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SIRS Builder’s Corner—Safety in the Workshop

Shop Safety is just as important as flight safety during the flying season.

Keep it Clean- Many injuries result from poor housekeeping in the shop. Trips, slips, and falls account for the bulk of these mishaps. Scrap material and wrappings, loose parts, scattered tools and equipment, or oil spills can cause injury. Debris should be swept up and disposed of. Parts should be kept on work benches. Tools should be placed where they cannot fall and cause damage or injury. Oil spills should be covered with absorbent material and cleaned up.

Lighting, Heating, and Ventilation - Enough windows and overhead lights are required for a good level of overall illumination. Additional lighting should be available over benches and stationary tools. When supplemental heating is required for winter workshop operations, the heating unit should be located to provide an adequate, even distribution of heat; but should not cause a fire hazard. Adequate systems are needed to vent smoke, fumes and exhaust gases. Open windows and doors may provide enough ventilation in the summer. Special systems may be needed to remove exhaust fumes and other gases during the cold-weather months.

USO Fly-In

We are requesting volunteers to manage ‘departments’ for the USO Fly-In. These jobs will not be as busy as last year and we expect our members will have more time to fly than last year. Please sign up via the forum online or by calling Fred 312-656-5567

Field Safety

In an effort to help keep everyone safe, this column will be highlighting some safety practices. To that end we would remind everyone:

Planting season is a time for us to be aware of the needs of our hosts. During this time we cannot block access to the grain shed (south end of the building we meet in) or the gas pump. This shed contains all the seed the Thompson Farm needs to plant during the spring. They need to gas all the vehicles and planters, and use different attachments (frequently seen on the West end of the field). Please keep this in mind to keep our interference to a minimum.

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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/or 2000 (CDT).

Classified and Advertising

For sale Zirolli Hellcat with detailed cockpit, Quadra 100 with spring starter, three blade 24 X 10 Mezjak prop, Futaba JR mix servos, 3200 mah 6v bat, JR heavy duty charging switch, toggle engine kill switch, Robart mains and tail wheel, Spectrum receiver. Transport cradle and wing bags. This is a bind and fly deal. No low ball offers entertained.

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SIRS, Inc. Meeting Minutes - February, 13 2010

Meeting started at 7:05

11 members present and 1 guest

Minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

Jim Danforth was not present to report. The newsletter received \$150 in advertising from Hobbyland and Slot & Wing.

Old business:

Indoor flying went well at Game Time Gym. Flying has been held twice there so far this winter with good turnouts. 20-30 pilots showed last time including some new and potentially new members. Next indoor date Feb 19th 8-10 pm.

USO calendar project: The final pictures after editing are fantastic. First sale to be held at Maggie Mileys in Normal date TBD. We cannot use the USO trademark on the cover, but the name USO can be mentioned. Whether or not calendars will be sold online depends on legalities before online sales are decided upon.

USO event, June 5th:

Fred received money from an anonymous donor, he proposes to use this to fund the USO open house materials.

Some vendors have replied to his letters. He has sent about 100 out.

The onsite raffle will have multiple buckets instead of a single bucket.

We discussed when to advertise the event to the public. The Thursday Pantagraph GO! Section was recommended.

We also hope to have the event listed on the 'tower' downtown.

Fred proposed a non-RC product raffle with consumer electronics. This can be done as long as the total giveaway is less than \$1000. If we get a large enough donation, tickets would be printed for sales by club members prior to the event. He has contacted Best Buy and awaits their response.

We still need many workers to make this event a success. Please apply online.

424 Races: Jay Cappis will CD these events on June 26 & 27th and September 18 & 19th. The fliers are ready and will be posted online.

New Business:

The March Swap Meet is cancelled due to our inability to get organized. A motion to include the swap meet in the USO Fly In was rejected due to the difficulties in operations and table fees. People can sell out of the cars anyway.

Show and tell:

Steve Dolniak, a former member is getting out of the hobby and has donated a substantial number of products for the club to sell. We intend to sell these for at least 25% of list.

Jay Cappis demonstrated how to set the incidence of the tail feathers on his Quickie 500 v-tail. This was done with measuring tools and a level.

- Meeting adjourned 7:50 pm



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Winter Maintenance Tips

Since there isn't a whole lot of flying going on in Winter, now is a good time to completely go through your planes and get them ready for Spring:

- Check all nuts and bolts.
- Fix any damaged balsa.
- Change out chipped or worn propellers.
- Take the tank out and replace the fuel lines. (Especially important for those

who fly gasoline-powered planes.)

Change out all of your glow plugs.

Re-attach those wheel pants. (Planes look better with their pants on)

Recover or fix that piece of covering that won't stay stuck down anymore.

Change the tires if they have flat-spotted over time.

Cycle your batteries and replace any that are not at 80% of their rated capacity.

Check your switches

Re-organize your flight box.

A few hours now will help make your Spring flying easier.



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