



## 2007 Thompson Cup Winners



Congrats to Bob Hawkes who won the Thompson Cup for the second year. Bob won with 100 laps, Duane Holliger came in second place with 96 laps and Jerry Worden finished in 3rd place with 93 laps. Look out next year Bob.

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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 - October 13th, 2007

**Call to Order:**

President Tom Kirk called the meeting to order at 7:55 PM. There were 22 members present.

**Previous Minutes:**

Minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

**Treasurer Report:**

Jim Danforth gave the treasurers report. The club is in good shape for the balance of this year.

**Old Business:**

No old business.

**New Business:**

Dave Ludington reported that he and Jerry Worden are working with some Scouts to help them build and launch rockets at the field in November. They may need volunteers to help with club trainers as well. Date to be determined. Club approved such action.

Annual banquet is set for November 10th. Some great prizes are lined up including some 4 Star 40 kits purchased from Hobbyland. Hobbyland also donated some fuel. The club will obtain some other prizes as well and some generous prizes have been donated by club membership as well, including Merle Jackson who donated an engine this weekend. There was also discussion of having a fun auction so bring any items you might like to auction, along with your checkbook if you're interested in being a buyer.

IHobby expo is October 20th and 21st in Chicago. Details at [ihobbyexpo.com](http://ihobbyexpo.com).

Merle Jackson also went to "Day at the Airport" and reported there was decent turnout of the public visiting the displays.

It was mentioned about Wayne's success in Tucson. It was recognized what an amazing accomplishment this is. Way to go Wayne!

New Officers were discussed and voted on. New officers are:

Mike Wilson - President. Gene Barker - Vice President. Jim Danforth - Treasurer. Jay Capps - Secretary. Doug Mock - Newsletter and Web Site.

Chilly Chili event for 1st day of New Year was discussed. It was approved that "First Flight of the New Year" needs to be a fuel-powered airplane. It's just not enough of a challenge if you don't have to start an engine.

50/50 Drawing: 50/50 drawing winner was Larry Getz.

**Show & Tell:**

Tom Kirk explained the features of a Multiplex charger, and Todd Gutschow brought a Tango airplane.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn meeting was second and passed at 8:20 PM.

**SIRS Annual Awards Banquet  
Saturday - November 10th, 2007  
Covell Town Hall**

**Doors open at 5:00 pm and dinner at 6:00 pm  
Buffet style dinner \$12.00 per person  
Please RSVP to Mike Wilson**

**You can fill out this form and send it to:**

**Mike Wilson  
5 Timbergate Ct  
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Preferred RSVP to [mmpjs.wilson@insightbb.com](mailto:mmpjs.wilson@insightbb.com) or  
Call 309-846-3874**

**Make check payable to SIRS Inc.  
or you can reserve now and pay at the door**

**Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Guest: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**2007 Awards Banquet**

Arrangements have been made for this years awards banquet. It will be held on Saturday November 10th at the Covell Town Hall. Social hour will start at 5:00 PM and dinner will be served at around 6:00 PM. Peanut Catering will provide the food again this year and the cost will remain at \$12.00 per person. The menu will include two meats, chicken and beef, with salad, potatoes, drinks (soda and coffee) and desert. In addition, to the food, there will be raffle of items, auction, 50/50 drawing and awards.

**Please RSVP quickly so we can tell the caterer how many to expect.**



## **SIRS Spotlight Member Interview with Dave Ludington**

Dave is an ex-Navy gunner. He flew his first scale aircraft when he was 15 years old. It was a Cessna 152. His current goal is to someday obtain his pilot's license.

Jerry Worden had been inviting Dave to the club events for 20 years. One day Dave's son, Hunter, saw a show on TV about RC airplanes and wanted to learn more about the hobby. So, Dave called Jerry to find out more about the SIRS club and the hobby. Jerry provided the information necessary for Dave to buy a trainer plane for Hunter. He built his first plane from a kit and became hooked. He has built eight planes since then and has not looked back. His favorite plane was the Ugly Stick. But, like anybody else new to the hobby, he had a crash. So, he is in the process of building and repairing some of his planes. Dave likes to go out to the field and have fun and fly. Dave is very good at building and rebuilding planes. Dave also says that he feels like once he finishes building one plane that he needs to build another one. He thinks he is addicted to building. His ultimate goal is to build a 1/3 scale Balsa USA Nieport bi-plane.

He really likes the people and the enthusiasm out at the SIRS club. His advice to new members is to have fun and enjoy the hobby.

# PICTURES FROM 2007 THOMPSON CUP



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