



2007 Annual Banquet



Auctions,
Door Prizes,
and Awards, Oh My!



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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).

Classified and Advertising

Commercial advertising rates and submission information is available from SIRS-RC.com.

Ads are taken on a first come, first served basis with limited space available.

Advertising is also available on the SIRS website and may be included in print advertising packages.

Classified Ads may be placed by members for no additional charge. These are to be of a private sales nature.

SIRS, Inc. Annual Banquet Notes.....Nov 10th, 2007

The SIRS Club Annual Banquet was held on Sunday, November 10, 2006 at the Covell Town Hall.

There were about 50 people in attendance. A great meal was served.

Mike had a great picture presentation of the 2007 season on the big screen. It was about 20 minutes long and entertained the crowd.

Awards were given to numerous club members for 2007 service including Mike Wilson, Pat Henson, Jim Danforth (9 years of service), and Dave Ludington.

There were 15 Thompson Cup racers this year, and congratulations were given to Jerry Worden - 3rd place, Duane Holliger - 2nd place, and Bob Hawkes - winner with 100 laps.

Stan & Doris Thompson were thanked for their ongoing generosity to the club.

There were numerous prizes for the club raffle.

That was followed by a spirited auction. Auctioned were: Futaba radio, a trainer, a Tensor, a Yak foamie, a Funtana, a 1.20 engine, one gallon of mix, a 40 size Extra, and a partially built kit.



Father Ric donated a portion of his auction proceeds from: a pattern flyer, a pylon racer and a sweet Waco biplane.



Upcoming events were mentioned.

There will be the much anticipated Four Star Racing Circuit, May 10th; S.I.R.S / Leukemia Society Benefit Fly-In, June 6, 7, 8th; and the AMA Aviation Adventure Day June 21st.

The banquet adjourned around 8:40 pm. It was a lot of fun!

SIRS News

The SIRS R/C club hosted an event at the flying field for a group of local Boy Scouts. About 15 or so local Boy Scouts experienced launching model rockets.

Thanks to Jerry Worden, Dave Haas, and Todd Guttchow, the scouts had a really great time. Good turnout and great weather made the event memorable for all.

We had 3 rocket launch pads going. Jerry and Dave had a rocket that used "E" size engines. Airplane simulators were available and in use throughout the day. The kids had a blast.



SIRS Announcement

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 (glow) flight of the year.

Best of luck.

Club Dues for 2008

Around December 1st the SIRS Club Dues bills will be sent out to all current and past members inviting them to renew their SIRS Club membership for 2008. If dues are paid in full by Jan. 31, 2008, dues for 2008 can be paid at the 2007 rate of \$84.00 for Regular Members. If dues are not paid in full by Jan. 31, 2008 then the following rates will apply for all current and past members:

Regular Member = \$90.00 dues for the year, no discounts applicable.

Junior Member = \$45.00 dues for the year, no discounts applicable.

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, 2008).

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, 2008) 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.

For NEW members of the club who join sometime during 2008, dues would be prorated for 2008 at the rate of \$7.50 for each full month (or fraction thereof) remaining in 2008. Junior Members would be \$3.75 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 discount).

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

SIRS Editorial News

Website -

Our website has been redesigned. If you are still seeing the old one, please refresh the page (f5).

Classified Ads—

Classified advertising in both the newsletter and the website is being discussed and designed. Several businesses have expressed interest in this. If you have input on this subject, see Mike Wilson, Doug Mock, or Jim Danforth.

SIRS CLUB EVENTS

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

January 1, 2008, Tuesday – 12AM or anytime thereafter.

First flight of the year (For whoever is crazy enough to do so!)

January 1, 2008, Tuesday – 11:30 AM lunch.

Chilly-Chili Fun Fly – Fun fly event (Or just come for good eats)

????March 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 19, 2008, 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 10th, 2008, Saturday – 8:30AM – all day

SIRS Four Star Pylon Racing Series

June 6, 7, 8th 2008

S.I.R.S / Leukemia Society Benefit Fly-In

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! Possibility of 100-150 pilots attending.

A great day for the families to come out to the SIRS club flying field and to promote the AMA Aviation Adventure Day on June 21st. Hand out flyers to the public to recruit new members.

June 14th, 2008, 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.

June 21st, 2008, Saturday – 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

AMA Aviation Adventure Day

August, 2008 – Date to be determined

SIRS Supports the Prairie Aviation Museum/Boy Scouts 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.

September 27th, 2008, Saturday – 1:00 PM (September 28th, 2008 – Rain Date)

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

November 8th, 2008, Saturday 5:00 PM

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

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make sure the Newsletter
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do electronic delivery for as
many members as possible.

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has become a fiscal savings
issue.

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Advertising from several
sources to offset the cost as-
sociated with printing and
mailing the newsletter.

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