



## The 2003 SIRS Thompson Cup Race

photos by Karl Laun



Bob Hawkes displays his Rossi-powered Little Toni 1/4-Midget racer during the pre-race preparations.



Duane Holliger prepares his Wing Manufacturing P-51 for the Thompson race while Chris Cochran looks on. Duane's plane is powered by an OS .32.



Mike Hieronymous preflights his Lanier Predator 500, powered by an MVVS .40 motor. The model was sponsored by Hobbyland and flown by Wayne Geffon.



Jeff Carnahan calls out the time remaining as the Hobbyland Predator 500 screams around the east pylon.

Typically windy conditions prevailed on Sunday for the 2003 Thompson Cup Race, but abated slightly in the afternoon for the actual race. Bob had pit problems and was unable to get airborne for the race. When the 20 minute time had elapsed and all the laps counted, Wayne Geffon, piloting the Hieronymous/Hobbyland Predator was declared the winner.

**Final lap results: Wayne Geffon—82; Duane Holliger—76; Bob Hawkes—0 (did not fly)**

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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, Inc. Meeting Minutes — September 13, 2003

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Jim Danforth called the meeting to order at 8:02 pm.  
There were 13 members present.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Secretary Dennis Wallen read the minutes from the August meeting.  
Bob Hawkes moved to accept the minutes as read, Duane Holliger seconded. Motion was passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasure Jim Danforth read the treasurer's report. Motion to accept was made by Gene Barker, was seconded by Orville Egli. Motion passed.

**NEW MEMBERS:**

- Brett Welsh
- Jon Shiffer
- Fred Louge
- Randy Ross

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- The Thompson Cup Race will be held September 28, 2003, starting at 2:00pm
- The second tractor payment has been made.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A motion was made by Duane Holliger to have an awards banquet, and was seconded by Gene Barker. Motion passed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Orville Egli won the 50/50 drawing. Orville donated all of his winnings to the tractor fund. Thank you Orville.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Duane Hollinger made the motion to adjourn the meeting, was seconded by Orville Egli. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Dennis Wallen, Secretary.





## Chicago Int'l Model and Hobby Expo

(Rosemont, IL) - This year's International Model and Hobby Expo was held on Sept 11-14 at the Stephens Convention Center. New this year was the opportunity for vendors to sell directly to the public during the last two days of the convention. Over 9000 hobbyists were in attendance on Saturday and Sunday.

Segments for the Outdoor Channel's *Inside R/C* series were taped live during the convention. Most notably, the IRC Triathlon races that featured R/C cars, boats and planes in events scheduled throughout the convention.

The show will return to the Stephens Center next year on Oct 14-17, 2004, but plans to move the venue for the 2005 Expo are being considered.

<http://www.ihobbyexpo.com/>



A Light Machines Corona hovers in the copter cage demonstration area.

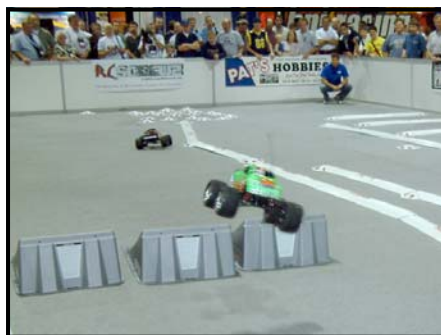


Model railroad enthusiasts ponder the intricacies of an elaborate round house setup.

story and photos by Karl Laun



The new Hangar 9 33% Extra 330S ARF was on display over the Horizon Hobby area.



Buggies take to the air as IROC racers launch from the ramps in the IRC Triathlon..



Hobbyzone Zig Zag racers prepare to compete in the Inside RC Triathlon water event.

## SIRS Classifieds

FOR SALE

**ILSAN Extra 300 ARF**

60 size, completed, ready to fly. Retail \$200, sell for \$130.  
Call Norm @(309) 828-1265

**SuperNova Charger**

Charges Pb, NiCd, NiMh \$40  
Call Mike Heironymous (309)532-3802 or [mhieronymous@cawi.org](mailto:mhieronymous@cawi.org)

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We still have several Hangar 9 Funtana S.40 ARF's  
In stock

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# Upcoming Events for October 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 SIRS Meeting
12	13	<b>In the coming months....</b>  SIRS, Inc. Banquet · November 9, Covell Town Hall 3rd Internet Fly-In · June 5-6, Edinburgh, IN				18
19	20					25
26	27	28	29	30	31	