



Official Newsletter for the Sentral Illinois Radio Society, Bloomington IL

July Meeting Minutes

Meeting started at 7:05

14 members present and 1 guest

Approved minutes from last meeting

Treasurer report: \$10668.99 in bank. 34 paid up members. Incorporation papers have been prepared and are due on Aug 1st. This year marks the clubs tenth year to be incorporated. The encumbrance section of the financial report has been updated to include all expenses involved with the new field. The report is much easier to understand and predicts the club having approx \$2068.00 in the bank after all this years expenses are paid. Thanks Jim!

Old business:

Weeds: FS has given us a quote to spray the new field for under \$100.00 much less than we can spray the field for ourselves. They came out to the location to asses the weeds and give their recommendation of what to spray. Once the weeds are sprayed we cannot mow the grass for at least 4 days to let the herbicide work.

Control line flyers: No update, Jerry Worden said he will welcome these flyers to join our club and use our field.

Astronomers: Fred has been in contact with the Twin City Astronomers about sharing our location. They have asked to cover the costs of the concrete in return for an agreement to use the location for the next 10 years, following our lease. This works out to a \$12 a month payment from them for the use of our field. A motion was made to accept their offer of ten years use (following our lease) in exchange for them covering the cost of the concrete. We will install the concrete, they will pay for it. Motion passed unanimously.

Decommissioning Thompson field: The idea of an official decommissioning of the old field was brought up. There were several ideas discussed of what to do and nothing is set yet. If you have any ideas or input please attend the next club meeting.

Pylon Races: The club has agreed to host a pylon race this year on September 21st and 22nd. This has been the big money maker for the club the last few years and Jay cannot do it all himself. We would like to avoid the expense of hiring a group of people to help with the races by getting enough club volunteers to help run things. Ten club members are needed per day to run things smoothly. If you have helped in the past, thank you, and if you would like to help this year please contact Jay or a club officer or attend the next meeting.

New Sign: During the last meeting the members were asked to bring in some ideas for a new sign at our field. A few members brought in their ideas and a discussion followed. The discussion of what to call the new field came up as well as what to include on the sign. There is not enough room in this newsletter to include everything talked about and the discussion will continue next month. A motion was made to use an old logo design that Fred drew up. The motion was made and then put on hold until next month. If you have any ideas or thoughts on this topic please attend the next meeting.

New Business:

Field Sponsor: An idea of trying to secure a field sponsor was brought up. This might be a large company such as State Farm or a local organization, business, etc... This could drastically help the club financially and will be discussed more later.

Shed: The new field will need a shed to store the tractor and other miscellaneous things. Dave Hass has shopped around locally for storage buildings and cam up with a few ideas. Prefabricated steel buildings, not of the highest or nicest quality, can be had in the 15 x 20 ft range for about \$2000. Other options include building a wooded structure from many available plans, or buying a completely built structure that just needs to be moved onto site. The club would like to get this building done asap, since it will be much easier to maintain our new grass with our mower on site. It is not very practical to trailer small mowers back and forth to the field. If anyone has any ideas or input on this building please come to the next club meeting. We would like to have a building in place in the next month or so.

Historical Items: If any club members have any historical papers, photos, or anything else related to our club please contact Fred or a club officer. Fred would like to archive these items either physically or electronically to preserve our clubs history.

Next Meeting: Next months meeting will be held at the new field. We have a new field and let's use it! The club thanks Father Rick for his generous use of the church, and we hope to continue to be able to use the church in the future for meetings. If you haven't been to the new field this will be a great time to check it out as well as do some flying before the meeting.

Meeting Guests: John Vanantwerp came out to the meeting to introduce himself. John has been flying since the 70's and has recently moved back to the Bloomington area and found our club while looking for a place to fly. John asked to join our club and was unanimously welcomed. Welcome John!

Show and Tell: Once again this moth included some "show and give" brought in by Father Rick. Je brought in several old engines including a YS91 and Webra 91 to give away. As soon as the meeting was over everyone swarmed him and the engines! Thanks Father Rick for your generosity! Also brought in was Cliff's newest quad rotor. This one is a small one by his standards, just a few inches across by Eflite.

Meeting Adjourn at 8:20 pm.

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