



July 15th was the SIRS Warbird Wonders Day out at the field. We had a decent turnout of Warbirds and we had lots of fun. We also had a gremlin dogfight.

If you have any current pictures from the field to share with everybody please email them to me. 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 - July 14th, 2007**

**Call to Order:**

President Tom Kirk called the meeting to order at 8:20 PM. There were 15 members present.

**Previous Minutes:**

Minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

**Treasurer Report:**

Treasurer was not present, but reported through officers that club is in good financial shape for 2007.

**Recognition:**

New member Steve Dolniak and his son Shane were welcomed to their first club meeting. Steve generously donated an Extra airplane and engine to the club. Members present voted to raffle off the donation for the clubs benefit at the November annual banquet. Thanks Steve and Shane!

**Old Business:**

Members commented that they received some very nice compliments about the professionalism of the SIRS Big Bird event from some fellow police and fire department members.

**New Business:**

Discussion about possibility of adding an "Electric" section to the club forum web site. Members also complimented Mike Wilson on the progress being made on the club web site.

Dave Ludington is looking for old videos or photos to use for the club banquet Video Presentation. If you have any material please contact Dave or club officers.

Upcoming events calendar was reviewed.

**50/50 Drawing:**

Stan won the 50/50 drawing and donated his winnings back to the club. Thanks Stan!

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn meeting was second and passed at 8:55 PM. Cake and cookies followed in celebration of Stan's Birthday.

**Show & Tell:**

Micrometers were discussed, along with electric helicopters. Also, an inexpensive (\$40) Flight Simulator was brought in for demonstration. Denny was teaching a few late night stragglers how to do rolling circles. Cool!

# Word from the Prez



Finally in the air!

I have been talking a lot this year about electrics and how much I have been enjoying flying them. I have put a lot of time on little Blade CP helicopter lately and up until a couple of weeks ago a small electric plane. The plane now sleeps with the fishes. I packed up my nitro heli today and went out to the field knowing one of two things were going to happen. I was either going to put this heli in the burn pile or the garbage can. I have had such bad luck with it I had almost given up. I had a long talk with with this copter on the way out and I used some words that might have upset a sailor. So I got to the field and set my lovely little girl on a blanket. My whirley bird looked at me like I was going to hit it and it started up all by itself. I didn't use a glow igniter or even a starter. It knew I meant business ! I flew two tanks of fuel and had a blast. I was so used to flying my little electric that this thing felt like I was hovering the Titanic. I had a lot of fun. My princess got board real fast so I didn't fly as long as I would have liked. But, I was finally in the air with my nitro helicopter. I am going to get up early tomorrow and fly her again. For me, I like the electrics but you just have to love the sound and smell of that fuel!!

Lets have a cook out before the August club meeting!! The club will provide the meet and the buns. Bring something to share if you can. I will fire the grill up at 6:15 p.m. I am going to talk about SIRS club T-shirts at the meeting. Lets decide if we want to do them or not.

Not to worry, I will probably have crashed my nitro heli by the next news letter and I will be back to a strictly electric pilot only. I will see you at the club meeting right?

Captain Kirk

# SIRS 2007 CLUB EVENT CALENDAR

July 28th, Saturday

Circle Daze Fun Fly - 1:00 PM Club Fun Fly.

Control line airplanes.

Still open flying for everyone.

August 11th, Saturday

Cookout 6:15

Club Meeting - 8:00 PM

August 12th, Sunday - 10:00 AM

Heli-Daze 2 Club Fun Fly.

Still open flying for everyone.

August 26th, Sunday - 1:00 PM

Eclectic Electric Club Fun Fly, bring out your electric aircraft.

Still open flying for everyone.



## **Dave Haas**

### **SIRS Spotlight Member Interview**

Dave has been interested in aviation since he was a kid. His dream was to someday own a RC airplane. He started out like so many of us with a trainer that he bought from a local hobby store. The store told him about the SIRS club. He has been a member for the past three years.

After Dave had assembled his ARF trainer he decided to pay a visit to the SIRS club one late afternoon. Denny who is a long time instructor for the club had just pulled into the field. Denny approached Dave to introduce himself and to take a look at Dave's trainer. Dave told Denny to go ahead and fly his plane. Denny insisted he wanted to help Dave learn how to fly. After a couple of weeks Dave soloed.

Dave's advice to a beginner is to seek out a good instructor and join a good club like SIRS.

Dave has been fascinated with Corsair's planes since he was a kid. Recently he bought a Great Planes combat Corsair 15 size plane. It is his favorite plane that he owns.

When he was a kid he built a Spirit of St Louis Guillow's kit that he had to glue together. He enjoyed it and has wanted to build a RC kit plane, but the timing hasn't worked out.

Dave really enjoys being a member of the SIRS club because of all the members he has had a chance to meet and get know. Like so many other SIRS members, he believes we are so fortunate to have a flying field like the SIRS field. He thanks Stan.

Dave has been an active member helping with several events. We appreciate his time.

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