



**January**

**Newsletter  
SIRS Model  
Aviation Club**



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The Frozen Fingers Award

***Randy Doss***

34 degrees, 24 gusting to 30 and flurries

Congratulations Randy

**Next Meeting is January 11th**

St Mary's Church School cafeteria

527 W Jackson Bloomington Il

Enter the school from the parking lot behind the church.

Doors open at 6 PM Meeting at 7 PM

Indoor flying in the gym before and after the meeting.

***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.***

***Enter via Southwest door.***

## *January 2025*

Anticipation: What flying and ketchup have in common! That will date you if you get it...

A new year is upon us, for me I am already feeling withdrawal pains. I made it to the field on New Years eve 34 degrees, 24 gusting to 30 and flurries. I really thought I would bring it home in a bag. It was a challenge, but a lot of fun, so i flew twice and then took my frozen fingers home. I had to use my gloves to prop the camera on the dash. Left the radio playing so I have a poor mans soundtrack.

I have gone from having no room to build, to having 4 projects going at the same time. Although the last month has been very trying and a little painful, I have been able to get quite a bit done. In the immortal words of many before me "as long as nothing else goes wrong" I should be able to get quite a bit of flight time this year.

We now have an AED plus (Automated External Defibrillator) Manufactured by the ZOLL corporation. I am told it is top of the line in its class. This thing even talks, first thing it says is "remain calm". I will bring it to the next meeting as well as the cabinet for the field. Courtesy of the Veterans Assistance office in Bloomington. We qualified for them to donate the device to us at no cost. Even though the unit is 3rd grade simple, one of the local fire chiefs and the EMTs on duty said that any of them would love to attend our meeting and give classes on CPR as well as other training such as, blunt force trauma, cuts, the severing of parts we all want to keep. Not something any of us want to see or experience but knowledge of what to do in the event of... When we can set up the training, I want to be front row center.

In our chat room several people are enjoying the building season with their own projects and I look forward to seeing the results once we get back to the field on a regular basis.

We already have a surprise or two for this year and several ideas that still need to be locked down. I consider 2024 to be an all around success for our club and I pledge to do my best to make 2025 even better. I always welcome ideas and suggestions, so if you have any that would help make it a great season please drop a line or gimme a call. To quote another...Teamwork makes the Dream work.

I wish you all the best for the upcoming year and look forward to seeing you soon.

Fair weather and blue skies!

Randy Doss

S.I.R.S. president

### **Future SIRS 2025 events**

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SIRS IMAC Challenge  
Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon  
Thompson Cup



## **SIRS MEETING MINUTES**

**December 14, 2024**

President Randy Doss called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at St Mary's School gym. There were 8 members present.

Larry read the minutes from the October 12, 2024 meeting. Dennis read the Treasurer's report. Both reports were approved as given. Larry also read a summary of the November 2 banquet held at the Dale TWP Community Building in Covell. The banquet was deemed a great success.

### **Old Business**

Randy reported that he approached the necessary individuals to inquire about an AED for club use. As a result, the Club will be receiving an AED, complete with cabinet from the Illinois Veteran's Assistance Program. The system will be installed at the field in the spring along with training in its use. CPR training for Club members and possibly others, will also be provided. More details to follow.

### **New Business**

Larry reported that he and Randy attended a meeting at the local EAA chapter regarding the EAA's "Build & Fly" program that they are attempting to "get off the ground." The program is intended to develop interest in aviation among the youth in our area. The EAA hopes to enlist members of the Prairie Aviation Museum and SIRS to join them building a 40-size balsa trainer that will be used in instructing the participants in various aspects of aviation. The EAA-provided kit, is complete with all components necessary to get a plane into the air including radio and a flight simulator. More details to follow.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting January 11, 2025, 7:00 pm at St. Mary's school gymnasium with indoor flying at 6:00 pm and after the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Kupferschmid, Secretary

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**The 2025 dues are \$100 and due April 1st 2025**

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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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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