						