

S.I.R.S.



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S.I.R.S. / Prairie Aviation Museum Events Slated For May 2003: Volunteers Needed

by Karl Laun, SIRS Newsletter Editor



Chris Cochran, along with the Prairie Aviation Museum, has scheduled a day at the SIRS field to do some hands on demo flying with about 15-20 youths from the *Soaring Cobras*. The date is **Sunday, May 18th** from 1:30 pm to around 3:00 pm. We are currently seeking volunteers who could you help out in the following areas:

- Intro Pilots
- Instructors
- Trainer Planes (as many as we can borrow)
- Suggestions are welcome

On **Saturday, May 31**, the Prairie Aviation Museum will be hosting *Youth Day at the Airport*, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. We need a number of volunteers to bring all types of planes for static display and talk to visitors about R/C flying and the SIRS Club.

Prairie Aviation's Youth Group was organized in February of 1998 with ten youngsters coming together to plan the first Annual Youth Day at the airport. In January of 1999 the group named themselves the *Soaring Cobras*.

With their new name, the *Soaring Cobras* (boys and girls ages 7-17) developed plans for monthly meetings which include airport tours, guest speakers on the subjects of aviation and space, field trips to other museums, painting outdoor displays as well as planning for the Annual Youth Day at the Airport. As an ongoing special project, the Cobras adopted the Museum's Sea Cobra helicopter to provide routine care and maintenance.

<http://www.prairieaviationmuseum.org>

Activities at the SIRS Flying Field May 8, 2003



Mike Wilson prepares his new Midwest Aero-star for flight. Mike soloed it later in the day.



Stan Thompson manicures the flying field with the club's new tractor.

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Club Meetings

Club meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at the flying field in Covell, IL. Meetings begin at 7:00pm during the winter (CST) and 8:00pm during the summer (CDT).

SIRS Meeting Minutes — April 12, 2003

CALL TO ORDER:

President Chris Cochran called the meeting to order at 7:58 pm. There were 18 members and 3 guests present.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Secretary Dennis Wallen read the minutes from the last meeting. Chip Fraher moved to accept the minutes as read. Jack Miller seconded. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Jim Danforth read the Treasurer's Report. Chip Fraher moved to accept the report as read, Jerry Worden seconded. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Stan Thompson has generously donated his mower deck to mow the flying field.
- There was discussion on raising fees in the club to pay for the tractor.
- Bob King made the motion to purchase a tractor for mowing the flying field. Orville Egli seconded. Motion passed
- Chris Cochran made the motion to use the money from the swap and the 50\50 drawings to go toward paying for the tractor and maintenance. Was seconded by Chip Fraher. Motion passed.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Bob Heverman from the Summit Valley Club gave an informative talk on the benefits of incorporating our flying club.

SHOW AND TELL:

- Mike Wilson brought a nice 40 size trainer
- Andy Cogswell brought a great planes 40 size Extra 300

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- May 3, 2003 will be workday for THE SIRS CLUB flying field.
- The club wants to thank Orville Egli for the donation of the biplane at the SIRS swap meet.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chip Fraher made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm Jerry Worden seconded. Motion passed

Respectfully submitted, Dennis Wallen, Secretary.

April Show and Tell

photos by Chris Cochran



Andy Cogswell shows his Great Planes Extra 300 with an OS 56FX on the nose.



Mike Wilson brought in his recently completed first kit, a Midwest Aero-star, powered by an OS 40FX.

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S.I.R.S. Big Bird



06/07/03 - 06/08/03
Bloomington, IL

Info: Orville Egli, CD
406 2nd Street
Hopedale, IL 61747
309-449-5475

Site: SIRS Field. Use I-55-74 west bypass, exit 160, Route 9 west 3 1/2 mi to Covell Road, turn south at light, 4 mi on Covell Road to field.

Set up time 2PM Friday,
Pilot's meeting 9:30AM Sat & Sun. No landing fee.

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SIRS Member Specials

Great Planes Lancair .60 ARF Sale \$279.99 Members \$269.99
SIG Four Star .60 ARF Sale \$199.99 Members \$189.99
★★★ GWS A-10 back in stock \$79.99 w/flight pack ★★★

Wing Totes <http://www.wingtotes.com>

Little Tote	64"x20"	Reg \$54.99	Members \$29.99
Med Tote	74"x20"	Reg \$58.99	Members \$32.99
Big Tote	82"x24"	Reg \$68.99	Members \$40.99

Radio Controlled Airplane Show

Open House – Fly-In – Swap Meet
June 22, 2003

Presented by: Sangamon Valley R/C Flyers
Holmes Airport, Southeast of Lake Springfield
Springfield, IL

Gates open at 10:00 Flying starts at Noon
FREE ADMISSION NO LANDING FEES

- AMA registered pilots—bring your own planes to “show off!”*
- Students and potential members of SVRC can fly with an instructor **
- Static displays of many different types of Radio Controlled Aircraft
- Transmitter impound will be provided for frequency control
- Refreshments available at the site

*Pilots must present a valid AMA card to fly. **Instructors will be available throughout the day to assist students and prospective members.

For more information e-mail mikebehl@hotmail.com



Notes from the Editor

I have received a total of TWO responses from members who decided to opt for the E-version of the SIRS Newsletter. If you change your mind, or just forgot to notify me, you can do so at any time.

I'll continue to accept articles, reviews, advertisements or announcements from members. All I ask is that you have it to me a couple weeks prior to the next meeting so I will have time to incorporate it into the layout.

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Upcoming Events in May 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	<div style="background-color: yellow; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>In the coming months....</p> <p>S.I.R.S. Big Bird Fly-In • June 7-8 2nd Internet Fly-In • June 7-8 Sangamon Valley Open House/Fly-In • June 22 Streator Fun Fly • June 22</p> </div>				9	10 SIRS Meeting
11					16 Show Me RC Extravaganza Jefferson City, MO (May 16-18)	17 MMAA Glider Meet Muscatine, IA (May 17-18)
18 Soaring Cobras SIRS Field Q500 Pylon R/C Rockford, IL	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 13th Annual Warbird Fly In Terre Haute, IN	27	28	29	30	31 Phantm Flyrs E-Fly St. Charles, MO Thorncreek IMAC Lansing, IL