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Official Newsletter for the Sentral Illinois Radio Society, Bloomington IL

First Event a Success

The Rain Dances Finally paid off, and just in time for the first big event at the New SIRS RC Field. The Small amount of rain and the dedication of a few outstanding members made a world of difference. Doc Nord Ken Ausli and Fred Louge went out after the rain and Mowed the field and rolled it for almost eight hours. Man did that pay off big, Hats off to those guys and a million thanks as well!! As I arrived at 7:00 am Saturday before the races I was in awe. I had been hoping that the rain would help a little but these guys did one heck of a job. It was the difference between night and day in just one days time. The Pilots were very pleased and impressed with the condition. The planes took off and landed with out even the slightest problem, even the small electric pylon racers. We had allot of help out there running the race and almost had enough people to where hopefully next year we can do without the help from an outside organization. With that being said It was great having members from Lexington High school come out and give us a hand in running the races. Everything went very smooth minus some minor technical glitches with equipment that travels from race venue to venue. It was nice to see trailers full of planes and tents set up down the flight line. A few crashes kept spectators racers and workers attention. One being our president Jay Cappis in a tight race having his wing bolts pull trough the wing mounting holes on wing ejecting the fuselage at full power into the beans like a lawn dart. My family and I camped out with other fellow Pilots and enjoyed a beautiful night sky and stories of all sorts while sitting around a warm fire. I will end with saying this is only the beginning , and I can't wait for the events, and experiences this field has in store for our Club. This meeting we will be discussing the Thompson cup and trying to set a date check your calendars and planners! Now Get out and Fly!!



October Meeting Minutes

Meeting started at 7:32

22 members present and 1 guest

Approved minutes from last meeting

Treasurer report: \$9870.57 in bank. 37 paid up members. Projected to end year with \$2000.00 after spending approximately \$4000.00 for parking, \$2000.00 on a building, and \$400.00 on the banquet.

Old business:

Sign: The design to be put on the sign has been approved. Fred is working on getting the sign done for free or a reduced rate. A goal is to have a sign built by the next meeting.

Fence/Gate: Paul Nord has a gate that he has offered the club for free to be used at the entrance to deter unwanted entrance to our field. Still to be discussed is if we should use a key, combination, or no lock at all on the gate. Thanks Paul for your generous donation!

Driveway/parking: The gravel drive is still in the works and should be done soon.

Weeds/grass: FS sprayed for weeds again last Tuesday. The grass is looking much better and has been rolled by Paul, Ken, and Dave.

Shelter: Thanks to a lot of hard work by several club members the shelter has been moved and is in place. Paul Nord came up with a great plan to move the building and everything went without a hitch. Also moved were the bleachers, benches, frequency board, grill, and picnic table. Thanks again to Paul, Jay, Ken, Fred, Scott, Jeff, Dave, and everyone else that helped make the move a success.

Pylon Races: The pylon races are scheduled to be held on the 21st and 22nd. A portable toilet has been ordered to have on site for the races for \$90.

Shed: A shed or building of some sort still needs to be built at the new field to store the mower and other items. We currently have \$2000.00 budgeted to accomplish this. Several club members have looked into building our own, purchasing a kit, using a carport, or possibly adding on to the shelter. If you have any ideas or input please contact a club officer or attend the next meeting.

New Business:

Banquet: The annual banquet will be held on Saturday November 9th at the Covell town Hall. A motion was made and approved unanimously to use Times Past catering again this year. \$350.00 has been set aside for prizes for the banquet. A motion was made and approved to spend up to \$350.00 The club also agreed to invite Jim Finnegan to the banquet.

Club Flyer: A flyer will be made to be placed at local hobby shops and to be used for promotion of our club. Justin Worden has agreed to design a flyer and have it printed. Also like in the past, a business card will be made to be carried by club members and to also be put at local stores. Dave Hass has volunteered to design and get them printed.

Events next year: A discussion was had as to what events we should hold next year. It was decided to hold a few events including a military fly in, an open house, two pylon races, and a fun fly or two. The week after the 4th of July was chosen for the military fly in and it will be planned by Justin Worden. The date of the open house is tbd as well as the club member in charge. The pylon races are typically held in June and September, exact dates are tbd and the events will be planned by Jay Cappis. In order to pull off these events and to keep our club out of the black, club members will be needed to step up and help plan and run the events. Please consider volunteering your help next year, and let's make our first full year at our new location a big success!

Officer Nominations: Nominations will be made during the October club meeting. All nominations will be accepted.

Guests: Doug Christensen attended the meeting and introduced himself. Doug wants to get into the hobby and has been working with a simulator for a couple of years. He came to ask for advice as to what models will be best and who to contact for help getting in the air. Welcome to SIRS and a great hobby Doug!

Next month meeting: The October meeting will be held at the field. Please attend and make your officer nominations.

Meeting Adjourn at 8:20 pm.

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10/12/2013

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

