



Here are a couple of nice pictures from the SIRS field . Jerry Worden is practicing his take offs and landings with his snow skis.

If you have any current pictures from the field or any building projects please email me some pictures to share with everybody. Thanks.

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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 – February 10th, 2007

Call to Order:

President Tom Kirk called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There were 20 members present, including one new member that joined.

Previous Minutes:

Minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer Report:

Jim Danforth gave the treasurers report, which was approved by the members present.

Old Business:

Tom Kirk gave an update on the upcoming March 3rd Swap Meet. Several members volunteered to assist with activities.

New Business:

Tom Kirk led a member discussion about the features and benefits of the newer Spektrum radios and how frequency pins are not needed for these advanced radios.

It was noted that the monthly meeting time will change when Daylight Savings Time changes.

It was discussed and approved that the SIRS club will have a drawing for a prize at the annual banquet. Each member receives a “ticket” each time they attend a club meeting this year. You “enter” by signing the monthly roster each time you attend a monthly meeting.

It was suggested that there may be AMA money available to the club for doing events that promote model aviation flying.

Jerry Worden brought in some historical documents from the clubs early days.

Fred won a \$20 gift certificate in the February attendance raffle.

Mike Wilson won the 50/50 drawing and donated all of his winnings back to the club. Way to go Mike!

Show & Tell:

Several members had an opportunity to fly a Blade CX/2 helicopter at the Show & Tell. Members also had fun flying some small (very small) helicopters that are available from Walmart and other places for about \$30.00.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting was second and passed at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Todd Guttschow.

S.I.R.S. ANNUAL SWAP

March 3rd, 2007

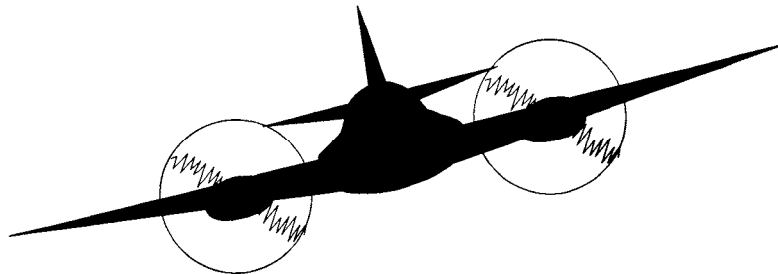
Radio Controlled Airplanes

Engines, Radios, & Build Equipment 50+ Tables

TABLE \$10 each includes one admission - Second Table \$8.00

General Admission: \$5.00

Spouses and children under 16 free



Location: Interstate Center Bloomington, IL - www.exposition.org 4 m west of I-55 exit 160B

SET-UP 8:30 A.M.

General public 9:00 A.M. to 1PM

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



GENE BARKER

Spotlight SIRS Member Interview

Gene Barker is this month's SIRS Member Spotlight Interview. Gene is the last original SIRS charter member. He joined the SIRS club in 1964. Gene has been an instructor, newsletter editor and past president of SIRS. He started the club newsletter in the 1960s. He began flying with control line planes when he was in high school. He had gone an RC field in Lincoln where he met a gentleman who shared his knowledge of the hobby and helped Gene get started. Gene remembers many nights out at the field flying and building planes with him. As a kid, Gene would ride his bike across town to the field with his field box and equipment. Gene prefers to scratch build planes and he believes a lot of the newcomers to the hobby are missing out on learning how to build because of the ARF revolution. Gene is in the process of scratch building a plane right now that he hopes to have ready to fly this spring. Some of his favorite planes and building projects have been the Waco PF-7, Stinson Reliant, Piper Cub and a B-25. He enjoys scale aerobatic airplanes. He prefers scale aerobatic planes. Gene has built several hundred planes over the years. One piece of advice that he has for newcomers in the hobby is to have patience while they are building their planes. He likes to share his knowledge about the hobby and help people whenever he can.

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