



## May 2008 Newsletter



Flying season is upon us. New planes are being unveiled. New crashes are already happening. Come fly!



### Formula Four-Star Racing

The Formula Four-Star Racing Series is a pylon racing competition using a Sig Four-Star .40 (ARF or kit) airframe powered by a Thunder Tiger .40 Pro Engine. Competing in this program will improve the flying skills of all who participate while providing camaraderie in a low-stress racing environment.

2008 Race Dates:  
 May 10, Bloomington  
 June 21, Washington  
 July 19, Peoria  
 August 9, Pekin

### SIRS Pilot Proficiency Program

Here is a site that outlines and shows what these maneuvers look like:  
<http://www.geistware.com/rcmodeling/aerobatics/maneuvers/index.htm>

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News and article submissions are encouraged

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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).

### Classified by Members

Dirty Bird .40 with Thunder Tiger pro .46 and Futaba servos. Has JR 700 receiver and 600 or 700Mah Battery. Just add Crystal and Fuel, and you ready to fly. The covering looks a little ruff, but it flies nice. This is a classic pattern plane, Kit or scratch built, not sure.  
\$225.00

- Fred

## SIRS, Inc Meeting Minutes - April 12, 2008

### Call to order:

President Mike Wilson called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM. There were 21 members present.

### Previous Minutes:

Minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

### Treasurer Report:

The club has over \$3,000 after expenses. All AMA paperwork is complete. This is a not-for-profit club.

### Old Business

#### Four Star Racing Series -

Practice will be on May 3rd time TBD.

2 more people volunteered to assist at the meeting.

Setup will be Friday night previous.

Registration begins at 8:30 AM.

\$5 per flyer.

Flights will start at 10 AM.

Details are on <http://www.fourstarracingseries.com/>

### Discussion of Hard Hats

A question was raised about the use of hard hats in AMA events and the impact upon such events at the Fourstar Racing Series.

After discussion, it was decided that Jerry Worden would seek the input of the other clubs involved.

### New Business:

#### Appointment of Club Safety Coordinator

Dave Ludington volunteered for this position.

#### Field Cleanup Day

Saturday May 19th at 10 AM

Needed white and yellow paint and paint brushes.

#### Orville Egli

Orville has suffered a stroke and appears to be on the mend. Our prayers go out for his swift recovery.

### New members

The club welcomed new members:

Jeff Wessel - new member

Jeff Feasley - returning past member

### Calendar:

A quick review of upcoming events: May 10th Fourstar; June 6 Fun Fly; June 14th Static Show

### Show and Tell:

Father Rick brought a foamie to give away.

Jim Richter put his Tensor, Gentle Lady glider and .25 Pykon Racer up for sale.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31

**Advertising:** Commercial advertising rates and submission information is available from SIRS-RC.com. Advertising is also available on the SIRS website and may be included in print advertising packages. Classified Ads may be placed by members for no additional charge. These are to be of a private sales nature.

## Builders' Corner

Frequently, when building, we are faced with the need for a little gusset or fillet in a critical area. Epoxy adds so much weight to the build, the plane may be slowed dramatically by addition of these gussets.

The solution is to use a type of micro-filler that will bulk up the epoxy while reducing its density and weight. Micro-balloons is the solution. I recommend that everyone have a small container in their workshop.

Just mix 30 min epoxy normally, add a ratio of 2:1 micro-balloons and a dash of lacquer thinner. Apply liberally to the area and, viola! Lightweight gusset created.

Monday - Friday: 10-8

Saturday: 10-5

Sunday: 12:30-5



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## Classified by Member

Hobbico Hobbistar 60 - OS LA 65 - \$275  
Sig Four Star 60 - Magum Pro SE 61 - \$250  
Ground Box - \$125

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## Product Review

The Thunder Tiger Mini Titan is a great little helicopter for a beginner. It comes setup with conservative throws and makes an excellent trainer. It doesn't have any response issues common with small helicopters.

The Mini Titan is also a good practice machine for experienced pilots. If you have a busy life, like I do, your pilot skills may stagnate.

The primary advantage of the small and quiet electric helicopters is that they can be flown in any reasonable size park or gymnasium. Flying just two or three battery packs once a week can keep your flying skills up to snuff.

The stock motor and speed controller combination lets you try any maneuver the bigger helicopters are capable of. Great parts support and low cost give you the confidence that the occasional inadvertent upgrade opportunity won't put you in the poor house.

Fly to live, live to fly!



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