

# S.I.R.S

Official Newsletter for the Sentral Illinois Radio Society, Bloomington IL

## Perseverance

**(Perseverance is defined as a continued effort to do or achieve something despite difficulties, failure, or opposition )**

**I will be the first to admit that until lately I had not seen the new field as a new home to fly. Every time I drove out I found it hard to picture this as our new SIRS flying field. I would be all alone and look around and that is all I was able to due. This past month we had our monthly meeting at the new field and I finally saw our new field. Cars backed up with trunks and gates opened. Trailers with all sorts of stuff in them and most importantly fellow members to talk to and enjoy our hobby with. There wasn't a ton of flying due to the fact that we have to let the weeds grow so that they can be sprayed properly. But there was flying! Thanks to the hard work from some very dedicated members our pavilion and bleachers and frequency board are now at our new home. Things like this new field are a testament to only the strong survive. There have been doubts opposition and most certainly difficulties while trying to achieve our goal. But never the less the new home of the SIRS club is coming together.**

**Every talent that we have is different than someone else in the club now is a great time to donate your talent and help make this new field one of the best in the area. As of now Jay is still planning on having races at the field September 21,22 and he anticipates a record number of attendee's. If we as a club can pull together and help out at this event it would eliminate the need to**

**pay an outside group of people to staff the event. Races pull in a nice amount of money and would be great to use towards finishing our new home. They are very exciting to watch and work. What better than a day at the field and watching planes compete go fast and sometimes even plow into one another or the ground. See you at the next meeting. I will leave you with this quote by a great man.**

***"Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up."***

**- Thomas Edison**



# ***EVENTS***

## **Nick Bouquet Fun-Fly September 15th**

The Annual Nick Bouquet R/C Fun-Fly will be held this year on Sunday, September 15th from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Polson Field. The public is invited and all flying demonstrations and events are free. Food will be available to purchase on site. All pilots must have a current AMA number to fly. This year we are honored to have as our special guests Nick's family including wife Carolyn, daughter Sandy, and sons Jim and Bob.

## ***SIRS RACING***

### ***NMPRA District 5 2013 Bloomington, IL***

#### ***Field Of Dreams Classic***

#### ***Race Results***

***Bloomington, IL - September 21 & 22, 2013***

***For more information go to <http://district5.nmpra.org/index.html>***



# August Meeting Minutes

Jim Danforth called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Minutes from last month's meeting had not been distributed in time for everyone to read them, so approval was postponed. Any proposed changes to the minutes as published in the Newsletter should be forwarded to Dave Hass and Justin Worden.

The Treasurer's report was given and approved.

## Old Business

The proposed sign for the field was reviewed and briefly discussed.

The picture of the circle with the airplane will be displayed predominantly in the center of the sign.

The names of the ten original founders of SIRS will be listed in the lower left hand corner.

The names of significant contributors, like Stan Thompson, will be listed in the lower right hand corner.

In addition, members would like the names of the founders and significant contributors to be listed on a plaque(s) in the pavilion.

A motion for the approval of the sign was made and seconded. The motion passed.

The status of the driveway and handicap pad was discussed.

Tom Kirk told Jay that our field is next on his list. They will be out when the current job is finished, perhaps as soon as next week.

Pins mark the location of the drive.

The length of the drive will be determined by how far \$2,000 worth of bedrock will go. That rock will form the road base. At a later date, an additional \$2,000 smaller rock will be added to form the top layer of the drive.

Once the bedrock is installed, the rest of the work on the field will begin in earnest.

Help from the members will be greatly needed at that time.

Once the drive is prepared, the concrete handicap pad will be installed.

The Astronomy Club will pay for the handicap parking pad in exchange for being able to use the field at night.

No conflict with activities of either club is anticipated.

Additionally, having the Astronomers on the field at night will add a measure of protection to the property.

FS applying a second application to kill the weeds.

FS is not charging SIRS for this second application.

They plan to spray next Tuesday, the 13<sup>th</sup>.

The grass should not be cut for at least a week after spraying to give the chemicals a chance to kill the weeds.

## New Business

Jerry Worden mentioned that Gene Barker is the last living member of the group that started SIRS back in 1964. Although Gene is not a founding member, Jerry suggested we consider interviewing Gene about the early days of the Club and video tape the interview.

The idea was briefly discussed.

There were no volunteers to organize and run the interview, so the suggestion will be referred to the Club Officers to see if there is enough interest to pursue it.

A few ideas about how to better level the field was briefly discussed.

The field looks like a washboard which plays havoc with landing planes.

This topic will be discussed further by the Club Officers and the "Grounds Committee".

The upcoming Pylon Race was briefly discussed.

The races are schedule on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of September.

This event is a good money maker for the Club.

The more members that work the event as lap counters, cut callers, and starters, the less money will have to be paid out for helpers. So, members are encouraged to sign-up and work the event.

## Show-N-Tell

John Crawley with the U-Control flyers attended the meeting. He showed his custom, twin engine Ring Master. John took two Ring Masters and combined them into a single airplane. Although John didn't fly it, the twin has a very sleek design and looks really fast.

John also told us the U-Control flyers would be interested in joining the club.

U-Control flying requires a circle approximately 150 foot in diameter.

Initial thoughts are that the circle could be located where the driveway ends.

U-Control flyers would still have to be AMA members and pay club dues.

In addition to having a flying site, SIRS would support U-Control events just like RC events.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01.

Business Name

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**09/14/2013**

**The meetings have been moved to the new field !!.**

