



Pictures from the 2006 SIRS Banquet



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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).

The SIRS Club Annual Banquet was held on Sunday, November 12, 2006 at the Covell Town Hall. There were about 40 people in attendance. A great meal was served. Orville had a great picture presentation of the 2006 season on the big screen. It was about 20 minutes long and entertained the crowd. Everyone also seemed to enjoy some RC Crash videos as well as some videos of another flying event.

Jerry Martin from Hobbyland spoke briefly about the evolution of Hobbyland over the past year and he really appreciates the support of the club. Mrs. Hawkes made table decorations and Fr. Ric donated a very nice biplane for the club raffle. Awards were given to numerous club members for 2006 service including Andy Cogswell (Newsletter), Mike Wilson (Secretary), Pat Henson (VP), and Jim Danforth (Treasurer). Jim has been an active club officer for 8 years running!

All of the Thompson Cup racers were mentioned, and congratulations were given to Bob Hawkes as the winner this year with 97 laps. Stan & Doris Thompson were thanked for their ongoing generosity to the club. Denny Wallen was awarded the "Instructor of All Time" award, but he was not able to attend the banquet. Dave Haas won the "Most Improved Pilot" award. Todd Guttschow was given the Francis Ohm Award. A secret committee was apparently formed that selected Tom Kirk for the "Most Sexy Pilot" award.

Beyond that, there was some quick discussion about the 2007 club calendar. Then it was on to the club raffle. Dave Hass will be able to continue his flying improvement as he won the Edge 540 airplane. Numerous gift certificates from Hobbyland and Computer Deli were awarded. Mrs. Logue won the biplane that Fr. Ric donated. The banquet adjourned at 8:45pm. All in all, it was a lot of fun!

Club Dues for 2007

The following club dues **proposal** will be discussed and voted on at the December SIRS meeting.

Shortly after the December 2006 club meeting, bills will be sent out to all current and past members inviting them to renew their SIRS Club membership for 2007. If dues are paid in full by Jan. 31, 2007, dues for 2007 can be paid at the 2006 rate of \$72.00 for Regular Members. If dues are not paid in full by Jan. 31, 2007 then the following rates will apply for all current and past members:

Regular Member = \$84.00 dues for the year, no discounts applicable.

Junior Member = \$42.00 dues for the year, no discounts applicable.

Family Member = \$0.00 dues for the year.

Friends of the Club = \$0.00 dues for the year.

If you have been a member within the last four years, and you wish to rejoin for 2007, you need to pay the annual dues in full. This is regardless of whether you rejoin in January of 2007 or June of 2007. Our club dues are based on an annual membership amount, not a monthly fee.

Junior Membership is available to any person who is joining SIRS who holds an AMA Youth Membership Card (For those under 19 years of age as of July 1st, 2007).

Family Membership is available for anyone who lives in the same household as a dues paying Regular Member AND who is joining SIRS who EITHER holds an AMA Youth Membership Card (For those under 19 years of age as of July 1st, 2007) OR who is a full-time college student. Family Membership can also apply to the spouse of a Regular Member. Family members can only get the newsletter via email.

Friends of the Club is available for those persons who would like to be notified via email of the club newsletter and other club communication. It does NOT include any flying privileges at the SIRS Club.

Also up for discussion is the possibility of various discounts for 2008 membership renewals as follows:

Consider - Discount if dues are paid by Jan. 31st, 2008 (1/2 that discount for Junior).

Consider - Discount if member agrees to take newsletter via Email (1/2 that discount for Junior).

Consider – Members “earn” discounts or points by various volunteering efforts throughout the year for club needs. These earned discounts or points would then be deducted from their bill for the next year’s membership renewal.

Other ideas for 2008 dues?

The club is hoping that more members will consider volunteering to assist the club, or the dues may need to be revisited during 2007 as the clubs financial and service needs dictate.

For NEW members of the club who join sometime during 2007, dues would be prorated for 2007 at the rate of \$7.00 for each full month (or fraction thereof) remaining in 2007. Junior Members would be \$3.50 per month (or fraction thereof). This is only available for New members to the club. There are no discounts for prorated New members (no early pay or email newsletter discount).

All Regular, Junior and Family members must hold an AMA Membership card.

CLUB EVENTS – Following is a **TENTATIVE** list of calendar events to be discussed at the December club meeting.

January 1, 2007, Monday – 12:01 AM or anytime thereafter.
First flight of the year (For whoever is crazy enough to do so!)

