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A.M.A. Chapter 621

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### SIRS and WIPRO 424 Quickee 500 Spring Bash

June 26th and 27th  
Come out to our spacious flying field and enjoy a weekend of competition and great friends.  
Friday will open for practice after 11:00 AM  
FREE for the public

Please pre-register on q500424.com  
We will add Sport JETT 428 class if you bring one.

Registration 9AM  
Flying Starts at 10AM  
\$20.00 entry fee per event  
3 Pole AMA Short Course  
AMA Membership # Current!

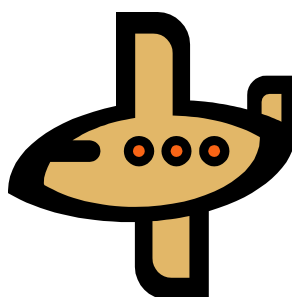
Directions to SIRS Field - Interstate 55&74 west of Bloomington  
Exit 160 west on Rt9 -3 1/2 Miles to Covell Rd 4 Miles to SIRS field  
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### PRCM Fat Lake Pattern Rendezvous

Peoria RC Modelers, Peoria , Illinois  
Pattern Contest AMA Sanction # 10-0869  
July 31 – August 1, 2010

The second annual Fat Lake Pattern Rendezvous will be held at the Peoria RC Modelers field located at 14501, North Old Galena Road, Chillicothe, Illinois.



### SIRS Fly-In to Benefit the USO

On June 5th, the National Weather Service reported up to five tornados touching down in Central Illinois.

They sent a survey team Sunday morning to check on a report of a tornado touching down in Elmwood, IL.

Consequently the USO Benefit Fly-In was rain delayed to Sunday, June 6th.

There were demonstrations of many forms of model aviation including Warplanes Helicopters and Aerobatics.

A small crowd gathered to watch and participate. There were 20 registered pilots for the day. Hamburgers and hot dogs with sides were served.

There was a substantial table of raffle prizes and lots of good fun and camaraderie.

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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 - June 12th, 2010

Meeting started at 8:04

13 members present and 0 guests were present.

Approved minutes from last meeting.

#### Treasurer report:

\$7506.00 in bank. Projected to have approx \$4500.00 in bank at end of year after all expenses. This is a moderate addition to the contingency planning fund. We have 58 paid up members including 1 junior member.

#### Old business:

- **USO event:** Turnout was good, considering we had to use the rain date. 20 pilots registered and flew. Only one small and insignificant crash. The food was great, thanks Paul Nord and family. Raffle went well and made some money. We will donate \$1042.05 to the USO and the club keeps \$694.70. Thanks go out to all members that helped make this event a success.
- **424 Race: June 26th and 27th** So far 18 people have registered. This amounts to \$960.00 in registration fees alone. Volunteers are needed to run the races and to cook the food. We have food left over from the USO event. If we do not have enough volunteers we will have to hire non-club members to help. Please contact Jay or a club officer if you would like to help. Races should be over by about 3pm. Plenty of time left for open flying. Jay will be setting up the field the Friday before if anyone wants to practice. After the race on Saturday night Jay will be cooking pork loins for pilots. Bring a dish to pass and come join the fun.
- **Meeting Attendance:** Still trying to up the attendance. Next month we will cook out and pylon race before the meeting. Cook at 6, race at 7, meet at 8 pm. Bring a dish to pass. Race any plane you want, this is just for bragging rights and fun.

#### New Business:

- Welcome newest member Mack Hutchinson to our club. Mack bought a plane 10 years ago and wants to get it flying. Mack has some experience with full scale flying, about 300 hours and is a veteran of the US Navy. Welcome to SIRS Mack!
- Stan Thompson's wheel from Charles Lindberg's plane crash is missing from the small house. If anyone knows where this wheel is please contact Stan or a club officer. This wheel means a lot to Stan and others. Please help us find it.
- **Business cards:** Fred had a good idea to create some simple business cards to give to members and to local hobby shops to pass out to people interested in our club and hobby. The cards will have directions to the field, phone numbers, and website information. Doug will design the card and Dave Hass donated \$20 to cover the costs.
- **Awards Banquet:** Motion to have banquet at Covell town hall 2nd Saturday in November passed unanimously. Motion to again use Peanut Catering. Vote will be held next meeting after checking pricing. \$900.00 has been budgeted for the banquet.

#### Show and Tell:

Dave Hass brought and flew a Helimax micro helicopter that was won at the USO event. It is super easy to fly and it flies well in very small areas. This helicopter is not for outdoors unless there is zero wind.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm



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I took off and climbed out to the west. I needed to adjust the elevator a little. While doing this, I let the airplane get a long ways to the south (error #3). I started to turn toward me to come back to the center of the field, I over rotated due to the larger-than-needed throws of the ailerons and lost orientation.

End result was a near full-power dive into the ground instead of pulling up smartly. So how could I have avoided this unnecessary loss of a very nice and near new airplane?

1. Don't get in a hurry to go do a flight. If it's 5:30 p.m. when you leave for the field, it will get dark quickly.
2. A headwind is a good thing, dead calm requires more roll out and longer takeoffs.
3. Larger surface throws are inherently bad for control. Use small reasonable throws and check that the control surface is in line with the fixed surface for easier flight control. Use dual rates if you want a larger throw option.
4. Keep your situational awareness. Don't let something like trimming get in the way of flight control. If you get too far away with a quick plane, you'll have more problems keeping it under control.

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### A Lesson in How to Crash

I am well known for my spectacular aircraft demolition. Here is what not to do...

We always say it takes two or three problems to make a crash, as we are trained to recover from one problem at a time.

It started with my desire to fly after I had just finished the plane. Because of all the things needing to be done, it got later and later in the day before I got out to the field (error #1).

I did my preflight and noticed that I had a little extra throw in the surfaces, but that's okay, I wanted to be able to recover easily if the trim was poor (error #2).

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