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SIRS All Weather Flyers

Ain't snow great?

'Tis the time of year to dust off your skis (or floats) and get some stick time in on ice flying ! There are more than a few of you that participate in this winter sport. Don't forget to take pictures to share.



Indoor Fliers

Indoor night electric flying is arranged for Friday nights through March 7, 2007, 9-11pm at the Midwest Sports Complex at the intersection of Galena Road and Old Galena Road. This is about .75 miles north of the intersection of Rt. 6 and Rt. 29, and just south of Cat Mossville. Turn west off of Galena Road and the building is a few hundred yards on your right.

Cost: \$10.00 admission (not by hour)-AMA membership is required. Spectators are welcome and they are free.

The one EXCPEPTION is Friday, December 28. We will fly at the Pearce Community Center in Chillicothe 10pm-midnight.

Airplanes are limited to 1 lb. and helicopters 450 or less. We have a separate area for helis.

Recognizing Volunteers

- Chilly Chili**—Ken Ausili, Mike Wilson
- Circuit racing**—Mike Wilson, Gene Barker, Jerry Worden
- Fly-in for leukemia**—Orville Egli, Wayne Geffon, Mike Wilson

Call for Volunteers—more volunteers are needed, please try to support at least two events.

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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—December 8, 2007

Call to order:

President Mike Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. There were 10 members present.

Previous Minutes:

Minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer Report:

Dues \$90.00 if paid after February 1st.

Old Business:

The Cub Scout Rocket launch was discussed and reported that there were 15-20 scouts that really enjoyed the experience. Thanks to all that helped.

The Club Banquet went well.

Merle Jackson helped support the SIRS Club at the "Day at the Airport". There were suggestions to plan on making a bigger presence next year to help promote the Club, Airport and the EAA next year.

Wayne Geffon finished 14th(?) in the Tucson Open. Wayne moved up a class and competed against some of the best pilots in the country. Great job Wayne!

The Chilly Chili is still on for January 1st. The Chili will be ready around 11:30. The prestigious first flight of the year starts any time after 12:01AM

New Business:

The 2008 event calendar was discussed. The Big Bird fly-in has been changed to the Leukemia Benefit Fun Fly for any size aircraft. Please contact Orville, Wayne, Mike or Todd to volunteer. It is set for the first weekend in June. A \$25 landing fee covers both days and will include supper on Saturday and lunch on Sunday.

There will be a membership sign-up when you pay your dues. The club would like you to sign-up for two events that you would enjoy helping with.

The club will host a 4*40 race. The rules are listed in the forum section of the website. Hobby Land has kits and the Thunder Tiger Pro40's available (support your local hobby shop). Hobby Land also has an ARF with the engine installed ready for a radio for sale. The members voted to purchase one case of 15% fuel for the event.

Doug will be selling advertising for the news letter (to help cover postage). He has the pricing and has some interest from some hobby shops and distributors. If you know of any businesses that may want some cheap advertising contact Doug for the pricing.

Gene will be working on some different classes for the static show. Some possibilities were ARF, kit built and other classes.

The club has some emblems and patches that, in the past were used to reward for first flight and proficiency. There was a discussion to bring this incentive program back. Doug will contact vendors for pricing.

Show and tell:

Dave brought his 4*40 equipped with skis and automatic braking built in. What a great setup. With the weight of the airplane on the skis they would toe in and should help slow the plane down on the snow. As the weight is lifted off the skies they would straighten up. Be sure to ask Dave how they worked. It took Dave and Doug about 2 hours to build and attach.

Adjournment:

The motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 7:44PM.

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

President's Message

My name is Mike Wilson, I am your new President for the coming year. I've been a member since 2003. I am looking forward to serving the club.



Before going any further I would like to extend thanks to Tom Kirk, Pat Henson and Todd Guttschow as outgoing officers.

I have chosen to accept the position of President for many reasons:

- 1) I really enjoy this hobby.
- 2) I am proud of being a SIRS member and the responsibilities that go along with it – one of which, for me, is to encourage our members to participate in the club, as well as the hobby - I also encourage our membership to introduce others to the hobby.
- 3) I think we have an exciting schedule of events for 2008 - I look forward to working with each of you in the planning of these events.

I want this club to be a fun place for the flyers and their families. I want our members to be proud they are a SIRS member. In 2008 we will be hosting a couple of large events and we will need your help and participation. With that said, I would like to challenge our members in 2008. Those challenges I would like to share with you at this time.

Attendance and Participation at meetings and club events. This is an area in which we have become relaxed. The same group of people are always helping and participating. I would like to see some new faces joining in and participating.

Positive, Constructive Atmosphere. I would like encourage constructive conversation amongst our members while at the field. I come out to the field to relax and have fun - I want to want to fly, learn and have fun – and I am sure you do, too. I would like to see the club working together as opposed to having a divided club. I would encourage all members to bring up any questions or concerns to me so that we can address them together at an appropriate time.

Rules and Regulations. Adherence to club and AMA rules are mandatory at our club. Club members are expected to follow these rules. If you have questions, then just ask. We are all responsible to each other to obey them so that we are all safe while we have fun.

I am very excited about 2008 and I look forward to your participation and support. My final thought is that I would like to see more participation – so, yourself . . . what do you have to offer to the club?

Your Prez, Mike Wilson

SIRS Builder's Corner

Want to stop scratching your covering with your iron? Find an old thin cotton baby blanket. Cut it small enough that you can still twist it around the handle of your iron and hold it tight with your hand that holds the iron.

When you find that perfect temp for your covering iron remove the knob and reset it at "0". When you start to seal the edges you can turn the temp up a little and then back to "0" when you start on your next large piece.

Field Safety

In an effort to help keep everyone safe, this column will be highlighting some safety practices. To that end we would remind everyone:

All persons intending to fly model aircraft must have a current AMA license must replace the frequency pin before a modeler is allowed to use that frequency. No Transmitter is to be turned on until the appropriate frequency pin(s) is removed from the frequency board and attached to the transmitter. The transmitter must be placed in the impound area when not in use.

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6	<p>In the coming months....</p> <p>January 1—Tuesday – 12AM or anytime thereafter. First flight of the year (for whomever is crazy enough to do so!) Bring your own witness.</p> <p>January 1– 11:30 AM lunch. Chilly-Chili Fun Fly – Fun fly event (Or just come for good eats)</p> <p>Jan 12—SIRS Meeting</p>				11	12 <small>Sirs Meeting</small>
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