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### SIRS Builder's Corner

#### Holding Things Together

Any model airplane is only as good as the sum of its parts. And while the "parts" might usually refer to the larger components of a plane, it isn't wise to overlook the quality and durability of the other "parts," such as adhesives and fasteners, that hold everything together. Glues and epoxies used in model plane construction are as important as any other consideration. So are the screws, nuts and bolts. These elements need to have the proper holding power as well as the ability to hold up under stress (such as vibration) and time.

When used properly, these building materials offer a long-lasting bond, strong connections, and effective protection that will help to make your plane everything you need it to be. It makes good sense: Better materials help to make a better plane. Just as you're careful to take the time to make sure each step in the construction and/or modification of your aircraft is properly carried out, so you will want to use the right materials for each job. We're confident that you'll be able to find those materials at our local hobby shops.

#### Indoor Flying

Tom commented on the indoor flying January 8th, 2010: What a great turn out! There were 24 pilots. Several new faces and three youth pilots. We will keep going every third week as long as people keep showing up. There is plenty of room for more people so come out and give it a try.

#### 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:

Engine tests, runups and taxiing is not to be performed next to the outhouse. The flight line is ten feet in front of the outhouse. An area has been set aside for testing, setup and runups in front of the shelter. There you will find stands constructed for this purpose. Orville will build another one when we get the wood together. Lets work on helping our peers in being safe, please.

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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/or 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 - January, 9 2010

Meeting started at 7:10  
7 members present and 2 guests

Minutes were approved as published in the newsletter. Jim Danforth was not present to report.

#### Old business:

Indoor flying went well at Game Time Gym. Flying has been held twice there so far this winter with good turnouts. 20-30 pilots showed last time including some new and potentially new members. Next indoor date Jan 29th and Feb 19th 8-10 pm.

USO calendar project: Work is being done on the final cut calendar. Printing probably in March. First sale to be held at Maggie Mileys in Normal date TBD. Whether or not calendars will be sold online depends on legalities before online sales are decided upon.

USO event, June 5th: The USO has approved our 3rd party fund raising project. 60/40 split of profits after expenses between the USO and SIRS respectively. We can print and mention USO in any way we want, but we cannot use their logo. We still need many workers to make this event a success. Please apply online.

424 Races: Jay Cappis will CD these events on June 26 & 27th and September 18 & 19th. Jay will send in the sanction #'s and paperwork.

Stan Thompson: Stan is doing much better and is recovering well.

#### New Business:

Meeting times: Vote for making meeting times 8pm year round. passed 4 to 1 with one abstention. This goes into effect this fall. Remainder of these Winter meetings will be held at 7pm. Possibility of holding meetings elsewhere (Computer Deli or any other ideas) for a change would maybe encourage more members to come.

Volunteering: Should we reward or enforce mandatory volunteering? Motion to drop the issue. Vote passed unanimously to drop the issue.

AMA Park Flyer memberships: Motion to accept Park Flyer members passed. Park Flyers must use and possess the card just as regular AMA members use their card. AMA Park Flyer rules must be followed we will not allow a Park Flyer member to fly models which are not covered under the Park Flyer program.

Heli Proficiency testing: Should we have a test these pilots must pass in order to solo just like fixed wing pilots? Helicopter pilots are asked to discuss the need for this and possibly start to work on making a test. Further discussion will be needed.

Printed Newsletter: Should we cease printed and mailed newsletters to help the club save money excluding life members? Further discussion is needed, however we encourage all members to consider getting the newsletter online (SIRS website or email.) Please contact Doug Mock or a club officer to change to an electronic newsletter. Continued —>



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### Minutes Continued...

First flight of the year: Jay Cappis had the first flight of the year at 12:30 am at the field with a temperature of 4 degrees Fahrenheit.

Club first aid kit: No one present knew if we had one or where it was. Dave Hass will purchase one and donate it to the club.

Sign Postings: It was decided that we should post a list of club officers in the clubhouse or on the frequency board.

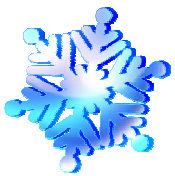
Visibility of officers: Also discussion of a hat or shirt or something getting made for the club safety officer so he can easily be identified by unknowing members, especially during events. Fred will talk to Dave about this.

New members: Mike Rariden and his dad came out to the meeting to join the club. He successfully flies smaller electric planes and helis for some time and wants to get into glow models.

Show and tell: Jay's son's pine wood derby car covered with Monocote looked fast. - Meeting adjourned 8:10 pm



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