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SIRS's participation in the 8th Annual Worldwide Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon

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Come
Fly
With
Us
January
1st
9:00 AM
“Frozen
Fingers!”

We
Will
Adjourn
To
The
Dixie
Truck
Stop
At
McLean
To
Thaw!!!

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Next Club meeting is December 12 at 7:00 PM



St. Mary's Church School Cafeteria.

527 W. Jackson, Bloomington, IL

Flying in the gym after the meeting!

Guests and prospective members are welcome to attend.

NOTE!



Mary Cralley's

Famous Venison Chili will be served!!



BYOB

Feel free to bring other snakes to share!

**A few extra pounds of frozen venison
burger will also be available.
(making room for new venison)**

No minutes were taken at the last meeting
because it was the Annual Club Banquet.

“Banquet Report Follows!”

Dues are due January 31st

\$90.00 (Make checks payable to SIRS)

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

AMA # _____ Email _____

Phone Home _____ **Cell** _____

Mail check to: (Or bring to the meeting)

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About the new field:



Ken Asulli found a use for Dave Hass' cranky generator! Dead weight for the aerator!!

Field Development

Seed, water, fertilizer, aeration, rolling, weed control. That's what's needed to produce the type of flat field we all want for smooth takeoffs and landings. I will work with turf professionals and develop a plan for the 2016 season that will be presented to the membership for approval this winter. The purchase of the John Deere Lawn tractor in 2015 allows us do virtually all of the work ourselves. That option is definitely more cost effective than hiring companies to do the work for us. Should we continue to rent equipment or buy it? The membership will decide our course of action. Mother Nature, of course, must supply the water.

The initial phase was begun on Nov. 7 when a group of us aerated the field and applied a weed and feed product. That is an initial attack on the patches of clover and other broadleaf weeds. This late fall application should help with early grass green-up next spring. We will over-seed or slip-seed the field this spring, as approved at the October meeting.

Nitrogen in fertilizer stimulates plant growth. Not just grass height, but also underground "runners" that cause the grass to spread and fill in bare areas. That's what's more important to us at this time. It will increase our mowing but is essential in developing the ideal flying turf. Most turf fertilizer products also includes other nutrients that help keep the grass healthy and resistant to disease. More information in future newsletters.

Bob Stadsholt, 2016 Vice President

The Annual Club Banquet.

Once again the Annual Club Banquet was held at the Covell, IL Community Hall. Times Past Inn catered the meal and served us a great meal.

Jim Danforth is to be commended for his work on the banquet (food, cake etc.) Thanks to all who donated, especially Merle Jackson and Father Ric! Libby Worden made the lovely center pieces... additional thanks to those who helped with set-up and break down of tables and chairs.

The giveaway table for members was loaded with a Saito 180 topping the pile! This engine is worth close to \$600 (lists for \$599 at Horizon) and was donated by Merle !! President Dave Hass pulled Jerry Worden's ticket out of the "hat" first draw and there went the engine!! Fred Logue auctioned off a pristine J-3 Piper Cub and Father Ric's Novi 2 with an Evolution .46 engine featuring a replica of Father Ric as the pilot! They brought \$250 for the Cub and \$300 for the Novi 2!! A silent auction netted even more funds (amount unknown – check the next newsletter).

All members that attended scored free goodies ranging from the Saito 180 down to epoxy mixing cups and tons in between!!





Over thirty members and guests enjoyed good food and fellowship!

The 2015 Officers were recognized

President Dave Hass, Vice President Jerry Worden. Treasurer Jim Danforth, Safety Officer Ken Ausili, Secretary Jay Cappis. Editor Justin Worden,

Also recognized with framed certificates for exceptional club contributions

For running races: Jay Cappis and Fred Logue

Thompson cup winner: Ken Ausili

Warbird Fly-In. Jerry Worden

Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon: John Cralley

“The best pilot that cannot keep a control line plane in the air for more than 1/2 second”. Jay Cappis

“Most trips taken to the field without ever bringing or flying a plane”. Bob Stadsholt.

Some links you may enjoy. Check them out!

Piper Cub YouTube Video: [Cub Video](#)

FlyBoyz Blog about Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon: [Around the World Fly-A-Thon](#)

Have a Very Happy Holiday Season!!

Don't forget the New Year's Day Frozen Fingers gathering!!

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Send me your NEWS and any model aviation related information to share!!