



Here is a recent picture of all of our participates from our Spring Fling Static Show.

If you have any current pictures from the field to share with everybody please email them to me. Thanks.

Mike Wilson  
SIRS Newsletter Editor

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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 - May 12th, 2007**

**Call to Order:**

President Tom Kirk called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM. There were 20 members present.

**Previous Minutes:**

Minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

**Treasurer Report:**

Jim Danforth reported on the balance in the club's treasury. Treasury is in good shape for meeting club expenses for 2007. Jim also reported that the AMA Charter package has been received, and he handed out the officers patches for 2007.

**Old Business:**

Estimates for a new windsock for the club were reviewed. Club voted to go with the most economical option, and a new windsock will be ordered.

The club had a cookout before the meeting, and it was decided that there would be a cookout before the June meeting, if the weather is nice, at 6:30 PM. Bring a dish to share if you're eating.

There was some discussion of club dues, as related to the possibility of a senior discount and also the club participation discount. It was agreed club officers will review this and consider some options to present to the membership. It was also agreed that the club needs to be more proactive in making the membership aware of volunteer possibilities to assist the club.

**New Business:**

Gene Barker was awarded a trophy for his win in the 2007 Spring Fling Static Show.

There was some discussion about how the club needs some fresh t-shirts for this year. Orville is going to check on some estimates for the next meeting. Jerry Worden also had some contacts.

The club calendar was reviewed and volunteers are being sought to assist with upcoming events. The AMA will be reimbursing the club for the purchase of a new club trainer plane, in conjunction with the upcoming AMA Promotion Day being held at the club field. Jerry will be researching options for purchasing a plane and radio.

The club also voted and approved the purchase of a YAK 54 ARF 90 size airplane to be used with other donated prizes for the raffle for the upcoming Big Bird event.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn meeting was second and passed at 8:50 PM.

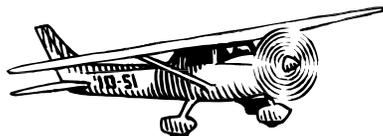
Respectfully submitted by Todd Guttschow

# ***SIRS 2007 BIG BIRD***

***MIDWEST FLY IN***

***SATURDAY JUNE 9th, 2007***

***Showtime 9:30 AM till 4:00 PM***



**Break Time Noon to 12:45**

**150ft x 600ft large crew cut grass runway with unlimited over fly. Pilot requirement: AMA & IMAA Membership # Current! AMA/IMAA Sanction Event**

**Registration 8:30-9:30am**

**Pilot meeting: 9:30am**

**NO Landing Fee**

**Plane Requirements**

**80 inches Mono --- 60 inches Bi-Plane**

**True 1/4 scale**

**Concessions at field ---- 50/50 Raffle, YAK 90 Size plane, ST G90 engine and many other prizes for raffle items.**

**Web Site: [www.sirs-rc.com](http://www.sirs-rc.com)**

**Directions to SIRS Field:**

**Interstate 55&74 west side of Bloomington  
Exit 160 west on Rt 9 - 3 1/2 Miles to Covell Rd  
4 Miles to SIRS field**

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## SIRS 2007 SPRING FLING STATIC SHOW Pictures



Dave Ludington with his 4 Star Forty



Doug Mock with Japanese Zero



Orville showing off Stan's Quickie racer



Father Ric's American Aero Corvette



Duane Holliger P-51D Mustang



Jerry Worden's Jet A4 Skyhawk



Pat Henson 1/3 scale J-3 Cub



Fred Logue P-51 Miss America



Gene Barker Beechcraft, Kwick-fli, Bar-fli planes



Nate Strait Goldberg Extra 330



Stan Thompson voting for his favorite for the Static Show

The SIRS Club Spring Fling Static Show took place before the club meeting on May 12th, 2007. There was a good turnout of planes, participants and spectators. The attendees voted Gene Barker as the Spring Fling Static Show Champion with his Great Planes Stagger wing ARF leading the pack. Gene had 3 planes entered. Gene took home a trophy for his efforts.

In second place (Missing a tie with Gene by only ONE vote) was Duane Holliger. Duane entered a P-51 that was absolutely beautiful. When asked how many hours he has spent building this beauty his joking response was that he did not even want to think about the hours invested.

Jerry Worden beat the rest of the pack (of about 15 airplanes) with an A4 Skyhawk ducted fan model that he has had under construction for several years.

The static show was followed by an informal cookout, and despite the stiff breezes a few pilots did get some flights in before dark settled over the field.



# SIRS 2007 CLUB EVENT CALENDAR

May 26th, Saturday - 10:00 AM  
Heli-Daze Club Fun Fly.  
Still open flying for everyone.

June 8th, Friday - 5:30 PM  
Volunteers needed to help with setup for Big Bird.

June 9th, Saturday - IMAA Big Bird - 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM  
8:00 AM Volunteers needed for final setup and event beginning.  
IMAA Big Bird Event - See flyer  
6:30 PM - Club cookout if the weather is good, bring a dish.  
8:00 PM - Club Meeting

June 16th, Saturday:  
Fun Club Race Day 1:00 PM pilots meeting followed by racing.  
Racing takes flying priority.

June 23rd, Saturday:  
AMA Aviation Promotion Day  
Need designated instructors - call Jerry Worden.  
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Demonstrations on R/C, U-Control & Rockets. Trainer planes with instructors for the public to fly. Food! AMA Special Events Team. This event is for the public to experience different aspects of our aviation hobbies.

