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Aviation Club



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**Next Club meeting is October 12th**  
**Meeting will be held at 1:00 pm at the field**

Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon is now Scheduled for Saturday October 12th from 8:00AM to 11:30AM.

Thompson Cup October 12th  
POC Justin Worden [justin.worden@nussbaum.com](mailto:justin.worden@nussbaum.com)



From the Pres

Hello everyone, I hope you are all doing well and in good spirits. I want to thank everyone who was involved in helping to make the I.M.A.C. event a success as well as a blast to attend. Kris Akers did a wonderful job as contest director, Steve Meyers did a great job working the grill like an admiral! All of you that came out really made these people feel welcome and other than a beat up cowl, I never heard anything but compliments from our guests and visitors alike. Our field is in great shape. we had support on hand every moment. I can say with great confidence that if we can talk Kris into doing it again, next year will be even better. We may have gone a little overboard on the food because more than one person commented on that..

That is a great Segway into a lot of thanks go out to Heinkels Packing, House of Meats, Stewarts Meats all in Decatur. As well as Moweaqua packing and the Atlanta Locker in their respective towns. Since all they ever hear me talk about is this club and its members, when I attempted to get the products, not a one would let me pay for it!(and they definatly gave more than I was willing to spend). These actions held a special meaning for me personally and David Leavens and I are working to put out a really nice Thank You letter to each of them for their participation.

I would like to take this opportunity to say even more thanks to our club members. This last year I have been blessed in so many ways. Being the president of anything wasn't really on my radar. Other than one unfortunate misunderstanding with a current member. I want to believe, everything I have done or tried to do has been in the best interest of our club. To say I am proud to hold the position would be an understatement. Being introduced or introducing myself at other clubs always makes me feel a pride in knowing I have the ability to brag about S.I.R.S. and I do! We have a great club!!!!

This last year I have witnessed some amazing moments in time. Mr. Bass going all out, flying an aircraft in a way most people would think impossible to do. Two champions flying for the entertainment of a six year old cancer patient. Father and son formation flying with somewhat identical aircraft, and doing it well. Our first turbine screaming over the field. A four cylinder monster sitting next to an electric with counter rotating props. The interaction with the up and coming and the old and knowing. If you add to that, the events already held this year, as well as all the new friends we have made. 2024 has so far been an amazing year for us! On a personal note, adding a new grandson and finally buying the house 2024 has been exceptional...

Most of the credit goes to the committee, without them I would still be shaking in my shoes like I did at our first meeting. Thank you gentlemen for keeping me focused and giving me great advice and guidance.

With that being said, I would consider it an honor to continue my duties through 2025.

Three more events,,,Ringmaster...Thompson Cup....Banquet.....I look forward to seeing you all there!

Randy Doss  
S.I.R.S. President



# SIRS Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2024

President Randy Doss interrupted the Model Aviation Day event taking place at the field and called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. There were 20 members and a number of guests present.

Larry read the minutes from the August 10, 2024 meeting. Dennis read the Treasurer's report for the month. Both reports were approved as given.

## Old Business

According to Dave Leavens, construction of the RC dirt track should be completed around the end of October.

## New Business

Larry will look into upgrading the electrical system so the two outside electrical outlets will be on separate circuits.

Randy is moving forward on his proposal to purchase an upgraded PA system.

The election of officers for the 2025 year will take place at the October meeting. The nominating committee, consisting of Larry and Dennis, presented the list of nominations, which is comprised of current officers as all have agreed to stay on should they be re-elected. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor until the vote is taken at the meeting. Installation of new officers will take place at the November meeting. The annual SIRS banquet and monthly meeting will once again be at the Dale TWP Community building in Covell on November 2.

The Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon will take place October 5 weather permitting. The esteemed John Cralley tabulates and reports the world-wide flights. Last year the count was over 8,000 flights. Five laps around the control line circle is considered a flight. Gus Rice and Jerry Worden are coordinating this year's SIRS event.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: 1:00 pm, October 12, 2024 at the field.

Respectfully submitted.

Larry Kupferschmid, Secretary



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

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)

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

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



5:54 PM



9:13 AM



5:54 PM



9:28 AM