



September
Newsletter

SIRS

Model Aviation
Club



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Upcoming things to do

Next Club meeting is September 9th
meeting will be held at 1:00 pm at the field
weather permitting. Larry's shed is alternate
site.

Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon October 7th,

<https://ringmasterflyathon.com/>

8th as a backup

POC John Cralley jccrall@ilstu.edu

Thompson Cup October 14th

POC Justin Worden

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See page 5 for local club events

The old Meeting Minutes
Sentral Illinois Radio Society
SIRS Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2023

President Dave Reed called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm under the Pavilion with 12 members present. In attendance were Dave Reed, Larry Kupferschmid, Steve Meyer, Bob Statsholt, Jim Nettleton, John Siebert, Dennis Garrigus, David Leavens, Tom Wachtel, Dick Hanson, John Van Antwerp, Randy Doss.

WHAT'S NEW AND UPCOMING

David Leavens reported on upcoming events and activities, which are highlighted in the Newsletter.

Steve Meyer will coordinate Model Aviation Day to be held August 12.

Larry reported that the county real estate tax assessments for 2023 are being mailed. We can expect about a 10% increase due to equalization.

OLD BUSINESS

Larry read the minutes from the June meeting. Minutes were approved as read with a correction to the ending Treasurer's Report balance he had reported for June. An increase of \$0.10 was added to the ending balance. Dennis gave the July treasurer's report. With income of \$396.29, and expenses of \$1,376.98, the ending balance for July was \$13,641.23. Report approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Larry reserved the Dale TWP building in Covell for the November banquet. Dennis will submit checks in the amount of \$30 for the use of the building and \$100 for a refundable security fee. It was decided to have Annie's Eats provide the meal.

John Siebert presented the Club history documents for Randy to assess for preservation.

The Club will buy a Timber Evolution from Steve Meyer for \$150 to use as a trainer.

Youth membership was discussed only to find the Club has by-laws addressing such.

AZ Dave will head up a committee presenting a slate of candidates for 2024 officers. Dave will be stepping down as president. All other current officers have expressed interest in remaining in current positions. Any member interested in becoming a candidate for a 2024 officer may contact a current officer and be added as a candidate. Dave will present a slate of candidates at the September meeting for the October election. Installation of officers will take place at the November meeting.

Bob is reviewing Club business cards.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Jim N. and a second by John Siebert.

Next meeting: 1:00 pm, September 9, 2023, at the field.

Respectfully submitted.

Larry Kupferschmid, Secretary

**And now the new
Sentral Illinois Radio Society**

**September 2023 SIRS CLUB AGENDA – 9/9/2023
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
- * Model Aviation Day report – Steve
- * Annual Worldwide Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon – 10/7/2023 – John Cralley
- * Thompson Cup – 10/14/2023 – Justin Worden
- * Banquet – Nov 11th

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

A. Officer Nominations for 2024

President – ?

Vice President / Historian – Randy Doss and ?

Secretary – Larry Kupferschmid and ?

Treasurer – Dennis Garrigus and ?

Communications Officer – Dave Leavens and ?

Safety Officer – Steve Meyer and ?

- * Officer Elections next month – October club meeting
- * Newly Elected Officers shall take office at the November meeting

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2:00 - ADJOURN MEETING

From the desk of the VP

A lot of ground to cover, so lets get into it. Steve Meyers Aviation Day 8/12/2023 event was something you really wanted to be there for. We had a decent turnout, pilots, guests, new members and prospective new members... The weather was great, the field was in amazing shape, and even tho he had just cut the grass on wednesday, Steve took the mower out and went over the control line area saturday morning before the show. Several favorable comments were made about the field by flyers and visitors alike.

A big thank you to Randi Meyer for the food she prepared (her BBQ was amazing). Our resident olympian was present and helped her mom with food setup and service. (That young ladys' smile could warm the heart of a polar bear) Always great to see you both. Thank you for feeding us.

Team Worden showed up in force. Flying several types of aircraft throughout the day. Having two F-18s as well as matching T-28s gave us a taste of chase and formation flying which, considering the tricky winds, they were magnificent. Hope to see more of that. To Jerry and Justin.....It did not go unnoticed that you had rented a truck to get your air force to the field! Many thanks from all of us!!!! WELL DONE.

Kim Stricker from Breezy Hill graced us with many different control line aircraft. While in conversation with visitors, I was told they had never seen control line before and were awe struck. And as usual the questions of/// How does he not get dizzy and fall down? The perfect answer..... He closes his eyes!!.....The looks i got was worth the joke. Kim also took footage and photos with his drone for us to use on the website and promotional purposes. We are grateful for all your assistance...Thanks Kim. Having you fly on our field is always a welcome addition.

Our illustrious president Dave Reed brought and flew his latest build project. My guess is he can cut a straight line because for a control line aircraft it looked to me like it flew well. Dave spent a lot of time on the buddy box saturday and sunday with new members as well as my guest i had brought to the show. The ride home Daryll couldnt have been held down with bricks. Its awesome to see that kind of excitement about our hobby. Dave....you will be his hero for some time to come.

Al Kleinschmidt and his Ultimate Bipe ruled the skies above the field several times. Putting on a great exhibition of balsa and glow fuel flight Nicely done sir...

It was great to see Robin and Jodi at the field. Rob was in good form flying his biplane. Those tricky winds i spoke of nipped at him a bit but all in all a great flight.

Kris Akers put on his usual breathtaking freestyle with his Extra 300. Not only during the show but during the cleanup on sunday we had visitors that got to see him fly an even better freestyle flight. Amazing how he makes a plane dance!

I would also like to mention and thank Tony Celini for all his assistance...He got some great photos of the event and he also entertained the visitors on Sunday with his 1.5 meter glider. The way he launches that thing still gets me every time.

For everyone that flew or assisted in the event if i have not mentioned you i would like to thank you on behalf of the entire club as well as those who attended and had a great time.Thank you all!

I would like to add a special thanks to Justin and Jerry,Kris,Steve and Tony for their help on my personal project. Dragon has a heartbeat and hopes to take flight soon.

Randy Doss

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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 2023 dues are \$100 and due April 1st 2023

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)

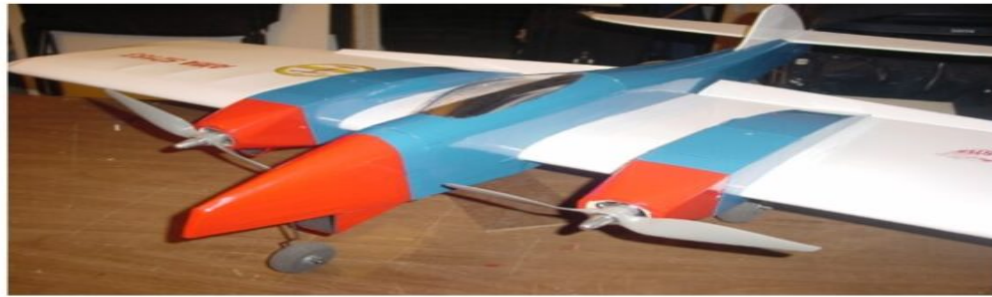
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New member's dues will be prorated to expire on March 31st.

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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.

Dave Leavens, Editor
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John Cralley's one of a kind Ringmaster twin based on the Pat Johnston 526 modified by Pat King.

!6th Annual Worldwide Ringmaster

Fly-A-Thon!!

October 7th & 8th

2023!

**Plenty of time to get
READY!!**







WHAT A VIEW