



December  
Newsletter  
**SIRS**

Model Aviation  
Club



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**Next Club meeting is Dec. 10th**

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.

The Annual Frozen Fingers event will take place on January 1, 2023



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***The old***  
***SIRS Meeting Minutes***  
**November 12, 2022**

President, Dave Reed called the meeting to order at The Pizza Ranch at 7:00 pm with 13 members present, after a social hour and meal. In attendance were Dave Reed, Larry Kupferschmid, John Cralley, Kris Akers and family, John Siebert, John Burrill, Randy Doss, Dick Hanson, Tony Cellini, Ed Collins, Dave Leavens, Dennis Garrigus, Justin Worden and family.

**WHAT'S NEW AND UPCOMING**

John Cralley reported that the winter meetings will once again be held at St. Mary's beginning with the December meeting. The gym is available from 6:00 to 9:00 pm Indoor flying will also be available in the Mt. Hope/Funk's Grove Community Center gymnasium in McLean from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Fridays barring any scheduling conflicts.

The annual Frozen Fingers event will take place on January 1., 2023.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Larry read the minutes from the October 8, 2022 meeting. The minutes were approved as read. Dennis gave the treasurer's report. October began with an account balance of \$33,306.36. Income was \$225. Expenses were \$1,413.89, giving an ending balance of \$32,117.47. The report was approved as given.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The following officers were installed for 2023:

- President...Dave Reed
- Vice-President...Randy Doss
- Secretary...Larry Kupferschmid
- Treasurer...Dennis Garrigus
- Safety Officer...Steve Meyer
- Communications Officer...David Leavens

President Dave Reed recognized the following individuals:

- John Cralley for his many years of excellent service as the Communications Officer
- Kris Akers for his service as the out-going Vice President
- Jerry Worden and Steve Meyer for their coordination of field events this past year
- Randy Doss and Larry Kupferschmid for airfield maintenance and improvements

Kris is planning an IMAC event in or around early June at the field.

Next meeting: December 10 , 2022, St Mary's. Indoor flying 6:00 pm. Meeting 7:00 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted.

Larry Kupferschmid, Secretary

## **And now the new**

December 2022 SIRS CLUB AGENDA – 12/10/2022

St. Mary's Church - 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

**7:00 pm** - WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER - David Reed, President

**7:05pm** - WHAT'S NEW AND UPCOMING EVENTS – David Leavens – Communications

Indoor flying every Friday in Mclean – 5:30pm – 9:00pm

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**7:10pm** - MINUTES - DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL - Larry Kupferschmid - Secretary

**7:15pm** - FINANCIAL REPORT - Dennis Garrigus - Treasurer

**7:20pm** - OLD BUSINESS - Tabled items from last meetings?

**7:30 pm** - MEMBER PROJECTS - Member Show & Tell

**7:40 pm** - BREAK - Time to check out member projects and chit chat

**7:45 pm** - SPEAKER OF THE MONTH - Ed Collins - “Lipo Batteries & Chargers”

**8:15 pm** - PAPER AIRPLANE CONTEST – “Farthest Distance” and “Longest in the air”

Get your favorite designs ready – “Paper ONLY”

Printer paper will be supplied

This is for fun only and for bragging rights. :)

**8:45 pm** - NEW BUSINESS - What do we want to do?

2023 SIR CLUB Meetings format – any changes?

1 Hour or 2 Hours? – Seems some like both – 2 hrs to make it worthwhile and 1hr to leave time for flying, etc. – last few months seemed like 1 hr was preferred

Do we want to continue the SPEAKER OF THE MONTH? 2023 is open

Jan -

Feb -

Mar –

April to Dec: Kris Akers – IMAC – month TBD

Do we want to keep MEMBER PROJECTS on the agenda?

**9:00pm** - ADJOURN MEETING

from the desk of the V.P.

If I had a desk!! I would like to say that I am honored to be allowed to hold the office and carry the title. I hope to make a positive impact on the position as well as our club.

Because I am going to be asking you for something, I want to give, and hope that I receive...

My name is Randy Doss, son of Haskell and Phyllis Doss. He was a farmer who moved to high power line construction work. Mom was a typical 60's housewife. From the age of 8 until i joined the Army at 18, we travelled all over the country building lines. Six months to a year in one place so i have seen quite a bit of these United States. Seven Years in the Army (mostly overseas), then spent close to 20 years in the airshow business with Bill Leff and others, The last two seasons I rolled with Les Shockley and the Shockwave Jet Trucks.

I am happily married and a father of two lovely young divas and have been blessed with 3 grandchildren.

To digress for a moment.....My introduction to aviation was on a sunny June day a long, loooong time ago---2 F4 Phantoms out of what was Bunker Hill A.F.B. (now Grissom A.F.B.) came screaming over our Indiana farm at about 500 ft elevation... I can't say that I seen more than smoke from the first one, but the second one I still see in my mind like a slow-motion Hollywood effect. From that moment on I have what my wife would call an obsession with aviation. The F4 remains to this day my all-time favorite aircraft.

I am the proverbial jack of all trades, maybe the master of one. I currently work for the Dept. of Agriculture as an inspector for Meat and Poultry. I am not afraid to get my hands dirty, I like to be active as well as proactive in just about anything I do.

If you have made it this far then you deserve to know what I have on my mind concerning our flying club as well as what I am asking for from you.

We have approx. 46 members, and from the ones i have met so far i have observed, we are a diverse group with skills and knowledge that when brought together could accomplish anything we set our minds to do. We all know the average age of our members, so we know some have retired with years of experience in their chosen field. Some have sworn never to return to that work or perhaps a physical challenge makes it uncomfortable or impossible to do that work any longer.....I want to say to you...Your knowledge and experience is just as valuable on any given project...If not more so....we have people who can be the hands for those who can't!! Assets come in all shapes and sizes we need to utilize what we have, but until we know what assets we have- growth and refinement will suffer as well as cost issues.

I would love to hear from all of you, so feel free to drop me a line. Let me know what you feel we need to do or want to do with our club, our field, our direction for the future. If you have ideas, backdoors, access to deals that would help us get things done at a cheaper cost. (Quality does not have to be expensive!) Please let me know.

In closing, just out of curiosity and to help me advise the president and committees. Where would you like to see our club in Ten Years or so. Do we go for the gusto and use our runway and gold status to create more events and get a revenue agenda to further our cause, or do we sit back and enjoy what we have with three or four events during the year. I realize we have been blessed with anonymous donors, but hope has no place in the financial world and backup plans are a part of my nature. Self-sufficiency is something I was taught at a really young age. But I never let pride get in the way of asking for assistance.

Please be constructive and polite I cannot change what has happened in the past but i have the drive and willingness to do whatever i can to improve, grow and promote aviation through all ages and skill levels. And those of you i have met I see a reflection of those same qualities and desires.

Now is the time, this is the place...come on board, get excited, get involved. With all the rotten news in the world today, let's take our slice and create new and wonderful memories to share. As a group we can be a model that other clubs will strive to attain.

Sincerely:

Randy Doss

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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.

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