



Here is a recent picture from our Big Bird Fly-In on June 9th. Thanks for everybody's help to make it a success event.

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 - June 9th, 2007

Call to Order:

President Tom Kirk called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM. There were 15 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. It is estimated that the SIRS Big Bird added several hundred dollars to the club treasury but an official tally had not been accomplished since the event had just concluded. The Big Bird ran throughout Saturday and some people were still flying even at the end of the day. Most of the hamburgers and hotdogs sold out, there was still a little food left, but not much.

Recognition:

It was recognized that Mike Wilson did a great job pulling together the Big Bird event. Jim Danforth was a big help. In addition, the following members have earned a \$10 discount on next years dues for their assistance: Dave Ludington, James Richter, Dave Hass, Pat Henson & Jerry Worden. Thanks to everyone who helped!

Old Business:

The new windsock has been put up. Possible dues strategies were briefly discussed. The mission of the club was briefly discussed. The status of the "old" mower was briefly discussed. There was brief discussion about whether or not there will be an open house on Sept. 9th and that someone needs to step forward to run the event if there is going to be one. These issues were all tabled for future discussion.

New Business:

AMA Aviation Adventure Day was discussed. Field setup was planned out. The event is Saturday, June 23rd, 10-4 PM. The goal of the event is to introduce the general public to various forms of model aviation including R/C, Control Line & Rockets. Help is needed from members on Friday at 5:30 PM to help with field set up, and throughout Saturday to help with all aspects of the day including flying, parking, food, instruction, etc. Please come out and help if you can. The club is purchasing a new Avistar trainer which will be reimbursed by AMA. The AMA will also reimburse the club for advertisements in the Pantagraph. The club voted to purchase up to two small Phantom airplanes for the raffle. Additional donations may be sought. It was also voted to include in the raffle a SIRS Membership for one year (Does not include AMA membership).

The membership is asked to bring out their interesting planes (trainers to giant scale) to show off to the public. Some demo flights will be run as well to show off the hobby, but the trainers will dominate the air for most of the day.

Dave and several other members volunteered to get the grill working better so Pat won't have to drag his grill from home again (Thanks Pat for the use of the grill for the Big Bird!).

Shirts - Pat and Tom are going to check about possible logo designs that could be used on shirts for the club eventually. The need for shirts was discussed as well as possible sources.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting was second and passed at 8:40 PM.

SIRS 2007 Big Bird Pictures



Orville Egli
PattyWagstaff



Wayne Geffon
Carden Extra 300



Chip Fraher
Carden Cap 232



Gene Barker
Great Planes CAP 580



Herman Lowery
Fokker D-7



Sean Cassidy
Panther Turbine Jet



Doug Dowling
Carden Edge 540



Craig Molander
Carden Edge 35 %



Al Smith
YAK 55 Composite



TJ Klise
Sukhoi 31



Chris Boley
Weeks Solution Bipe

SIRS Big Bird Fly-In was held on Saturday June 9th, 2007. We had great weather and a slight breeze. It was a perfect day for flying. We had around 30 pilots at the event from all around. We look forward to seeing many of you again in 2008 for the SIRS Big Bird event. Everybody had a great time.



Aviation Adventure Saturday June 23rd starts at 10 AM

Our open house, aka model aviation adventure, will be held June 23rd, on the heels of the big bird... this will be an event to introduce the public to various aspects of model aviation including:

R/C Flying
Control line flying
model rocketry...
free flight?

We will need your assistance in the following areas...

1. Field set up Friday night
2. parking- guiding vehicles into rows...
3. food/concessions
4. Sell raffle /50-50 tickets...
5. instructors/
6. launch directors(rocketry)
7. demonstrations: WWI flight, WWII flight, 3D/aerobatics... Electric Helicopter other?
8. clean up...

Jim Swearingen and friends will work the control line circle....
have I left out anything...

this is a golden opportunity on two fronts...
we can introduce the public to our hobby
we can enhance our club's financial situation

I'm hoping that you'll set aside some time to help with this event....
use this forum to respond in the ways you're willing to help or send an e-mail

<mailto:jwfly1697@msn.com>

thanks in advance...

Jerry Worden

SIRS 2007 CLUB EVENT CALENDAR

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.



Bob Hawkes

SIRS Spotlight Member Interview

Bob has always been interested in aviation since he was 5 years old. His first plane was a Winmack Control Line airplane. He received it as a Christmas present and was very excited. His first real RC airplane was a Radio Shack Pin Knife plane. The radio utilized the tubes and batteries. The radios back then were a lot different than what we have today.

Bob enjoys the hobby because it is relaxing and fun. He likes building planes from scratch and flying them really fast. His favorite building project is his current project where he is building a 1/3 scale Fokker D-8. He has been working on it a few years. It is almost complete and hopes to fly it this year.

His advice to newcomers is this. You must burn fuel to get better and learn from your mistakes. It took Bob about a month before he soloed. The hardest thing for Bob to learn is to fly fast and the timing. You have to concentrate and be able to react fast enough.

I asked him why last year was different than the past years why he won the Thompson Cup Pylon Race. He laughed and said he didn't hit anybody.

If someone is interested in learning more about Pylon Racing he recommends that they find someone who races and ask questions, and go to an event either as a competitor or a spectator. He also said there is a lot of information on the NMPRA and Pylonworld website for newcomers. www.nmpira.org and www.pylonworld.com

He has been involved in flying combat with gremlins. Dwayne and he decided to try it out a few years ago and several members decided to try. Bob told me that it would cost about \$60.00 to build a gremlin.

Bob has served as the club president twice and vice president once and has been a club member since 1995.

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