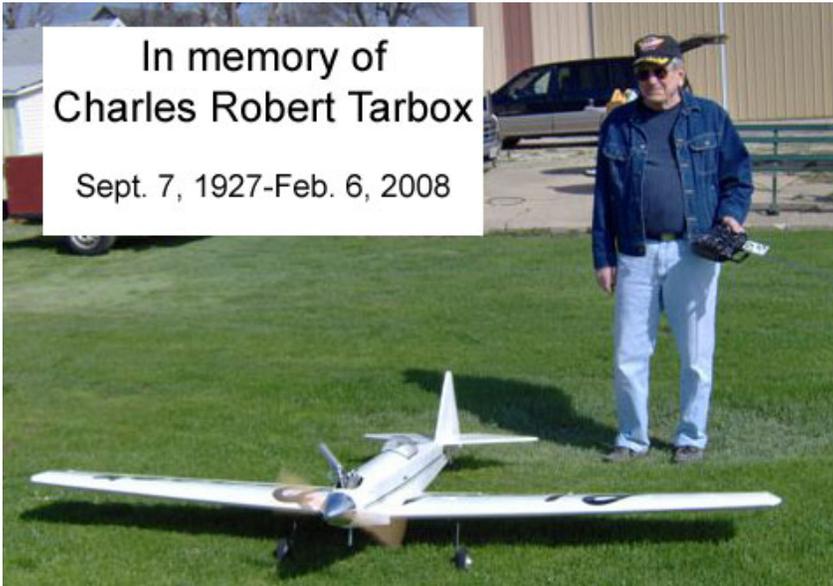




## March 2008 Newsletter

### Sad News



In memory of  
Charles Robert Tarbox  
Sept. 7, 1927-Feb. 6, 2008

Please join us in mourning the passing of Charles Robert Tarbox, an outstanding long time member of our club.

Chuck passed away at his residence Wednesday Feb. 6, 2008.



His model aircraft building set a high standard. His designs were elegant and sometimes humorous. It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to our friend.

### Field Safety - Flight testing

#### Control neutrals:

Fly the model straight and level, use the transmitter trims for hands-off straight-and-level flight. Change the electronic subtrims or land and physically adjust clevises to center transmitter trims.

#### Center of gravity:

Hold the plane facing you and place fingertips under wing, near the mainspar. If the tail dips add weight to the nose and vice-versa. A tail-heavy plane is nearly uncontrollable, check this before each flight. A nose heavy plane can be handled, but performance is degraded.



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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 by Members**

\*Spectrum DX7 heli complete, barely used with aluminum case... \$300 obo

\*Esky Belt CP w/Eflite heading hold gyro- Many spare parts, two batteries, balancer...\$350 obo

\*Hobby People Fledgling electric airplane, learner, still needs assembly...\$70

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### **SIRS, Inc Meeting Minutes - February, 9 2008**

#### **Call to order:**

President Mike Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. There were 14 members present.

#### **Previous Minutes:**

Minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

#### **Treasurer Report:**

The Treasurer was absent.

#### **Old Business:**

Leukemia Benefit Fun-Fly - Wayne has the sanctioning number from the AMA and has commitments for donations. Dave is going to talk to the Sheriffs Department about parking on the road. Need someone to get price quotes for more port-a-pots. The club is looking for a large tent to be donated. Please contact Wayne or Orville.

**Club Shirts and Hats** - Orville brought t-shirt and hat samples. The club voted to use Grey and Blue for the shirt colors. The vendor is going to donate the screen printed shirts, asking that half the money be donated to the benefit. Orville also has some hat samples and is taking orders. The hats can be embroidered with the club logo or a simple "SIRS Fling Club" with an airplane in it. The prices are \$10 to \$13.

**Club Patches** - Doug will have all the clubs emblems if you would like one please contact him.

**Static Show** - The format for the static show has been changed. All entrants will vote for positions 1-3. Gene Barker is donating \$20, \$10 and \$5 for first through third. The entries must have radios and engines installed - "able to fly".

**Electric Flying** - Tom Kirk talked about the indoor flying at Game Time Gym. The next night is February 22nd from 8-10 and every other Friday after that until April. This is a none club event and there is no need for an AMA membership. It is \$10 to fly and \$2 to be on the flight line. Please spread the word and come join the fun flying in a warm wind free place this winter.

#### **New Business:**

**Field Clean-up Day** - This will be some time in April. We need to get ahead of the weeds and work on the shelter. Pat will contact the same people as last year to pump the outhouse for \$100.

**Moving the Meeting Night** - There was a motion to move the meeting night so more people can attend. The motion was tabled to allow the club members more time to discuss the issue.

#### **Show and Tell:**

Orville brought a Super Cub built from a Goldberg kit. It is for sale and comes with an O.S. FP-40 - \$225 He also brought a Fourstar 60 with stronger gear, servos, JR receiver and a 60 size motor - \$325.

Dwayne brought a reworked Great Planes combat Corsair. He added gear, changed the tail feathers and recovered the plane. He also installed a Webra Speed 35 with a tuned pipe. If it flies well he wants to use it in the next Thompson Cup Race.

**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.

## Product Review

The [flying lawn mower](#) has to be one of the most famous 'non-airplane' things that can be found at flying fields around the world. In fact, flying mowers of various shapes and sizes have been around for many years. They are now available in production kits.

The FlyingThingZ Sky Cutter is one of the better known kits. The ARF kit can be completed in a weekend. In the air the Sky Cutter is surprisingly stable and its thick aerofoil wing allows great aerobatics.

Flying lawn mowers aren't the only novelty rc airplane there are flags, witches and racecars.

## Indoor Flying

**Friday, February 22nd.**

**8:00 PM until 10:00 PM, must be out of building by 10:15 PM.**

Tom Kirk of Henson Disposal and Kirk C&D Recycling has again agreed to sponsor electric flying at Game Time Gym II in Bloomington, IL. (This is near the airport on Bloomington's East side).

Aircraft are limited to foamies or other light planes suitable to slow indoor flying. Blade CX or Blade CP or 400/450 size helicopters or other similar smaller micro size helis.

\$10 fee for pilots. \$2 fee for spectators on the flight line, free spectators behind the safety nets. Scheduled for every other Friday through mid-April.

Monday - Friday: 10-8

Saturday: 10-5

Sunday: 12:30-5



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## Builders' Corner

To get off the ground, you've got to have an engine. The most common has been a 2-stroke. Depending on the model, you can also use a 4-stroke, gasoline, or an electric motor.

The size and type of engine is determined by the size and type of model. Keep the engine proportionate to the plane. Trainers use a .40 size 2-stroke engine. Boosting power by up-sizing is attractive, but too much power can be an issue,

Many modelers prefer a 4-stroke engine due to a different rhythm in its operation and produces a distinctive sound. The more "realistic" aircraft sound produced by 4-stroke engines.

Giant scale modelers can also opt for engines fueled by regular gas instead of glow fuel. More economical to run, they are also large and powerful. Zenoah, the top name in gas engines, offers sizes ranging from 2 horsepower/1.37 cubic inches to a whopping 6 horsepower/4.45 cubic inches. They are definitely designed for the "big birds."

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2	<b>Upcoming ...</b> <b>Mar. 1</b> – RVRCFlyers Annual Swap Meet, Rockford <a href="http://www.rvrcflyers.com/">http://www.rvrcflyers.com/</a> <b>April 19</b> – 10:00 AM Clean up day at the field – Come out and help your club get the field ready for a new year! <b>May 10th</b> – 8:30AM SIRS hosts the kickoff of the inter-club Four Star Pylon Racing Series				7	8
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