



## Open House and Thompson Cup set for September

### Your participation makes a difference...

Fellow members...

Participation occurs at different levels... At last months meeting it was reported that an anonymous member floated the club a short term interest free loan to help us finish the year. This generosity is an example participation at a level above and beyond what is expected of members. It is also an affirmation of the belief that what we do as a club matters... we can thank that member by offering our own participation in the events remaining this year...

On September 12th we will host our annual open house...I mentioned last month the importance of supporting events such as this Please plan to attend this month's meeting prepared to offer your help. We will set up the field for our open house just before the September meeting.

On Sunday morning we will need help with food preparation. Elaine Hawks will be overseeing this area in the morning and my wife Libby will be on hand in the early afternoon. Orville will oversee flight operations in the morning and I will be there around noon. Please be ready to help us.

Also at the meeting we will open up the floor for nominations for club officers I know of at least one office that

ill need to be filled –You will need to elect a president...It's been rewarding being your president this year but I took the job mainly because of the peculiar circumstances we were faced with at the beginning of the year. Don't be intimidated by the title...If you have a vision for this club then step up and take us there!

I've noticed many flyers getting ready for the prestigious Thompson cup race... you will find the rules elsewhere in this news letter. My bet is on the new gunslinger called Nate...

Don't forget about our swap meet...

I'll conclude this month by noting what I believe may be a first in SIRS history...at our August meeting Andy offered apologies for not getting everything that was submitted into the news letter...no apologies necessary Andy, keep up the good work!

Respectfully  
Jerry



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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

August 14th, 2004

### CALL TO ORDER:

President Jerry Worden called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. There were 18 members present with one guest, Dillon Egili

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Secretary Dennis Wallen read the minutes from the last meeting.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer's report was given by Jim Danforth, a motion was made by Fr. Rick and seconded by Chuck Tarbox to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed

### OLD BUSINESS:

- SIRS Open House will be held on Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Setup for this event will be Saturday September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2004 before the September meeting. Please come out and help. Volunteers will also be needed to run this event, please see Orville or Jerry if you can help..
- The Thompson Cup Races are going to be run September 26, 2004. This will be a 20 minute timed race with one fuel stop. Who ever runs the most laps in 20 minutes minus the pylon cuts will be the winner and have their name put on the Thompson Cup Trophy.  
The SIRS Swap will be October 23, 2004

### New Business:

Contest Directors are needed to run our club events, please consider helping out, the club will pay your fees. Please contact Jerry Worden if you are interested

- We are going to look at the 2005 calendar of events and set some definite dates for the events we want to participate in next year.  
The SIRS sign was run over and needs to be put back up if any one wants to help with this please call Jerry Worden

### SAFETY AT THE FIELD:

**• Please keep your transmitters on the board when not in use. Orville went to a lot of trouble making us a nice frequency board so the best we can do is use it.  
We seem to have a lot of dead grass on the flight line, please contain your excess fuel and don't run your hot exhaust on the ground in one place to long.**

### 50/50 WINNER

Jim Danforth won the 50/50 drawing

### ADJOURNMENT:

Fr. Rick made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed

Respectfully submitted, Dennis Wallen Secretary

# **Ways to Kill a Club:**

**The following list was obtained from a leading national community service organization. We can all learn from it.**

- 1) Don't attend meetings, but if you do, arrive late.**
- 2) Be sure to leave before the meeting is over and make sure everyone hears you leave.**
- 3) Sit in the back so you can talk with other members during the meeting.**
- 4) Never have anything to say at meetings; wait until you get outside, then always be negative.**
- 5) After meetings, find fault with club officers and fellow members.**
- 6) Hold back your annual dues as long as possible, or better yet, don't pay at all.**
- 7) Never accept an office or serve on a committee. It is much easier to criticize than to do.**
- 8) When everything else fails, abuse the club's officers.**
- 9) Don't bother enlisting new members; let the others do it all.**
- 10) At meetings, agree to everything, then go home and do nothing.**
- 11) Don't tell the club how its policy can help you, but if it doesn't help you, tell everyone else it's useless.**
- 12) Do nothing more than what's necessary, but when other members roll up their sleeves and willingly use their ability to help matters along, complain that the club is being run by a clique or dictator.**
- 13) Talk cooperation but never cooperate.**
- 14) Get all that the club has to give but give nothing in return.**
- 15) Threaten to leave the club if something isn't the way you want it.**
- 16) If you're asked to help, always say you don't have time.**
- 17) Never read any mailings or seek information. You might find out what's going on.**
- 18) If appointed to a position, never devote any time to it. Let someone else do it all.**
- 19) Overlook your own shortcomings and concentrate on what they are not doing.**
- 20) Repeat all the unpleasant things about your club to anyone who will listen.**
- 21) Always criticize club officers whenever the opportunity arises.**

