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The 2007 Annual Thompson Cup Race



Is Schedule to be held at 1:00 PM September 23rd at the SIRS Flying field. See page 3 for the rules. Bring it on!

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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 - September 8th, 2007

Call to Order:

President Tom Kirk called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM. There were 13 members present, and 2 guests.

Previous Minutes:

Minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer Report:

Jim Danforth gave the treasurers report. The club is in good shape for the balance of this year.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Upcoming calendars were reviewed. It was mentioned that Washington Flyers had an upcoming event on Sept. 9th. Jim and Gordon Danforth gave a review of the Gyrocopter Fly-in that was in Morris, IL. Jim reported how interesting and evolved this aspect of the sport was and explained some of the technology involved. There is a Galesburg full-scale Stearman fly in happening thru 9/9/07. Orville and Denny went to the Taylor Fly In and reported lots of planes there, including 3 turbines. 9/16/07 is the Pekin Big Bird Fly in.

Bob Tarbox has asked for volunteers to bring out their R/C planes and man a SIRS booth at the September 22nd "A Day at the Airport" event, which supports the Prairie Aviation Museum. Volunteers needed from 10-4 PM or portions thereof. Might be a free lunch ticket if you participate. Contact Bob at BHBL45@msn.com if you can help out.

Thompson Cup race is Sept. 23rd. Chance for Gas, Glow and Electric planes to compete. Also suggested to everyone to bring their Combat Planes for some combat after the Thompson Cup race.

There will be a wiener roast at about 5:30 PM before the October Club Meeting. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to share. Elections are in October for club officers. There are some openings. If interested please contact Tom Kirk. In particular we need a Secretary and Newsletter Assistant (aka Ace Reporter).

Club Banquet is still on track for Saturday, Nov. 10th. Jim is checking on caterers. Doug agreed to replace the club grill's gas tank, which was empty.

50/50 Drawing:

Instead of a 50/50 drawing there was a drawing sponsored by Dave Hass for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Dave donated a radio to the effort that Stan won. Monies collected were donated to the Walk to Cure Diabetes.

Show & Tell:

Stan brought a car to show and tell. A 1957 Nash. Pretty cool. Pat showed off his new Extra 260 Park 480 size electric airplane. Incredibly light.

Adjournment:

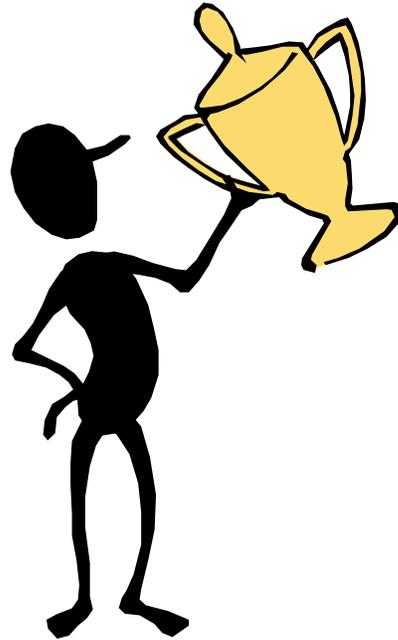
Motion to adjourn meeting was second and passed at 8:40 PM.

THOMPSON CUP UP FOR GRABS

Come compete and have fun no matter what size of plane.

All club members are invited to come out and try your hand at winning the prestigious Thompson Cup. Come out and see how your skill level matches up with your fellow club members or just come out and fly just to see what pylon racing is like. The Thompson Cup is all about having fun.

Below are a list of the rules for the Thompson Cup. As you can see they are fairly simple, so why not give it a shot. You never know what might happen.



THOMPSON CUP RULES

The Thompson Cup is an open class race.

