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Model Airplane Club

AMA District VI Chapter 621 Founded in 1964



Vice President Elect Kris Akers hovers!

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Come
Fly With Us!
Before Our
Winter
MEETINGS
Starting in
December
At St.Mary's
School
W Jackson
Bloomington
Illinois
Prospective
Members
Visitors
Guests
WELCOME



**Next Club meeting is Nov. 10th after the
Annual Club Banquet Dinner at:
St. Mary's Church School cafeteria.**

527 W. Jackson, Bloomington, IL

Social Hour 5:30, Dinner at 6:30

Meeting followed by Raffle and Club Auction .



Super Ringmaster Flying for the 11th Annual Worldwide Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon
Breezy Hill RC Flying Field in Southern Illinois

2018 Members, your dues for 2019 will be due JANUARY 31st!!

The 2019 dues are \$100 (Jan.1st through Dec. 31st)

New member's dues will be prorated to expire on December 31st.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

AMA # (or applied for) _____

Phone: home _____ cell _____

Email _____

Make Check Payable to SIRS and Mail to : (or bring to a meeting)

John Burrill
903 Approach Road
Normal, IL 61761

SIRS Meeting minutes for 10/13/18

Meeting was opened by Fred Logue at 6:00 PM.

Present: Dick Hanson, Greg Vertrees, John Cralley, Ken Ausili, John Siebert, Larry Kupferschmid, Tony Cellini, Robin Houchin, Fred Logue, Paul Bessler, Paul Nord.

Minutes and Treasurer's report were presented and approved on a motion by John Cralley seconded by Bob Stadsholt and carried.

Old Business:

We have a lease signed on the field which gives us its use until September 30, 2019. We can back out on 30 days' notice if we wish, but the rent is paid until September 30th. We may not have events open to the public.

The field committee has looked at several other properties, but none meet our criteria so far. There is a possibility of buying our current field, which might entail moving to the corner of 600 and 600 roads. This has not been discussed seriously at this point.

It is suggested that we clarify our legal status in order to determine our tax liability should we be owners of our field. (Treasurer's note: We are registered with the State of Illinois as Sentral Illinois Radio Society Inc. a General Not-For-Profit. Date of incorporation is August 26, 2003. The certificate does not entitle the corporation to a property tax exemption. We would need to apply for such an exemption through the Board of Review in our county)

Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon was held as planned. Locally we achieved 24 flights by four pilots

Thompson Cup practice will be 10/14 at noon, racing to be Saturday 10/20 at 1:00 PM

New Business:

Election of Officers was held and the proposed slate was elected by acclamation on a motion by Paul Bessler, seconded by Ken Ausili, and carried. The officers for 2019 are;

President: Bob Stadsholt

Vice-President: Kris Akers

Secretary: Larry Kupferschmid

Treasurer: John Burrill

Communications Officer: John Cralley

Safety Officer: Steve Meyer

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Paul Bessler, seconded by John Cralley

11th Annual Worldwide Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon!!

The 11th Worldwide Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon was flown over the 1st and 2nd weekends in October. We fielded a bunch of Ringmasters and 4 control line pilots, Jerry Worden, Jim Swearingen, Tim Mullins and me (John Cralley)!! We put up 24 flights in spite of the cold temps and occasional winds.

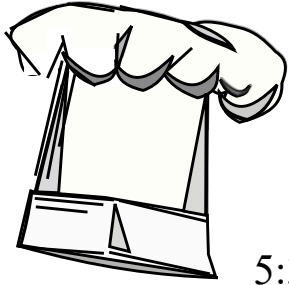
Worldwide we smashed last year's record of 4366 Ringmaster flights with a new RECORD 5727 flights by at least 657 different pilots (some reports don't list all pilots).

As kind of the PR man for the Fly-A-Thon I have an intense interest in seeing this event keep on growing!

If you don't know what the Fly-A-Thon is it is a celebration of control line flying and Model Aviation in general by Flying Ringmaster CL models over the 1st weekend of October (with the 2nd weekend as a make up rain check). The flights are reported to a central email address and tabulated to produce an Annual Fly-A-Thon Report. The Fly-A-Thon is sponsored by the "Brotherhood of the Ring Forum" That was started by Texan Dee Rice. Joey Mathison came up with the idea and Richard Grogan created the rules and format for the event. For the last 8 or so years I have been doing PR for the event and managing the "Annual Worldwide Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon" Facebook Group where Ringmaster pilots can post their photos and experiences during the Fly-A-Thon.



Above is my "one of a kind" electric twin 526 Ringmaster.



SIRS Annual Member Banquet November 10th

St. Mary's School

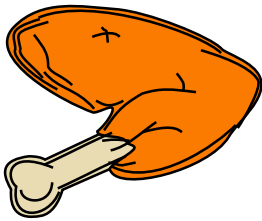
Enter the School from the parking lot behind the Church

5:30 Social hour, 6:30 dinner & 7:30 Meeting, Officer installation, Auction etc.

\$20 per plate (children under 16 free)

Although it is not necessary, please let John Burrill know if you plan to attend and how many meals you will need.

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The SIRS Field Search Committee can use any viable leads to a new field location you may come up with!

Below is a checklist to give you an idea of what an ideal location might include. Just contact any member of the committee with any leads you may have!

SIRS New Field Checklist

file = One drive !Newsletters/New Field checklist.doc
JCCRALL-PC computer. Revised 9/25/2018

ITEM:

Location

Closer to B/N?

Reasonably rural...a bit away from main roads

Reasonable access

Good drainage

Reasonably level

No model traps such as adjacent Woods etc.

No nearby Houses, Businesses, Livestock, etc.

Reasonable rent

Long term lease

Assured access to adjacent property to retrieve models

Available at reasonable date to start preparations

Zoning OK??

Electric connection available?

No likely nearby developments in the future!

Add your own items to check below!!!

2018/2019 Events Schedule:

All EVENTS at the Field are subject to favorable weather!

November 10th Annual SIRS Banquet

This event is for SIRS Members and Guests/Family

No Reservation is necessary

December 8th Club meeting at St Mary's School 7:00 PM (Doors open 6:00 PM)

Indoor flying before and after the meeting in the gym

January 1st Frozen Fingers Gathering at SIRS Field 9:00 AM.

Claims of first flight of 2019 at the field will be reviewed

January 12th Club Meeting at St. Mary's School

Some links that may interest (entertain) you!!

ME 109 Giant Scale at 50%!!!

Some really strange flying contraptions!

You might want to crank down the sound for this one!!

I believe God is managing affairs and that He doesn't need any advice from me. With God in charge, I believe everything will work out for the best in the end. So what is there to worry about. - Henry Ford

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