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Model Airplane Club

AMA District VI Chapter 621 Founded in 1964



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(No maybe REBUILDING SEASON)

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Come

Fly

With

Us!

In the Gym

After

The Feb. 10th

Meeting

At

7:00 PM

St. Mary's

Church School

527 West

Jackson St.

Bloomington,

Illinois

Prospective

Members

Visitors

Guests

WELCOME

Next Club meeting is February 10th at 7:00 PM

St. Mary's Church School cafeteria.

527 W. Jackson, Bloomington, IL

Flying in the gym after the meeting!

Guests and prospective members are welcome to attend.



Reminder Notice

The US Congress has re-authorized the FAA's model aircraft Pilots REGISTRATION.

This rule requires that if you pilot an un-tethered model that weighs over 0.55 pounds you must have registered with the FAA as an unmanned aircraft pilot and affix to said aircraft your registration #, your name and address.

Piloting aircraft weighing over 50 pounds requires that you have a higher level of registration.

If you previously registered you are still covered but if you have not registered you will need to go to the FAA link and register!

More information and the link is here: [**AMA's FAA INFO**](#)

Dues are due January 31st \$100.00 (Make checks payable to SIRS)

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

AMA # _____ Email _____

Phone Home _____ Cell _____

Mail check to: (Or bring to the meeting)

John Burrill

903 Approach Rd.

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Unapproved minutes from January

SIRS RC/CL Model Club

Minutes of the January 13th 2018 meeting :

Meeting started at 7:00 PM with Vice President Bob Stadsholt presiding
(President Fred Logue unable to attend)

17 Members and 2 guests attended.

Kris Akers read the January minutes

John Burrill read the Treasurer report

Dave Ashley moved to accept the reports, Jerry Worden 2nd.

Passed

Old business:

Jerry Worden announced that the Pylon races June on 23/24 are established (sanctioned) and September 8/9 (non sanctioned).

John Cralley talked about Heartland Community College (HCC) flight class. HCC will not offer any class which has been previously canceled. We would need to bring a new idea forward. John has an idea for a class where a Flite Test plane is built and flown.

New business:

The FAA pilot registration rule was discussed. FAA registration is now required for any pilot flying an RC model that weighs more than 0.55 pounds. The registration number must be affixed to the model.

John Burrill brought a new club trainer.

Revised club rules were brought up by Bob Stadsholt. The rules need to be posted at field, on website and must be followed at the field. The club decided to amend the new rules, specifically #12: to read, Members are responsible for compliance with these rules. John Cralley moved that we vote to approve the amended rules, Jerry Worden seconded. Passed.

Ken Ausili announced that he plans to service and clean up the mower in February.

A drawing for 5 items from the raffle box was held.

Motion to adjourn meeting was 2nd, and passed.

Attendees:

Bob Stadsholt

Greg Vertrees

Dennis Wallen

Ethan Jett

Jeff Simpson

John Cralley

Dave Houchin

Brian White (Guest)

Jerry Worden

Joe Roberts (Guest)

Garrett Stotler

Steve Meyer

Brandon Edmonds

Kris Akers

Tony Cellini

John Burrill

Ken Ausili

David Ashley

Robin Houchin

Safety First !! Ken Ausili Safety Officer

Below are the Club Rules as established
at the January 13, 2018 Club Meeting

Current Club Rules as of January 13, 2018

SIRS Club Flying Rules

1. AMA and Club safety rules must be followed.
2. The Club rules are posted on the SIRS website and at the field.
3. Members must belong to the AMA. After three flying sessions, guests and prospective members must join the Club in order to fly at our Field.
4. Alcoholic beverages are allowed after your flying sessions are complete for the day.
5. No pilot will **fly** while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
6. Illegal activities are forbidden.
7. Pilots must fly north of the flight line which is an east-west line from the electric pole on the road at the east end of the field.
8. Spectators must remain a safe distance south of the flight line.
9. Call out to fellow pilots when taking off, landing or walking onto the field.
10. Flying is not allowed during field mowing.
11. Vehicles and parking are restricted to non-flying areas.
12. Members are responsible for compliance with these rules.

Meet our new Secretary!



Kristopher (Kris) Akers

Kris Joined the club this past year and quickly proved to be a valuable active member.

Kris lives in Danvers, IL and he is engaged to Alanna Galloway with a wedding coming up next September 2018. More about that later.

Kris is a Software Developer with State Farm Insurance Company. This must be in part a labor of love because he tells me, “I am an avid game developer. I had a game in the Apple App Store for 3 years, accumulating over 17,000 downloads. I have won multiple programming competitions, including ISU and State Farm's Mobile Application Development (MAD) contest, and ISU's Hack-a-thon.

Here is what he says about his model aviation experience,

- sport and aerobatic
- indoor 3D
- indoor FPV quadcopter (tiny whoop!)
- fixed wing FPV flight
- Float flying

I started model aviation in September 2016. I bought a \$50 ready-to-fly 3-channel Cessna 182 from Amazon made by WLToys. The model is an ultra micro, weighing around 50 grams. I flew the heck out of it! After flying it everyday for a month, I bought my first 4 channel plane from Hobbyland, a ultra micro P-51 Mustang. I flew it everyday until the winter seasons prevented me from flying anymore. In March of 2017, I bought my first “big” plane, the Parkzone Sport Cub 1.3m, from Hobbyland. From that point on, the hobby really took off for me. I joined the SIRS club later that year in May, met a ton of new friends, and picked up a lot of knowledge from the experienced fliers I am still relatively new to the club, but very involved. I am currently holding an officer position as Secretary. The only contest I have been part of was our club pylon race in October.

Although Kris doesn't mention it, he is a builder as well as flier and his fleet of models has grown exponentially since he joined the club last May. To say that he is a quick learner is an understatement and he is ever generous in offering assistance and advice.

Now about Alanna Kris says, “I proposed to Alanna by towing a banner in the sky with the words “Marry Me!?” written on it on Easter, 2017. It was a fun surprise for her, and her family!”



2018 Events Schedule

All EVENTS at the Field are subject to favorable weather!

Club Meetings at St. Mary's School Feb 10th & March 10th!

March 10th Indoor Model Contest?? (rules to be announced)

June 23-24 Nats Warm-up Pylon Races

August ???? Model Aviation Day

Sept 8-9 or 15-16 POSSIBLE Field of Dreams Fall Classic Pylon racing

October 7th Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon

October 13th Thompson Cup Pylon Race (club meeting at the field)

November ???? Annual SIRS Banquet at Covell Community Building

Some links that may interest (entertain) you:

Cute Russian female aerobatic pilot wrings it out!

Warbirds at Oshkosh 2016

Send me your builds, videos, whatever for the Newsletter!!!

**Hope and imagination are the only consolations for the disappointments
and sorrows of experience. - Italo Calvino**

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Send me your **NEWS**, Photos and any model aviation related information to share!!