



DEAD STICK LANDINGS

SIRS' NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2015

Unapproved October meeting minutes:

SIRS: Sentral Illinois Radio Society

Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2015

8 members present, no guests

President Dave Hass called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. at St. Mary's School Cafeteria.

September meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Danforth reported that our bank account is healthy and field rent has been paid through the end of the year.

The November meeting, which will be the SIRS annual award banquet, was set for Saturday, November 7th at the Covell Banquet Hall.

Note: This is the first Saturday of November which is a departure from our regular meeting date which is the second Saturday of the month.

\$15 per person. In past times, Times Past has catered our meal. They will do so again this year. Fred Logue will bring equipment for a video presentation at the banquet. If you have pictures or videos, contact Fred: dgsbuilders@live.com

SIRS Annual Awards Banquet
Saturday, November 7th
Covell Banquet Hall
4:30 p.m. set-up
5:00 p.m. social-hour
6:00 p.m. dinner
7:00 p.m. awards

Election of Officers: Jerry Worden presented a revised slate of proposed officers:

Jerry Worden, President
Bob Stadsholt, Vice-President
John Burrill, Secretary
Jim Danforth, Treasurer
John Cralley, Communications Director
Ken Ausli, Safety Officer

Father Ric Schneider made a motion to elect the slate as proposed. Seconded by Fred Logue. Motion carried.

Old Business

Field Reseeding

Bob Stadsholt made a motion that we fertilize now and slit seed next spring. Seconded by John Cralley. Motion carried. Jay Cappis will contact FS.

Porta Potty

Jerry Worden will contact Blue Springs to pump out and winterize the Porta Potty. The door lock will be replaced.

Fencing Mat Runway status report

Jerry reported it is working well enough. It is not perfect but people are having success using it. We will take it up for winter.

Instructor Program

We have a Facebook request for an instructor. With most of our past instructors no longer active, we need to develop an instructor training program, identify potential instructors, train them with emphasis on safety and inspections. Perhaps a wintertime priority.

2015 Annual Worldwide Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon

John Cralley reported that on October 4 our club contributed 27 flights to the international total of 3,687 flights.

2015 Thompson Cup

Ken Ausili won the 2015 Thompson Cup on September 27. Congrats, Ken!

New Business

Banquet Prizes

Dave has been chatting with a new hobby store. \$400 has been budgeted for prizes. With reduced membership numbers, do we need to spend that much on prizes? Father Ric has contributed a beautiful Novi Evolution 46. We have also received a beautiful 60 Cub. It was suggested that the club will make more money through an auction rather than a raffle. We have had some nice prizes donated from Father Ric and others. We will spend \$150 on additional prizes rather than the budgeted \$400.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Gymnasium flying followed.

Bob Stadsholt, acting note-taker

Annual SIRS Banquet

As noted in the minutes above, Saturday November 7th is the date for this year's Annual Banquet.

Location: Covell Town Hall

\$15 per person

Note: These times are different from what Jerry Worden listed in his email to the Club!!!

Social hour **5:00**

Dinner at **6:00**

Activities at **7:00** Awards, Auction, Raffle, and Freebies!

Fred Logue will have a slide show (send him photos and Video links) <mailto:FSlogue@hotmail.com>

RSVP to Jerry Worden jwfly1697@msn.com

This banquet will also serve as the **November** Club Meeting.

Latest events

The Thompson Cup race was held at the new field September 27th and was won handily by Ken Ausili!! Center left with his winning model.



Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon

The SIRS participation in the 8th Annual Worldwide Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon was held on October 4th at the new field! A group of pilots from Indianapolis that planned to drive over backed out when the weather prediction was for high winds. Eight pilots braved those strong winds to fly Ringmaster control line models. Twenty seven flights were logged with only one crash by new pilot Jay Capps. John Cralley and visitor Jim Swearingen (Edwardsville) flew a 4 minute combat match with John making the only cut (s?)!! Other visitors were Tim Mullins (Moroa), Tony Billingsley (McLean) and Jeff Wells (Champaign). Jerry Worden, Dave Hass, and Ken Ausili also put up flights.

Our contribution may seem small in the overall picture of the Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon where 3487 flights were made worldwide and 684 pilots participated but every bit counts. We are aiming toward 100 flights next year.

Pilot	PLANE Type	Flight Count
JOHN CRALLEY	SIA	11
Jerry Worden		1
TIM MULLINS		1
Dave Hass		1
Jim Swearingen		1
Ken Ausili		1
TONY Billingsley		1
JAY CAPPIS		1
	TOTAL	27



I need information about building and flying activity, photos and any other interesting material you may have for the Newsletter! I hope to post one every month but may have to skip months if no information is forthcoming! Keep me informed and I will relay that information to the club membership!

Thanks,

John Cralley

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