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Greetings, well we have the schedule of events laid out for the year. If you have any im-promptu things you would like to do get to a meeting or have it brought up so we can get the word out.

April 9th will be the club clean up day at the field. That just happens to be the meeting night also - hmm. So come out to fly, help straighten up the part of the farm we use and stay for the meeting.

April 17th is our show at the ISU Math Fair. Fred will have a flight sim and some small panes and helicopters to show. If you would like to come by and help introduce the club and our hobby to the public get with Fred.

May 14th will be a club "bash" Todd will bring hot dogs and get a fire pit going. Bring a dish if you want but, you don't have to. We will do a static show and have some type of fun fly events. This will be a laid back club event kind of like the old 4th of July picnics that we used to have but, without the hayrack full of food. So get the irons out and get those new planes covered and ready for the show! Be thinking of your favorite fun fly event like "bowling" and start to practice (I would practice the limbo on the sim).

The June 26th and 27th pylon race flyer is on the Nation Miniature Pylon Racing Site (NMPRA.ORG). The June race has a chance to be the largest 424 race in the country and very profitable for the club. We should see a large field of 426 pilots also. Paul Nord has volunteered to man the grill along with his wife both days (I am not sure she knows yet). We still need eight more volunteers.

Our Message is Being Heard

Over the past two weeks tens of thousands of AMA members and model aviation supporters have written over 80,000 individual letters to members of Congress expressing their concern regarding FAA's intent to regulate model aircraft, and there are clear signs that our message is being heard. Scores of Congressmen have responded to their constituents with letters of understanding and support. Though an amendment protecting model aviation has not yet been introduced into H.R. 658, we now have several supporters in the House and at this point the legislative process is taking its course. Last Thursday the FAA Reauthorization and Reform Act was sent to the House Committee on the Judiciary and is expected to return to the floor next week. Unfortunately, there are no guarantees, but at this point we are seeing positive movement in the House of Representatives and we are optimistic that Congress will act to protect model aviation from unnecessary and potentially debilitating federal regulation.

Rich Hanson, AMA Government Relations and Regulatory Affairs Representative

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Club Meetings

Club meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at the flying field. Meetings begin at 2000 (CDT).

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SIRS, Inc. Meeting Minutes - March 12,2011

Meeting started at 8:02

10 members were present with one guest

No treasure report was given

Old Business:

ISU Science Fair, April 17th update

Fred reported that everything is ready for the club display. If you are available that day please contact Fred to help out.

2011 Events were finalized

April 9th – Field Clean Up Day

April 17th – ISU Math Fair

May 14th – Club Bash

June 25th & 26th – Pylon Races

August 6th – Fun Fly

September 11th – Thompson Cup

September 24th & 25th – Pylon Race

New Business:

No new business was offered

New Member:

Stan Nord – Stan owns a local storage business and has full scale airplane experience. He has been flying some indoor helicopters also. He happens to be Paul's son too.

Show And Tell:

- Ken Ausili showed his Advance 25. It is an electric plane that he converted to glow and changed it from tri gear to tail dragger. He is using a Thunder Tiger 36 for power.

- Father Rick had his "auction plane" for this year. It was a super cub with auto crash technology that is supposed to save the airplane if it is headed to earth. It can be turned off when you are comfortable. The Cub even has a release for dropping items and you can mount floats also.

- Jay Cappis brought his B-17. It has four Webra 32's and retracts. Jay also showed his new Quickee fuse.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25



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Warren Kurth

Was inducted into the 2010 Model Aviation Hall of Fame.

Warren Kurth was born on April 5, 1933, in Bloomington, Illinois. His modeling career began with a sheet-balsa model kit when he was six years old. He was an assistant instructor at a YMCA model building class during junior high school. Warren lectured on model building, flew Control Line demonstrations, and taught a model building class at the community center for disadvantaged boys when he was in high school.

Warren was actively involved in many aeromodeling organizations. He was the treasurer for the Bloomington, Illinois club for two years and reorganized the defunct Keesler Model Airplane Club, including securing a concrete apron for the club members to fly Control Line.

Warren designed several models in his career, including the *Miniball*, *Jetstream*, *Hedgehopper*, *Peetriot*, and the infamous *Peanut*. The *Miniball*, first published in the October 1970 issue of *Model Airplane News*, had seven National AMA records in 1/2 A Proto Speed in Open, Junior, and Senior classes between 1968 and 1972.

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April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Toledo, OH Expo
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Meeting Field Clean-up
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 ISU Math Fair	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30