January 1, 2007, Monday – 11:30 AM lunch.
Chili-Chilly Fun Fly – Fun fly event (Or just come for good eats)

March 3rd, 2007, Saturday – 8:30 AM Setup, Open 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.
SIRS Club Swap Meet – Sale and swap your stuff for more stuff at the Interstate Center.

April 21, 2007, Saturday – 10:00 AM until ?
Clean up day at the field – Come out and help your club get the field ready for a new year!

May 12th, 2007, Saturday – 6:00 PM until Club Meeting at 8:00 PM
SIRS Spring Fling Static Show – Bring out your new models and show them off. Secret ballot vote of show attendees to pick out “Favorite new model of the year”. Open class event so any kit built, ARF, purchased plane or whatever can compete.

May 26th, 2007, Saturday – 10:00 AM until ?
SIRS Heli-Daze Fun Fly – Bring out your helicopters and brush up on your hovering and/or 3-D helicopter flying. Field is still open to all normal flying of everyone, but we’d really like to see a nice selection of helicopters gather together! Helicopter take-off and landing should be limited to center of North part of the field. Planes should fly East/West pattern. Everyone should use normal frequency board procedures.

June 9th, 2007, Saturday – 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
SIRS IMAA Big Bird Fly-in – IMAA legal planes only. IMAA membership required. Field is closed to regular flying. Let’s see those giant scale airplanes take to the skies of Central Illinois. Aerobatics, war birds and classic models of yesteryear will all be represented. Bring out your giant scale airplanes or just come out for a great day of flying! A great day for the families to come out to the SIRS club flying field. No landing fees!

June 23rd, 2007, Saturday – 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM
SIRS Space Cowboy Rocket Launch – Bring out your hobby rockets for some model rocketry fun. Rocket engine size is limited to B6-4 or smaller. No exceptions!!! Event will be cancelled if winds are unfavorable (Blowing South to North). Flying field is closed to all other flying during morning. All participants must follow exactly the instructions of the safety directors! Come out and have a blast!

July, 2007 – Date to be determined
SIRS Supports the Prairie Aviation Museum by providing to students of their Summer Aviation Camp an opportunity to see and learn about the sport of Radio Control Model Aircraft, followed by an opportunity for each student to take a turn at the sticks on a buddy box with a SIRS pilot. Great fun for the students, and fun for the volunteers who assist as well! Time to be determined, but it is usually a weekday early afternoon.

July 15th, 2007, Sunday – 1:00 PM to ?

SIRS War Bird Wonders Day – Bring out your war birds on this fine Sunday afternoon. Field is still open to all normal flying of everyone, but we'd really like to see a nice selection of war birds gather together! Everyone should use normal frequency board procedures.

July 28th, 2007, Saturday – 1:00 PM to ?

SIRS Circle Daze Fun Fly – Bring out your control line airplanes and show off an alternative to those nutty “wireless” airplanes (Those things will never catch on). Field is still open to all normal flying of everyone, but we'd really like to see a nice selection of control line airplanes gather together! Control line planes should be limited to North part of the field. Radio Control planes should fly East/West pattern. Everyone should use normal frequency board procedures.

August 12th, 2007, Sunday – 10:00 AM to ?

SIRS Heli-Daze 2 Fun Fly – Same format as May 26th Heli-Daze.

August 26th, 2007, Sunday 1:00 PM to ?

SIRS Eclectic Electric Day – Bring out your electric powered flyers on this fine Sunday afternoon. Field is still open to all normal flying of everyone, but we'd really like to see a nice selection of electric powered aircraft gather together! Everyone should use normal frequency board procedures.

September 15th, 2007, Saturday – 1:00 PM (September 16th, 2007 – Rain Date)

SIRS Thompson Cup Race – Who feels the need for speed? Who likes to go fast and turn left?

November 10th, 2007, Saturday 5:00 PM

SIRS Annual Banquet – Come one, come all! Flyers, spouses, kids, friends & family are all welcome at this sumptuous banquet located in the finest digs that Covell has to offer!

SIRS Chili Chilly

It is almost time for what is becoming a well know tradition in Central IL. The annual Chili Chilly event at the SIRS field. Come to the field on January 1st and have a bowl of chili and if weather permits do some flying. Regardless, come out and have a bowl of chili and socialize. Also, who will be the first one to get the first flight of the year. I am sure Ken Ausili will be competing to get the first flight. Best of luck.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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