



October  
Newsletter  
**SIRS**

Model Aviation  
Club



AMA District VI Chapter 621 Founded in 1964

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Next Club meeting is October 14th  
meeting will be held at 1:00 pm at the field  
weather permitting. Larry's shed is alternate  
site.

Thompson Cup October 14th  
POC Justin Worden  
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Sadly the season is coming to an end.



The old Meeting Minutes  
Sentral Illinois Radio Society  
SIRS Meeting Minutes  
September 9, 2023

President Dave Reed called the meeting to order under the pavilion at 1:00 pm with 16 members present. In attendance were Dave Reed, Larry Kupferschmid, Steve Meyer, Bob Statsholt, Jim Nettleton, Dennis Garrigus, David Leavens, Sherrie Leavens, Mike Tuten, Tom Wachtel, Tony Cellini, John Cralley, Ed Collins, Jerry Worden, Justin Worden, Gus Rice.

#### WhAT'S NEW AND UPCOMING

David Leavens reported on upcoming events and activities. John Cralley gave a brief update on the Ringmaster-Fly-A-Thon. AMA membership required. Lunch will be provided. Justin will be coordinating the Thompson Cup. Events are highlighted in the Newsletter.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Larry read the minutes from the July meeting. Minutes were approved as read. Dennis gave the July treasurer's report. With income of \$382.91 and expenses of \$688.45, the ending balance for July was \$13,335.69. Report approved as given.

Larry has reserved the Dale TWP building in Covell for the November 11 banquet. No further details were discussed other than approving \$300 for gift certificates, etc. Annie's Eats will provide the food.

AZ Dave presented a slate of candidates for 2024 officers. Dave will be stepping down as president. Dave said Randy Doss, who was not in attendance at the meeting, has agreed to be a candidate for president. Ed Collins offered from the floor to also be a candidate for president. Dave suggested that Ed and Randy serve in the positions of president or vice-president, depending on which one wins the presidency. The election will take place at the October meeting. Installation of officers will take place at the November meeting in conjunction with the banquet

#### NEW BUSINESS

Received "occupancy permit" from Zoning now that the rain barrels are installed.

Bob will spread urea and aerate the field.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Jerry. and a second by Tony.

Next meeting: 1:00 pm, October 14, 2023, at the field.

Respectfully submitted.

Larry Kupferschmid, Secretary

**And now the new**  
**Sentral Illinois Radio Society**  
**October 2023 SIRS CLUB AGENDA – 10/14/2023**  
**1:00 PM at the SIRS Flying Field**

1:00 pm - WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER - David Reed, President

1:05pm - WHAT'S NEW AND UPCOMING EVENTS – David Leavens – Communications

1:10pm - MINUTES - DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL - Larry Kupferschmid - Secretary

1:15pm - FINANCIAL REPORT - Dennis Garrigus – Treasurer

1:20pm – VP Update – Randy Doss – Vice President

1:25pm - OLD BUSINESS - Tabled items from last meetings

- Field Improvement committee updates – Larry
- Ringmaster Report – John Cralley
- Thompson Cup Today – Justin Worden
- Banquet – Nov 11th

1:45 pm - NEW BUSINESS - What do we want to do?

A. Officer Elections for 2024

President – Randy Doss and Ed Collins and ?

Vice President / Historian – Randy Doss and Ed Collins and ?

Secretary – Larry Kupferschmid and ?

Treasurer – Dennis Garrigus and ?

Communications Officer – Dave Leavens and ?

Safety Officer – Steve Meyer and ?

Webmaster – John Cralley and ?

- Newly Elected Officers shall take office at the November meeting

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E. 2:00 - ADJOURN MEETING

Hope all is well.

I was active in SIRS twenty years ago when we flew at Stan Thompson's field at Covell, but when the field was moved to Funk's Grove I bowed out of the club due to the distance. I have decided to sell my RC stuff, but donated my Red Baron Stearman Biplane to the Prairie Aviation museum in Bloomington.

On a side note, anybody older would know this, but incase you guys are young, I'd like to tell you about Roger Kapraun from Benson. He built all my planes including the Red Baron. To say he was a master builder would be an understatement. Unfortunately, he passed away a few years ago.

I have a plane (built by Roger), but hasn't flown for years (the engine is locked up) and some other odds and ends RC stuff that I would give somebody a very good deal. Would you guys know of somebody in the club that might be interested? See pictures below.

I got your names and e-mails off the club sight and decided to send it to you David and copy the officers.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

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***SIRS Indoor Flying  
Fridays 5:30 to 9:00  
Mt. Hope/Funks Grove Park District.  
Located on the west side of West Street, Mclean, IL. School gym.***

**Scan this to find our flying field**



## The 2024 dues are \$100 and due April 1st 2024

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

AMA # (or applied for) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: home \_\_\_\_\_ cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Make Check Payable to "SIRS Inc." and Mail to : (or bring to a meeting)

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New member's dues will be prorated to expire on March 31st.

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**Please send me any upcoming events. Please send photos or any other information you would like to see in the newsletter.**

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