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Thompson Cup Pylon race top 3! (L to R)

Steve Meyer (3rd), Jerry Worden (2nd)

Justin Worden (1st)

Our Next scheduled Meeting is at

PIZZA Ranch

Bloomington, IL

Gathering at :

5:30 PM

With the Meeting

At 7:00 PM.

The new officers

Will be installed

At this Meeting.

Meetings from

December through

April will be at:

St. Mary's School,

Bloomington, IL

Our Members

Are Happy to Meet

Visitors & Guests

at the Airfield!

WELCOME

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Next Club meeting is Dec. 8th Mary's Church School cafeteria.

527 W. Jackson, Bloomington, IL

Enter the school from the parking lot behind the church!!

Doors open at 6:00 PM Meeting at 7:00 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.



McLean

My 2 Cents!

This Fall we have been having uncharacteristically nice flying weather here in central Illinois and SIRS members have been taking advantage of this by getting in a lot of flying!

Now as winter is approaching President Dave Reed has struck a deal with the Mt. Hope Funks Grove Park District to reserve their Gym located in McLean, IL for indoor flying every Friday from 5:30 until 9:00 (or possibly later). The former school and gym are located on West Street and a map can be found on page 2 of this Newsletter. Winter meetings will be held the second Saturday of each month at St. Mary's School, Bloomington, IL and again we will have indoor flying at that venue as well.

The Annual World Wide Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon exceeded all expectations this year!! Many groups and individuals used the "Make Up" weekend to fly (having been unable to fly the regular weekend) and we easily broke last year's record of 8,327! See page 5 for the grand total!

If your club has not been participating in the Fly-A-Thon, it is easy to join in. You need a control line Ringmaster model airplane and, as you can see on page 6, you can simply fly off of your regular airfield runway. If that is not an option then mow a circle in a corner with the grass low to allow flying control line. You can find all the information you need to join the fun at our website: [Annual Worldwide Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon](#)

The Thompson cup Pylon race was successfully run bucking some breezes with with Justin Worden winning and again earning the right to have his name engraved on the trophy!!



Dewayne Leavens flies my foam winged S-1 Ringmaster is for his solo Control Line flight! By the end of the flight he was getting a bit dizzy and coming into the wind the plane soared causing him to loose line tension! When he ran back to try to regain control he stumbled and ended up sitting on the runway! The model suffered a broken propeller!

I have been serving as the Communications Officer for SIRS since 2016 and it has become time to step aside and let someone else take over this position! Dewayne's father Dave Leavens will be my replacement. It has been a real pleasure to hold this position and I appreciate all the help I have received for the last 7 years!

John Cralley, Newsletter Editor

SIRS Unapproved Meeting Minutes October 8, 2022

President, Dave Reed called the meeting to order at the flying field at 12:00 pm with 12 members present. In attendance were Dave Reed, Larry Kupferschmid, John Cralley, Steve Meyer, Kris Akers, Steve Dolniak, Bob Statsholt, John Siebert, Fred Musick, John Burrill, Jay Cralley, Randy Doss.

WHAT'S NEW AND UPCOMING

The Thompson Cup is scheduled to begin at 1:00 pm after the meeting today. Jerry and Justin will coordinate.

The Annual Fall Banquet will be held November 12 at the Pizza Ranch and will consist of a brief meeting to install the officers for 2023. The room is reserved from 5:30 pm with meeting time at 7:00 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

Larry read the minutes from the September 10, 2022 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Dave R. read the treasurer's report in Dennis's absence.. September began with an account balance of \$33,959.01. No Income was reported. Expenses were \$652.65, giving an ending balance of \$33,306.36. The report was approved as given.

--John Cralley reported on Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon results. As of October 8th there were 5,826 flights worldwide with 351 pilots.

--Larry reported that the Field Improvement Committee is ongoing. Nothing to report.

--The field has been sprayed for broadleaves by FS Custom Turf.

--Winter meetings will once again be held at St. Mary's School from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

--Larry stated that McLean County Asphalt recommends waiting a year or two before sealing the runway.

--There was no Speaker of the Month.

NEW BUSINESS

--Steve and Randy will "X" the ends of the runway.

The following were elected as officers for 2023 and will be installed at the November meeting:

President...Dave Reed

Vice-President...Randy Doss

Secretary...Larry Kupferschmid

Treasurer...Dennis Garrigus

Safety Officer...Steve Meyer

Communications Officer...David Leavens

Next meeting: November 12 , 2022 at the Pizza Ranch. Social hour begins at 5:30 pm with meeting at 7:00 pm.

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



Ring of Ringmasters before flying for the very first Annual Worldwide Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon

The deadline for reports has passed!!

We Have A New Record:

10,481 Flights

By 605 Pilots

**Far exceeding the
8,327 Flights from last year!!**

Well Done!!

Everyone that flew this year has a

Right to BRAG!!

You were part of the biggest Control Line

Fun-Fly EVER!!!

Fun at the SIRS Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon



Pilot Name	Flight Count
John Cralley	11
Jay Cralley	44 111
Dave Rouch	111 444 11
Jerry Warden	1111
Randy D.	774
DeWayne L.	31



SIRS Field location near Funks Grove, IL



The 2022 dues are \$100 and we re due April 1st 2022

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

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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2022 Events Schedule:

All EVENTS at the Field are subject to favorable weather.
All Summer and early fall meetings will be at the Airfield.
Winter meetings (December through April) will be at St. Mary's School,
Bloomington, IL.

November 12th Club Banquet

November meeting the 12th at at the Pizza Ranch,
Bloomington, IL. Convene at 5:30, Eat, Meeting at 7:00 PM.

Some Videos/Links that may entertain/educate you!

What is the Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon all about?

They have been predicting that there would be flying cars since I was a teenager in the 1940! Will this finally be the one to succeed ??

As we look deeply within, we understand our perfect balance. There is no fear of the cycle of birth, life and death. For when you stand in the present moment, you are timeless. - Rodney Yee

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Send me your **NEWS**, Photos and any model aviation related information to share!!