



Newsletter for the Sentral Illinois Radio Society, Bloomington, IL

A.M.A. Chapter 621

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## SIRS Events

**March 14 - S.I.R.S. 15th An. Swap Meet**  
St. Mary's Catholic Church

Radio Controlled Airplanes Engines, Radios, & Build Equipment. 50+ Tables available.  
Table pricing \$10 (includes one admission)  
General Admission: \$5.00  
Spouses and children under 16 free  
St. Mary's Catholic Church Gym  
527 W Jackson St.  
Bloomington, IL 61701  
SET-UP 8:30 A.M.  
General public 9:00 A.M. to 1PM  
Contact for table reservation or info: Mike Wilson  
309-662-7455 [mmpjs.wilson@comcast.net](mailto:mmpjs.wilson@comcast.net)

**April 18-19 - Introduction to IMAC Seminar**  
S.I.R.S. field Covell, IL

Ever thought about trying IMAC but wasn't sure what to expect? Not sure what to do at a contest? Have no idea how to read the charts? Want to learn how to set up your plane so it flies better? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please join us for a weekend of classroom and flying instruction.

Lunch will be provided on Saturday.  
2009 AMA required if you will be flying.  
Contact: Wayne Geffon 309-531-7927  
[wgeffon@comcast.net](mailto:wgeffon@comcast.net)

**June 5th, 6th and 7th 2009 - 2009 Leukemia Benefit Fly In**  
S.I.R.S. field Covell, IL

A Fly-in for RC aircraft of all shapes and sizes. There will be a twenty dollar landing fee (on arrival).  
The proceeds from this event go to benefit Leukemia research.  
There will be raffles, 50/50 drawings, and door prizes.  
An on-site lunch will be available Saturday and Sunday.

Stan & Doris Thompson Flying Field  
(320' x 360' L-Shaped Field)  
Located at Stringtown and Covell Roads outside Covell, Illinois

Register online at: [http://www.sirs-rc.com/SIRS/calendar/event\\_postings/Leukemia\\_Benefit.htm](http://www.sirs-rc.com/SIRS/calendar/event_postings/Leukemia_Benefit.htm)

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## SIRS Field News

Ground crews need to coordinate efforts to roll the field while it is still soft. There are tractor and aircraft ruts we need to eliminate. Lets make our field something to be proud of for our upcoming events.

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News and article submissions are encouraged

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#### Club Meetings

Club meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at the flying field. Meetings begin at 1900 (CST) and 2000 (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 Meeting Minutes - February, 14 2009

### Call to order:

Vice President Fred Logue called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. There were 16 members present

### Previous Minutes:

Minutes were approved as published in the newsletter

### Treasurer Report:

The club has \$4,748 in the account. There are 51 paid members with 1 junior member.

### Old Business:

**Swap Meet** March 14<sup>th</sup> in the Gym at Saint Mary's Catholic Church from 9:00-1:00. Set-up will start at 7:30. Father Rick would like to see 6-10 members there to help set-up. Mike will have the information in Model Aviation.

**The Leukemia Benefit** June 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Dave Ludington caught everyone up on the progress. The paperwork is in place, and the sanction number is 09-0415. The town of Covell will have EMT's at the event. There is an electronic option to sign up on the SIRS web site.

There will be a "pack the field" day in May for the media to gather footage and information to promote the event before it starts. Please start asking for any donations early and often. They do not have to be RC related and monetary donations can also be made to SIRS INC.

**Club Shirts** - Dave took the order for hat and shirt combos. If you missed this order there is a 12 piece minimum order to get more.

**Indoor Flying** February 27<sup>th</sup> at Game Time gym. Flying starts at 8:00 PM and will end at 10:00PM. There is a \$10 fee to fly and \$3 to be on the flight line. Small electric helicopters and Park 250 or smaller airplanes are all welcome. There will limbo polls and loops to fly around.

### New Business:

Doug made some rate changes to the ad sizes for vendors and it had generated more revenue.

Chutes and Ladders Roofing has offered to donate a new roof for the little house. The members agreed and will offer a free membership pending Stan's approval of the proposal.

### Show and tell:

Doug showed his new sun glasses. They really offer great clarity and contrast. There are several styles and colors to pick from - [www.cocoonseyewear.com](http://www.cocoonseyewear.com)

Father Rick had a scratch built Wild Thing that he converted to electric with a Park 400 motor and his Polaris foam kit built airplane.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52PM

**Get hooked up with online resources!**

Get Plans for your projects:  
RCPLANS <http://www.rcplans.nl/catalog/>  
FOAMFLY <http://www.foamfly.com>  
MIDWEST PRODUCTS <http://www.midwestproducts.com/>

Get your foam for wings and planes:  
RCFOAM <http://rcfoam.com/>  
FOAMFLY <http://www.foamfly.com>  
NANOPLANES <http://www.nanoplanes.net>

Email [HobbyDeals@computerdeli.com](mailto:HobbyDeals@computerdeli.com) for price quotes. Please include the Horizon Hobby part number for the items you are asking for a price on. Thanks!

# Hobby Deals!

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### 2009 Fourstar Racing Series

Race schedule for 2009:  
WRCF Washington, IL. May 2nd  
SIRS Bloomington, IL. May 23rd  
PRCM Mossville, IL. July 18th  
Pekin RC Pekin, IL. August 8th  
Championship Race TBD likely September

Airframe - SIG Four Star 40 (either kit or ARF) with no modifications or additions. The controlling document for modification control will be the kit plans. A minimum of 2.75" wheels. No speed wheels or wheel pants. Minimum aircraft weight will be 4.75 lbs

Power - Thunder Tiger 40 Pro with the stock muffler will be used for power.

Prop - APC 9 X 6 propellers. 2" spinner. Either plastic or aluminum is allowed.

Fuel - The hosting club will supply fuel. Fuel will contain 15% nitro-methane.

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# March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
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14	<b>In the coming months....</b>					19	20
21						26	27
28						29	30