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Open House Aeronautics Day Recap

It was a beautiful day of broken overcast skies, winds from the North at 8 to 12 mph, as we assembled our airplanes and prepared for the day. A number of our friends from Champaign came over to put on an air show and compete in our Fun Fly events. There were 14 pilots present. The Daves ran model rockets with Computer Deli donated kits and some outstanding homemade models. Jim Swearingen demonstrated Control Line flight in the Northeast field with great aerobatics and precision. We had a thrilling fun fly with seven competitors engaging in the Take Off Loop and Land, Accurate Landing, and Limbo contests:

Name	TOLL	Accuracy	Limbo	Point Totals
Jason Noll	9:10 1 pt	5 pts	3+ pts	10+
Chris Sydor	8:84 2 pts	5 pts	3 pts	10
Jason Danhaki	5:53 3 pts	5 pts	2 pts	10
George Rodriquez	17:06	3 pts	2 pts	5
Jim Wiggin	24:60	5 pts	Wipeout	5
Duane Holliger	32:12	5 pts	0 pts	5
Fred Logue	45:72	2 pts	2 pts	4



Jason Noll took First Place with his extra credit point for a hair-raising inverted limbo two feet off the deck. The crashes were plenty and the carnage awesome. This great bunch of guys stayed good-natured despite taking heavy casualties. Stripped landing gear seemed to be all too common.

Upcoming Events

August 29th & 30th - Champaign County RC Club Big Bird Event

September 10th thru 13th - ROUTE 66 JETS, Litchfield, Illinois Municipal Airport

September 12th and 13th - 424 Pylon Race SIRS Field, Covell Illinois

September 20th - Thompson Cup SIRS Field, Covell Illinois

November 14th - Awards Banquet Covell Illinois

Fred Logue made an outstanding knife-edge limbo pass followed by a spectacular crash. We will miss his Tango dearly.

We had around 30 visitors come in, prompted by the WEEK news spot by Mike and Fred as well as the Pantagraph ad. Hamburgers and dogs were flying off the grill as the crowd watched the fantastic show.

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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. Meetings begin at 1900 (CST) and 2000 (CDT).

Classified and Advertising

Commercial advertising rates and submission information is available from SIRS-RC.com.

Ads are taken on a first come, first served basis with limited space available.

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.

SIRS, Inc Meeting Minutes - August, 8 2009

Call to order:

Treasurer Jim Danforth called the meeting to order at 8:04 PM. There were 12 members and 2 guests present. Mike is out of state at a race.

Previous Minutes:

Minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer Report:

Our accounts have \$5,816 and, after encumbrances, \$2116. We have 67 and 13 life and honorary members.

Old Business:

- The Open House/Fun Fly 8/22/09 will be run by Doug and Fred. Dave and the Posse will cook burgers and dogs. This will be open to Glow/Gas, Helicopters, and Electrics. There will be three trophies. Advertising was discussed, \$250 was approved for ads. Friends may be able to help us do some free advertising. We will have a kitchen with burgers and dogs.
- Club elections a coming up. Fred Logue, President; Jay Cappis, VP; Jim Danforth, Treasurer; Doug Mock, Editor.
- We still need a Secretary, taking meeting minutes.
- A current member list can be obtained from Jim Danforth.

New Business:

- Thompson Cup is on Sunday September 20th. Bob Hawkes will be contacted about running this event.
- Banquet 11/14/09, Covell Hall (to be rented). Famous Dave's is preferred, but limited to around \$12.50. There is \$600 set aside for prizes (we want to get dozens).
- Orville has offered to make two more rolling work stands at an estimated cost of \$70 each. This was conditionally approved with our desire to offset the costs with donated hardware and lumber.

Show and tell:

- Dave Ludington showed off his homemade rockets. These are ridiculously easy to make. Everyone should try this. CG is 75% from tip toward tail.
- Fred Logue showed the engraved paving bricks being sold to build the Veterans Memorial in Mackinaw. Bricks are \$50. See Fred to donate to this noble cause.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46



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Flight Simulators

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Because of this practice at home, when the student goes to the flying field and has a radio in hand, he or she will react more quickly.

Several flight sims are available, and they all work roughly in the same way. The sim presents a model airplane image on the computer screen, and the plane reacts to your control inputs. Some sims come with a control box that looks very much like an RC transmitter; other systems provide an interface that lets you connect and use your own radio.

Most sims offer a choice of flying environments, so you can fly from a typical flying field, the surface of Mars, or anywhere in between. Also, you can adjust weather elements such as wind direction, crosswind velocity and gusts. You can make the flight simulation as easy or as difficult as you like. Most programs also include a few helicopter simulations.

By training yourself with a flight sim, you can greatly reduce the time it will take for you to learn how to fly your model. You can also continue to fly even when the weather isn't cooperating. Bring the excitement of RC flight indoors and have fun.

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