**from Smoke Signals**

**Meroke Radio Control Club**

**Joe Di Prima, editor**

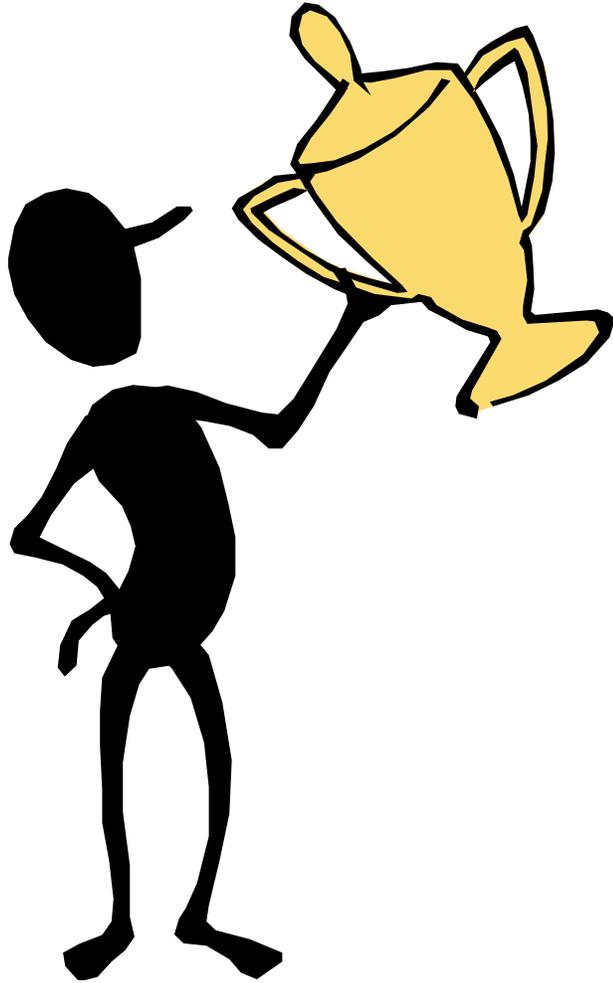
**Franklin Square NY**

# Thompson Cup up for grabs

*Come compete and have fun no matter what size plane:*

All club members are invited to come out and try your hand at winning the prestigious Thompson Cup. Come out and see how your skill level matches up with your fellow club members or just come out and fly just to see what pylon racing is like. The Thompson Cup is all about having fun.

Below are a list of the rules for the Thompson Cup. As you can see they are fairly simple, so why not give it a shot. You never know what might happen.



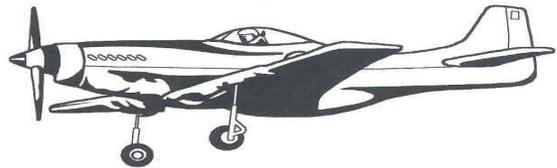
## Thompson Cup Rules

The Thompson cup is an open class race.

1. The race is 20 min. of flying with one pit stop mandatory. The engine must stop and be restarted during this pit stop. Most laps in 20 min. wins
2. Heats – There will be 2-4 planes per heat trying to keep planes of equal speed and pilot skills in the same heat.
3. Start of Race – The pilots will be given a ready to start. Then the pilots will have 1 min. to get their engines started. The Starter/Timer will signal the start of the race after 1 min. or if all plots are ready sooner. The 20 min. of racing starts at this point.
4. pilots will fly past the East pylon then fly back West The counting of laps starts will the planes cross the center of the field going east to west.
5. Laps – Planes must fly past each pylon. Failing to go past the pylon will result in one cut. Cuts are subtracted from the total number of laps.
6. Caller – Each pilot should have a Caller. The Caller's main job is safety and to help the pilot.
7. Safety – The Starter of each heat has total authority for safety over that heat.
8. Other - This race is for our club members.
9. Remember we need 6 people in ground support for every two plots flying.

# 2004 annual S.I.R.S Open House

## Air Show



## Sun. Sept. 12

all size planes welcome  
no landing fee

Free admittance - public welcome  
concessions at field



## Location

SIRS Flying Field  
Stringtown Road Covel II.  
RT..9 west 3.5 miles to covel rd.  
covel rd. south 4miles to field

S.I.R.S. ANNUAL SWAP

Oct 23, 2004

Radio Controlled Airplanes

Engines, Radios, & Build Equipment 50+ Tables

TABLE \$10 each includes one admission

General Admission: \$4.00

Spouses and children under 16 free



Location: Interstate Center Bloomington, IL -  
[www.exposition.org](http://www.exposition.org) 4 m west of I-55 exit 160B

SET-UP 9 A.M.

General public 10 A.M. to 2PM

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Refreshments, nearby motels, outlet mall, and restaurants nearby.



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