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A.M.A. Chapter 621

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SIRS Events - A Huge Year Ahead!

April 25th - Static Show, Open House, and Fun Fly S.I.R.S. field Covell, IL

First: Static Show - Bring out your winter projects for fantastic prizes and a Trophy! There was little competition last year, so your odds of winning are great.

Three categories:

- Value Added ARF - One MUST have customized your ARF in some obvious manner
- Project Plane - Any custom build project from Kit, Plans, or Scratch

- Best In Show - Includes all of the above in AIR-WORTHY condition (RTF)

Second: Fun Fly - Compete for the coveted trophy! YES! Trophy! Prizes awarded for: First, Second, and Third places, and (of course) First to crash!

Four Events:

- Taxi Slalom - Slalom from start to finish line.
- TOLL - Take Off, Loop, and Land
- Limbo - How low can you go?

Assistance needed:

- Voting Assistant - Issue Ballots, Collect Ballots
- Timer - Stopwatch for events
- Limbo Pole -Set-up and take down

May 2nd - Formula 4star Race WRCF Washington, IL. Opening Race! Come represent the club and TURN LEFT!

May 23rd - Formula 4star Race SIRS Bloomington, IL. Second Race! MORE TURNING LEFT!



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

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.

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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 - March, 14 2009

Call to order: President Mike Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:58 PM. There were 16 members present.

Previous Minutes: Minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer Report: The club has \$5,654 in the account. We will have \$1,400 left at the end of the year. The swap meet generated \$847 for the club.

Old Business:

Leukemia Benefit update -

- SIRS/Leukemia volunteers please come to an organizational meeting at 7pm prior to the club meeting that follows at 8pm April 11th.
- We have roughly 17 companies that have already provided raffle items.
- Dave handed out the polo shirts and hats that were ordered, please look in the shed for yours.
- Fred has an offer from a shirt vendor for t-shirts to sell. SIRS Leukemia Benefit on front and all vendors listed on the back for \$5 per shirt our cost. Fred is trying to cover the cost with donations. If not the club will vote next month if we want to cover the shortfall if any.

New Business:

Shelter -

- Member Trent Johnson has donated his time to build a 16X24 shelter over the north edge of the concrete.
- The cost to the club will be no more than \$1500.
- The shelter will have six legs and a white roof with a 2 foot over hang on all sides.
- The Thompson's have agreed to the project.
- This was approved 15 to 1.

Reminders:

- March 28th field clean up day.
- April 18th IMAC instructional/Q&A day at the field. All airplane sizes are welcome as well as other clubs. Learn the terms, pattern and how to properly trim an airplane.
- April 25th open house and static show.

Show and tell:

Father Rick showed off his electric airplane for the Central Catholic benefit auction. During the Swap Meet, True R/C donated a LiPo battery which was auctioned by Fred Logue.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55

June 20th and 21st - 424 Pylon Race

This is an exceptional race. This class will utilize the AMA Rule Book specifications for 424 racing.

July 4th - War Bird Day

Come Fly your Warbirds in this theme day. All other planes welcome as well.

July 18th - Formula 4star Race PRCM Moss-ville, IL.

August 8th – Formula 4star Race Pekin RC Pekin, IL.

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Seeker, Hurricane, Vortex, Bird of Prey, Sling-shot, Shotgun, Ninja, Mad Dog, Pit Bull, Scat Cat, Xciter, Sam-Rai, and Viper. are a few of these airframes.

Get involved in this exciting race!

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