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### SIRS Fly-In to Benefit the USO

June 5th, Saturday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
(Rain date Sunday, June 6th, same times)

Demonstrations of many forms of model aviation including Warplanes Helicopters and Aerobatics!

AMA Membership required for pilots. All airplanes and helicopters welcome.  
\$20 landing fee for pilots, free admission & parking for the public.

David Ludington CD, Fred Logue Field Manager PH:309-359-3395  
Email questions, registration to: d\_mock@hotmail.com

For everyone interested in model aviation this is a great day to  
learn, ask questions and have fun! Bring the family!  
Raffles, Food, Fun!

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Pilot Registration  
9:30 a.m. Pilots Meeting  
10:00 a.m. Open Flying Begins  
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Lunch Served  
Raffle drawings throughout the day, must be present to win.

Come to Cub foods on Saturdays to promote the event. See Dave Haas for details. Its time to ask for donations. What we would like to see donated are: Airplanes, Kits, Radios, Gasser systems, starters, field boxes, and Accessories, for raffles. I know some of you have un-built kits and planes you could part with.

Food stuffs for our kitchen—Pickles, Burger patties, Hot dogs, foil for wrapping, paper plates, chips, cookies, soda pop, water, relish and plastic ware. Volunteers for radio impound, field assistants, raffle operator or more.

This will be a lot of fun, food, prizes and contests. We may even see the return of the limbo poles!

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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

For sale Zirolu Hellcat with detailed cockpit, Quadra 100 with spring starter, three blade 24 X 10 Mezjak prop,  
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#### SIRS, Inc. Meeting Minutes - March, 13 2010

Meeting started at 8:02

19 members present and 0 guests

Approved minutes from last meeting

#### Treasurer report:

\$6927.00 in bank including \$3000 savings for the future.

Projected to have approx \$850.00 in bank at end of year after all expenses.

50 paid up members including 1 junior member.

#### Old business:

**USO Calendar:** On hold due to economy, first sale date TBD.

**USO Event:** June 5th and 6th Over 150 letters sent out and still almost no donations or help. Many potential sponsors are declining due to the economy, some have said not this year, but maybe next year they could help out. The donations are just not coming in, last year by this time we had many more donations. It was decided that the event will still go on as planned, but we might have to scale things down a bit and keep expenses at a minimum. A club member has graciously donated \$1000.00 to be used for the event. Was determined that this money will be used to fund the food purchase and some raffle prizes because they are almost for sure to be profitable. Probably not going to be spending any money on advertising; however we have been promised a spot in the Pantagraph GO section the Thursday before the fly-in.

**424 Race:** June 26th and 27th So far 9 people have registered. Online registration and more info is available at <http://www.q500424.com/> or contact Jay Cappis CD. Jay also still has a few racing models for sale.

**Meeting Attendance:** The warmer weather seemed to have helped attendance; however the hurricane force winds did not. More talk of having a barbeque before meetings..

#### New Business:

Congratulations to Jay Cappis, our newest contest director!

**AMA club leadership program:** Jim mentioned this new program and the requirements our club would have to meet to be recognized. Jim is unsure of the details but will report them later. So far we think we have all the requirements met including, a photo of our flying field, a sketch of our field, and a photo of the posted AMA rules.

**F4 Scale Event:** The AMA is selling raffle tickets to help support the US team at the F4 scale event overseas this year. 50 prizes are being raffled, and it is said to be high dollar good stuff! Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Contact Jim Danforth if you would like to support our team.

**Rocket Day:** Date TBD (sometime in fall when the corn is down) Dave Hass has challenged club members to deviate a little from our regular hobby and build a model rocket to be launched at a future date. In a single evening a kit or scratch built rocket can be made, and made well and they are a blast to fly! Dave Castiglia is going to try to get his sons Boy Scout Troops involved as well. In the past, events like this went really well and they took minimal effort to pull off. Also of note, this will be done in the morning so regular flying will not be interrupted.



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said to fly great, and fast, even off grass. It looked fast just sitting on the ground and is reported to go about 80mph! Chris also brought his new Yak with a Saito 125 for power. He fabricated a spring mechanism on the gear to prevent bending them up and it flies great after fighting to get it balanced properly.

Chris also shared a story on how it's very important to never let batteries charge unattended, even Nimh and NiCd packs. One simple mistake and a pack was ruined, thankfully that was all that was damaged.

Todd also brought up the importance of slow charging Nimh packs for their first charge. This is explained in the packs instructions and on Horizon Hobbies website, if they are fast charged they will false peak, and you may lose a model.

Dave Luddington also brought a micro P-51 mustang to show and to sell. Contact Dave if interested.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm

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**AMA membership cards:** Remember that an AMA card and membership is required to fly at our field. If you are asked to show your AMA card please don't be insulted, this is for our own protection and benefit. Please no hard feelings.

**Show and Tell:** Chris Vandenburg brought several planes to show off and some to sell. His new Habu Jet from Horizon Hobby is



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