July 14th, Saturday  
Club Meeting - 8:00 PM

July 15th, Sunday  
SIRS War Bird Wonders Day - 1:00 PM Club Fun Fly.  
Still open flying for everyone.

July 28th, Saturday  
Circle Daze Fun Fly - 1:00 PM Club Fun Fly.  
Control line airplanes.  
Still open flying for everyone.

August 11th, Saturday  
Club Meeting - 8:00 PM

August 12th, Sunday - 10:00 AM  
Heli-Daze 2 Club Fun Fly.  
Still open flying for everyone.

August 26th, Sunday - 1:00 PM  
Eclectic Electric Club Fun Fly, bring out your electric aircraft.  
Still open flying for everyone.

SIRS 2007 Membership roster as of the May, 2007 meeting. 70 members total, consisting of 58 regular members, 2 junior members, 4 family members (associated with regular members) and 6 life members. If you do not see your name listed please contact the club treasurer or please consider making your club dues current.

Anderson, Larry	Rickert, Roy
Ausili, Art	Schneider, Fr. Ric
Ausili, Ken	Smith, Ben
Babin, Gene	Smith, Doug
Barker, Eugene	Snyder, Robert G.
Beavers, Chad	Stadsholt, Bob
Borzello, Dr. Michael	Steffen, Mark
Bradford, Donald R.	Strait, Nate
Cappis, Marilyn	Sunkel, Jason
Cellini, Anthony	Tarbox, Charles
Culnan, Tom	Thompson, Doris
Danforth, Gordon	Thompson, Stan
Danforth, James	Titus, Jack
Dolniak, Steve	Wallen, Dennis
Egli, Orville	Weir, Todd
Ethington, Brian	Wellmerling, Art
Ford, George	Wilson, Mike
Fraher, Chip	Winks, John D.
Garrigus, Dennis	Worden, Jerry
Geffon, Wayne	Worden, Justin
Guttschow, Todd	
Guttschow, Tom	
Haab, David R.	
Hanson, Thomas G.	
Hass, Dave	
Hawkes, Robert W.	
Henson, Patrick	
Holliger, Duane	
Jackson, Merle	
Jennings, Norm	
Judd, Brian	
Kirk, Tom	
Koch, Joann	
Laun, Karl	
Lee, Leonard	
Lenhardt, Jeff	
Logue, Frederick	
Lu, Xiaobing	
Ludington, David	
Ludington, Hunter	
McIlvoy, Shayne	
Mikesell, Donald Lee	
Miller, Jack	
Mock, Douglas	
Mori, Kenji	
Murphy, Chris	
O'Donnel, Chuck	
Peters, Carl	
Reyes, John Paul	
Richter, James	



## **Fr Ric Schneider**

### **SIRS Spotlight Member Interview**

Fr Ric has been involved with the RC hobby since 1964. He has been written up in three magazines over the years including Model Airplane News for testing a World Engine Hawk 40 size plane. Fr Ric first heard about RC airplanes when he was the dean of discipline for a boarding school in Ohio. A couple of RC pilots were looking for a place to fly. They came over to see him if it would be okay to fly on there property. The club started out with about 10 members and grew to be over 200 members. The name of the club is called the Greater Cincinnati RC Club. Fr Ric was President of the club in 1978. He was able to work a deal out with the Army Core Engineers to build an asphalt runway for the club. The runway was 400 X 30 ft. After that was accomplished Fr Ric started to organize a very large air show every year. It has grown a lot over the years. At one point they had over 20,000 people in attendance for the air show. The air show is going and is currently being held at the Flying Circus Hamilton Airport. He has also experience starting up a couple of other clubs in the Ohio region. Fr Ric enjoys flying because it is relaxing. He has been a SIRS member since the 1980's. He is a master builder of several airplanes. He also enjoys flying electric planes and believes that is the wave of the future. Thanks for sharing with us Fr Ric.

# WORDS FROM THE PREZ

Lets Regroup?

During the last club meeting I found myself wondering just what exactly is it that I am trying to accomplish with the club. Even now as I write this it still puzzles me. What I went into the President position with was simply...1. I love the challenge of trying to fly r/c planes and helicopters. 2. I enjoy being around and with people. 3. I wanted to help participate in keeping the SIRS club going.

I sit here now knowing that that is not enough to lead the club into what I hope is a very long future. At the very beginning of the year a member brought up to the club that we need to decide what the intentions of the club are. I feel I have in some ways failed in not focusing on that months ago. I understand now that if we simply can agree on why this club is here, the future should always have a SIRS club in it. Is the club here to promote the hobby? Is the club here to allow club members a place to fly? Is the SIRS field a place you go to fly and hope few people are there so you have a flying field all to yourself? Do we want to save money for future growth or unexpected expenses? Do we want to just have enough money to get us through the year? Should we just keep it simple and concentrate on flying r/c and not doing special events? Do we want things even to everyone or offer exceptions? I could go on and on with these questions and I understand now that they will not be answered until we answer what are the intentions of the club are.

So I ask you to think about this as I have. I am going to ask this question at the upcoming club meeting. I want to here what you think the club is here and in return for I will tell you what I think the club is here for. Then all the answers to these ongoing questions should be answered. The nice weather is here, I want to figure this out so I can get it off my mind and enjoy it.

Tom Kirk

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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