



**August**

**Newsletter  
SIRS Model  
Aviation Club**



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**Next Club meeting is August 10th  
Meeting will be held at 1:00 pm at the field**

Model Aviation Day

August 17

POC Steve Meyer [steves\\_tile@yahoo.com](mailto:steves_tile@yahoo.com)

SIRS IMAC Challenge Sept 14th-15th

POC Kris Akers [kris.akers101@gmail.com](mailto:kris.akers101@gmail.com)

Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon October 5th, 6th as a backup

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Thompson Cup TBD

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July has been an interesting month for us all. Thanks to all of you who are continuing to keep our field in a really great condition. The east end is healing up nicely, there are still transition issues from the grass onto the runway in certain areas, but we are really close to an acceptable balance all the way around.

For those of you who were unable to attend the club meeting and don't follow on the FB chat, I would like to give a quick recap.

A special THANK YOU to the gentleman who donated the Draco aircraft to the club. In my opinion it was stolen at \$450.00 but it did add to our club. This individual has given us so much over the years and for that, we are grateful!

The ground r/c track: After a rather lively debate, and with the added addendum that this could become a topic of conversation in the future. This is to be used by members of S.I.R.S. as well as their guests. This track, (altho it's not built yet) will not be open to the public.

A vote was taken and passed that the building and pavillion are now smoke free areas on our field. To avoid further debate or question, this is all the time. Being a smoker I want to say cigarette butts are not the issue because we police that rather well ourselves. The issue is the smoke itself, I don't have a problem with this new rule, Its the right thing to do!

Steve Meyers will be hosting the next event at our field. Special Olympics is a really worthy cause to donate funds as well as some time, I am sure Steve would be glad to have some help during the event.(as well as your money) So let him know if your able. We can always use pilots, come on out and get some practice in. Lets show him we do care and support those who try to be the best they can be.

We welcome several new members this month, I have been mostly absent lately due to medication issues so, I haven't met them all yet. I understand they should fit in with the rest of us quite well so, "Welcome!"

Gus Rice has renewed the energy of our club towards control line flight. Several members including two of our newest are taking advantage of his skill and knowledge. Cool thing is...He enjoys the shareing, plus he is pretty good with the lines!

John V and Mike T are looking like some serious competition for the upcoming IMAC. There is a possibility for some trophies for the home team! Anyone else up for the challenge? There are three different levels.

On a somber note, we have lost a family member. Our thoughts and prayers for Tony Celini who just recently lost his mom. I never had the opportunity to meet her but, those who have, say, the world has lost a gift. Her legacy will live on through those whos' lives she touched. Memories of her will last forever. May she rest in peace.

Randy Doss  
President of S.I.R.S.

# SIRS Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2024

President Randy Doss called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm at the SIRS flying field.

There were 15 members and 1 visitor present.

Larry read the minutes from the June 8, 2024 meeting. In Dennis's absence, Randy read the Treasurer's report for June. Both reports were approved as given.

## Old Business

Dave L. gave an update on his vision for constructing an RC dirt track in the southeast corner of the field. Several concerns were raised as to the impact on the control-line circle, and who would have access to the track. Dave assured the group that his plan would not impact control-line activity. After much discussion, it was decided that any individual using the track would need to have full SIRS membership and the AMA. Limited access by visitors accompanied by a member needs to be delineated.

The memorial for Merle Jackson was not discussed.

## New Business

Randy stated that an outline of general repairs and upkeep of the facility, along with costs, would be forthcoming. The picnic table constituted a safety hazard and needed immediate attention.

A new-in-the-box Draco donated by Steve Dolniak was purchased by Randy for \$450 with the proceeds going to the club. Thanks to Steve and Randy!

Larry made a motion to designate the pavilion as non-smoking during events and when the public is present. After much discussion, it was decided to amend the motion to designate the pavilion as non-smoking at all times. The motion passed with strong support and no dissenting votes.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: 1:00 pm, August 10, 2024 at the field.

Respectfully submitted.

Larry Kupferschmid, Secretary



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**The 2024 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  
1301 Heritage Road  
Normal, IL 61761

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

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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.***

**FUN-FLY**  
**CELEBRATING**  
**OUR 60<sup>th</sup>**  
**ANNIVERSARY**  
**at our AIRFIELD**



**HONORING AMA'S**  
**NATIONAL MODEL**  
**AVIATION DAY**  
**And**  
**SPECIAL OLYMPICS**

**August 17, 2024**

SIRS Airfield (near Funks Grove, Illinois)

5856 E. 600 N. Road, McLean, IL

(Scan the Q-Code or Google "SIRS Flying Field" for location & directions)

**Academy of Model Aviation Sanctioned!**

**AMA membership required to Fly**

Pilots meeting 9:00 AM No Landing Fee

Control Line, RC and Static Display

Bring your favorite models to fly and/or Display!!

**43' X 250' Asphalt Runway**

Lunch available. Bring a chair/canopy.

**This Event supports Special Olympics Illinois**

Visitors are always Welcome at SIRS Airfield!



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