1. The race is 20 min of flying with one pit stop mandatory. The engine must stop and be restarted during this pit stop. Most laps in 20 min wins.
2. Heats — There will be 2-4 planes per heat trying to keep planes of equal speed and pilot skills in the same heat.
3. Start of Race - The pilots will be given a ready to start. Then the pilot will have 1 min to get engine started. The Starter/Timer will signal the start of the race after 1 min. or if all pilots are ready sooner. The 20 min of racing starts at this point.
4. Pilots will fly past the east pylon then fly back west. The counting of laps starts will the planes cross the center of the field going east to west.
5. Laps - Planes must fly past each pylon. Failing to go past the pylon will result in one cut. Cuts are subtracted from the total number of laps.
6. Caller - Each pilot should have a caller. The caller's main job is safety and to help the pilot.
7. Other - This race is for our club members.
8. Remember we need 6 people in the ground support for every two pilots flying.

SIRS CLASSIFIEDS

Inventory Reduction Sale

(I've got too much stuff, help me get rid of some of it)

Planes

IAC One-Design

Scratchbuilt from RCM plans. 72" span.

OS 1.60 FX with Bisson Pitts muffler, batt., 2 Futaba 9001 and 3 HiTec 605BB servos

\$600 ready to fly less receiver

\$300 Plane only

Great Planes 1/3 scale Pitts

Has 3 seasons flying, been repaired once. Still looks and flies good.

Charlie Hillard Red Devils #1 markings.

No engine or radio gear. I flew it on a DA 50 which is way too much, but is fun.

Plane only \$300

Seagull Models SuperStar 68"

Brand new Plane is built except for engine & cowl mounting. Ready to take your favorite 1.20 to 1.60 engine.

With 1 Futaba 9202 and 4 JR 531 servos installed \$350

Plane only \$175.00

Herr Engineering .10 size Pitts Special

OS .15 engine, 250mah batt, 4 micros servos, no Rx.

Flies great. \$200

And if there are any builders left out there.....

Zirol Corsair project

includes plans, Robart retracts, cowl, canopy, wing radiators. No wood.

\$450

Vailly Aviation Hurricane project

Includes Roy Vaillancourt plans, cowl, canopy, custom aluminum spinner, plastic parts,

Beautiful custom retracts by Sierra Precision

extensive scale documentation materials

\$600

Engines

Quadra Q-100M

Quadra's largest single cylinder engine. 9.5 HP

Includes Bennett muffler, spring starter

New price from B&B is \$789

My price \$550

Zenoah G-62

With CH electronic ignition

\$400

Plans

Jerry Bates F4F wildcat \$50

Jerry Bates P-40B \$40

Ziroli F8F Bearcat \$40
Ziroli P-40 \$40
Ziroli P-47 (92") \$40
Ziroli P-51 \$40
Ziroli T-6 \$40
Ziroli A6M5 Zero \$40
M.A.N. P-51D 74" 1.20 size \$20
27% Godfrey Extra 300 80" \$20
Wayne Ulery Laser 200 86" \$20
includes July '79 M.A.N. magazine with const. article.

Duane Holliger
309-376-4024

I have several foamies, some rtf, some kits, lots of props for them too, twist with a saito 82 rtf, mini funtana x rtf, come see what I have and make me an offer, I need to sell it as I don't use it!

Chad
309-838-3922

I have a Viper with a gms47 and standard servos RTF. I got the plane at a swap meet and stuffed it with my stuff. Has some hanger rash, but nothing major. It was flown once with my set up just to make sure everything worked. \$95.00

Pat
309-275-2975



SIRS Spotlight Member Interview with Jerry Worden

Jerry has been a member of the SIRS club since 1985. Stan Thompson taught Jerry how to fly. It took him a lot of practice to solo. When Jerry was a kid he flew u-control and wanted to get into RC. His first u-control plane was a Cox PT-19. His first RC plane was a SIG Kadet trainer with an Enya 45 engine. Some of Jerry's favorite planes are his Stearman bi-plane, P-40 and his GWS electric Cosair. He also enjoys building. Some of his favorite building projects have been a 40 size Sterling Lancer, Spitfire and Fokker D-7. One piece of advice that he has for newcomers to the hobby is to have patience while they are learning to solo. He likes to share his knowledge about the hobby and help people whenever he can. He has been a very active club member over the years and has been a past President for the club for several years.

Pictures from the SIRS field.



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