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Next Meeting January 11th 7:00PM Dues are Due

Informal fun fly at the field Jan. 1st and all are invited. Depending how many show, will determine if we get the pork chops out or not. Flying starts at about 10AM unless you get there earlier.

- PG 2 Minutes by Karl Laun
- PG 3 Pictures at SIRS Field and news
- PG 4 Swap Information for 2003

SIRS Meeting December 14, 2002

CALL TO ORDER:

President Chris Cochran called the meeting to order at 7:10pm

Approximately 14 members and one guest were in attendance.

Mike Wilson was introduced as a prospective member.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Since the previous meeting was the annual Banquet, there were no minutes.

Bob King moved to accept the lack of minutes from the Banquet. Jerry Worden seconded. Motion passed.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Jim Danforth read the treasurer's report. Bob King moved to accept the treasurer's report. Orville Egli seconded. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Awards presentations carried over from the November banquet:

- Most Spectacular Crash - Mike Hieronymous
- Scale Pilot - Jerry Worden
- Ohm's Award - Orville Egli, Bob King

NEW BUSINESS:

Swap Meet - Discussion: Whether we should hold a Swap Meet in 2003 and if so, where and when it would be held. Bob Hawkes moved to hold the Swap at the Interstate Center on March 19 (pending availability and verification of dates). Orville Egli seconded the motion. Motion passed. Further discussion: Means of advertising the swap, fees to be charged, concessions, possible AMA sponsorship.

RTL/Micro Hardware Order - Chris Cochran had information small hardware assortments from RTL. It was suggested that we amass a group order through the club for hardware items. Alternate vendors were discussed as a possibility. Chris Cochran and Orville Egli will coordinate the final arrangements for the order.

2003 Big Bird - Orville Egli moved to hold the 2003 Big Bird Fly-In on June 7 (optionally June 7-8 for a two-day event) Jerry Worden seconded. Motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Bob Hawkes announced that pylon racing will continue in 2003 beginning Sunday, June 1 and continuing every third week culminating in the Thompson Cup race in the fall. Schedule will be subject to change or adjustment as necessary to accommodate members or other events.
- Bob King advised members to read the rule changes noted in the AMA membership renewal materials.
- Chris Cochran proposed we officially adopt a flight pattern to preclude the possibility of conflicts when there are several fliers flying. Takeoffs would be made into the prevailing winds, and the first turn would be made away from the pit area. Further discussion at future meetings.
- Stan Thompson won \$31 in the 50/50 drawing
- Show and Tell: Karl Laun and Wayne Geffon showed their indoor profile Sukhoi electrics. Duane Holliger brought his newly completed Hot Hots.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chris Cochran moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:06pm. Orville Egli seconded. Meeting adjourned.

AMA videos were available to view after the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Karl Laun, Secretary



In the last newsletter the plane featured on the last page is Wayne Geffon's new Hanger 9 33% Cap 232. Here are some of the details of this magnificent plane. ZDZ 80 motor, J+A Pitts muffler, Menz-S 26x10 prop, JR XP-8103 radio, NER-549 PPM receiver, 2 - JR 8411 digital servos for elevators, 2 - JR 8411 digital servos for the rudder, 4 - JR 4735 servos for the ailerons, 3 - JR Matchboxes (Used on rudder, and ailerons to match the dual servos to each of those surfaces). He hopes to do some IMAC competing with it next year.

In Memory

It is with great reluctance that I have to report the passing of one of our life members this past month of Gene Babin. He was a longtime member up to about 8 years ago and his health made it impossible to continue with normal activities at the field. Gene showed a lot of concern for our club and was in regular contact with our members by email. The last meeting that he attended was our constitutional meeting. He was able to give us encouragement and support. He will be missed by those that knew him.



Wayne Geffon is giving Mike Wilson and our newest member his first lesson on a buddy box. Mike has shown a great deal of enthusiasm in learning to fly. When it comes to enthusiasm there is no lack of it here for proof of it exists when you fly in December. Although the weather hasn't been perfect some of us find that there are a few days that are acceptable.



Taken @ SIRS 12/15/02 Jerry Worden and Chris Cochran do some cold-weather aerial combat This year starting in June there will be combat every third Sunday and ending with the Thompson cup race. For more information contact **Bob Hawkes** concerning times and rules. Start building now and be ready.

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Do you know that as long as business continues Hobbyland will be open Sunday's noon to 4PM?

Do you flyers know that Hobbyland has an 800 number that is a real convenience for those that live out of town?



This is the Hot Hogs that Duane Holliger showed at the show and tell in the December meeting. The plans were taken out of R/C Modeler magazine about a year ago. This is another fine example of the great work Duane does in scratch building.



Karl Laun is showing his electric Sukhoi for indoors. The plane is very light and the power per weight ratio is more than enough to do all the maneuvers that are necessary. You wouldn't suppose that Karl might try to fly it outdoors? Just kidding.



During show and tell Wayne is showing Jerry Worden and Fr. Ric the power that these type of planes produce by running up the electric motor. It looks like Fr. Ric has a very good grip on the Sukhoi and is not likely to let it get away.

P.S. did you read all of the front page? Although the informal get together got into the newsletter, some will get it on time.

Dues for 2003: Send your dues payment of \$72.00. Remember only one adult fee per immediate family required. Juniors with no adult fee paid in family \$18.00

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