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My daughter and I made it to the field the afternoon of the meeting. It was great to see so many people out flying! I was kicking myself for forgetting my camera again and now I am mad about not jotting down the names of members that were there. We had two young men that have been sharing a trainer and getting along pretty darn well (wish I took notes for names). Dave Ludington was flying and one of the men asked Dave if he would help him. Dave said well sure and landed immediately to help. Our IMAC competitor Jeff Wessel was working on his routine with I think a new plane for this year. Big and smooth is all I can say. Nate was showing off his Parkzone p-47 and had every right to. What a neat and great flying airplane, retracts and all. The Fords and some others (no notes) kept a helicopter in the air at all times I think. I still believe most of that crazy stuff is an accident but they have my utmost respect. I saw Art Ausili with his big Fourstar getting some flight time too.

Top 10 things to say when you need to go flying and it is your significant others Birthday, Your Anniversary or other important date:

- #10 - "Well Hon, it's the Summer Solstice and the longest day of the year..."
- #9 - "Awe Honey, there'll be other Wedding Anniversaries..."
- #8 - "Look, I'll come back from the field early and we'll do McDonalds, okay?"
- #7 - "Now you know this is my usual flying day..."
- #6 - "I'll make it up to you next year, honest. Just remind me a week before..."
- #5 - "But heck Honey, it's Family Fun Day!!"
- #4 - "It's not that I don't love you, dear, it's just that I haven't got this darned engine set up right yet..."
- #3 - "Of course you guys are the center of my life. You, the kids, and the Extra 230..."
- #2 - "Well, you know, I never said anything before, but that one's really your plane, and I want to make sure it flies okay.... yeah, yeah, that's the ticket..."
- #1 - "Well, you can come with me! I need someone to hold the plane..."

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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 - April 9th

Meeting started at 8:03 pm
9 members present and 0 guests
Approved minutes from last meeting

Treasurer report:

\$6731.38 in bank
35 members renewed and paid up.
65 paid members last year.
Club has been chartered and all paper work done.

Old business:

ISU Science Fair: Sunday April 17th 1 pm Horton Field House
ISU has presold 300 tickets, and expect a couple thousand guests. SIRS will have a booth set up and plan to fly some small indoor models.

Family Fun Day: May 14th at field Sponsored by Todd.
Fun fly pilot meeting at 3pm. Weiner roast after competition. Static show check-in at 5:30 ish. Monthly club meeting afterwards. This is a day for club members, their family and friends. Not an open to public event. Come out to the field show your fun fly skills, enjoy a hot dog and see what everyone's been building all winter. Bring a dish to pass if you like. Meeting will be afterwards.

Pylon races: June 25th and 26th and September 24th and 25th
We need about 10 to 12 volunteers to run each race and do not want to hire outside help and cut into our earnings. Races will be our clubs big money maker this year, please come out to help, its easy and fun! See Jay Cappis for more info.

Fun Fly #2: August 6th. More details to come.

Thompson Cup: September 11th See Jay Cappis for more info.

A Day At The Airport: September 17th at Bloomington airport.
We were invited again this year to be part of this fun family event held at the Bloomington airport. We need at least 3 to 4 club members to volunteer to come out and show off our hobby. See Dave Hass for more details.

New Business:

Fred reports that our business cards are working well and he has gotten many phone calls from people who have received them. See Fred or Dave Hass if you do not have any to pass out.

Amendment to end of year awards: Nate motioned that the end of year award for most crashes should exclude crashes resulting from combat competition. Seconded, and passed 6yes, 2 no.

Show and Tell:

Nate brought his new parkzone P47 warbird. This is another excellent foam parkzone plane similar to the T28, and Corsair. Nate's plane is equipped with the optional mechanical retracts and it flies great and fast. The retracts have held up very well and look like they are going to last a long time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm



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Using an instructor is still the best way to learn flying, especially with a nitro powered model plane. The instructor will help you learn faster and develop more confidence in your ability generally. Look for an instructor that has a trainer system, connect it with a compatible radio, and fly with the safety of having the instructor back you up. This is very important because it helps minimize the risk of damaging your model plane. You can find an instructor by checking local flying clubs, or contact Academy of Model aeronautics (AMA) at www.modelaircraft.org.

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If you are a beginner, and you want to get the most cost effective way to learn how to fly an rc plane or heli, the Reflex XTR 'Next To Reality' Flight Simulator, Great Planes RealFlight G3 R/C Flight Simulator & Hanger 9 FS One with Mode 2 Controller is the one you should check out ! Simulators are close enough to the real one to teach you a lot.

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