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Kris Akers racking up the mileage to the International Miniature Aerobatic Club Contests. The end makes it all worth while!

October

Club Meeting is

Scheduled for

10/8/2022

At 3:00 PM

Our Next

Scheduled Event

is Club Pylon

Races at SIRS

Flying Field.

October 8th

Our Members

Are Happy to

Meet Visitors &

Guests

at the Airfield!

WELCOME

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My 2 Cents!

Summer and Fall activities are underway here at SIRS Airfield.

In spite of a lot of windy weather we have had a great deal of flying at SIRS Airfield and the new 43' x 250' asphalt runway has been put to good use!

Our August National Model Aviation Day event was successful in spite of a light attendance. Many flights with a number of great models. It was vowed to make greater efforts to get the word out to nearby clubs and the local public.

Danvers' Day was canceled due to weather but next year may be a possibility.



No September activities were scheduled but about every weekend Vice President Kris Akers has been racking up points in the Aerobatic Contest circuit! He has clocked many miles but it all paid off today (October 2nd) when he nailed down the points Championship in his Class at the regional contest. Here is an award he picked up on the way to the Championship! These contests attract pilots from all over the Midwest!

October 1st we celebrated old style Model Aviation with our participation in the 15th Annual Worldwide Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon! We had seven club members flying Ringmaster Control Line models and put up a total of 32 flights. Dewayne Leavens got his first taste of going round and round with a Ringmaster and really got the hang of it EXCEPT he got caught in the wind right after the motor stopped! He lawn darted it in the turf but a new prop and a hot glue gun infusion put it back up for many more flights,

Club pylon races are next Saturday with the traditional Thompson Cup 20 minute endurance race. That will be preceded by high wing Tundra type electric (4 cell maximum) 4 lap sprints and a similar category for electric Warbirds. Heats will be flown if there are enough entries. Flying starts will be used for the 4 lap sprints but regular from ground takeoff will be used for the 20 minute Cup race which requires at least one pit stop whether it is needed or not!

Soft landings, John Cralley, Editor

SIRS Approved Meeting Minutes July 31, 2022

In the absence of President Dave Reed and Vice President Kris Akers, Larry Kupferschmid called the meeting to order at the flying field at 3:10 pm with 9 members present. In attendance were Larry Kupferschmid, John Cralley, Steve Meyer, Jim Nettleton, Jerry Worden, Ron Roth, Steve Dolniak, Dick Hanson, Bob Statsholt and Randy Doss.

Larry read the minutes from the June 11, 2022 meeting. The minutes were approved as read. In Dennis's absence, Larry read the treasurer's report. The month of July began with an account balance of \$28,710.90. Income was \$1,037.96 with expenses of \$647.19, which gave an ending balance of \$29,101.67. The report was approved as given. The runway is fully paid.

Larry reported that we have received the County Notice of Assessment Change for 2022. Our assessed valuation has increased by 6.03%, which should result in a tax bill of roughly \$488 payable next year. Current tax was \$460, which has been paid.

OLD BUSINESS

--John Cralley reported on upcoming events. **AMA Model Aviation Day** is set for Aug 13. Randy will have fencing installed by 7:00 AM. **Danvers Days** is Aug 20 and 21. SIRS will participate Saturday, August 20 only. The **Annual World-Wide Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon** is scheduled for October 1 & 2. See Meeting Agenda and Newsletter for complete details and latest developments.

--Concrete on the shed floor has been postponed.

--Work continues on upgrading the charging stations to 20 amp.

--Jerry thought that the Vintage Aviation Celebration had low attendance and may need to be reconsidered for next year.

--The Annual Banquet may once again be held in November as a scaled back event similar to last year's banquet at the Pizza Ranch.

--Tabled items: the cost, quantity and availability of AMA publicity brochures; first aid training; holding winter meetings at the Funks Grove Community building, Speaker of the Month.

NEW BUSINESS

--Steve will investigate painting "X"s on the ends of the runway.

--The inadequacy of our shed is once again up for discussion and resolution. There was strong support for addressing this problem.

--A motion was passed to authorize Bob to spend \$400 on a nitrogen application, and then form a subcommittee to address the broadleaf problem.

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

Respectfully submitted.

Larry Kupferschmid, Secretary

SIRS Unapproved Meeting Minutes September 10, 2022

President, Dave Reed called the meeting to order at the flying field at 3:00 pm with 15 members present. In attendance were Dave Reed, Larry Kupferschmid, Dennis Garrigus, John Cralley, Jim Nettleton, Jerry Worden, Justin Worden, Steve Dolniak, Bob Statsholt, John Siebert, Ed Collins, Fred Musick, Tony Cellini, John Burrill, David Leavens.

John Cralley reported on New and Upcoming Events with the October Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon being the main feature. SIRS will participate on Saturday, October 1, with October 2 being the rain date. Dave Leavens will have grill-master duties. Food will be served on Saturday only Full details will be on the SIRS website. The Thompson Cup is scheduled for October 8 and 9. Jerry and Justin will coordinate.

The Annual Fall Banquet will be held at the Pizza Ranch and essentially consist of a brief meeting to install the officers for 2023.

Larry read the minutes from the July 31, 2022 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Dennis read the treasurer's report. The month of August began with an account balance of \$29,101.67. Income was \$5,372.00, including an anonymous donation of \$5,000. Expenses were \$514.66, giving an ending balance of \$33,959.01. The report was approved as given.

OLD BUSINESS

--Concrete on the shed floor has been postponed once again. Larry has suggested reviewing future needs prior to pouring the concrete. Suggestions include the adding of square footage to the existing shed due to limited storage space, or possibly constructing an additional building. A sub-committee consisting of Larry, Dennis, Justin, Bob and Dave Leavens will investigate various suggestions and report back to the membership on feasibility of options, with a recommendation. Any action will require membership approval.

--The upgrading of the charging stations to 20 amp has been completed. Two additional stations have been added with two having USB charging.

--The field has a significant growth of broadleaves. Larry will obtain a quote from a commercial lawn service.

--The meeting venue for this winter has not been decided. Dave R. will investigate using the community building in McLean. John C. will check on St Mary's.

--Tabled items: the cost, quantity and availability of AMA publicity brochures; first aid training, "X"s on the runway.

NEW BUSINESS

--Dave R. will research how to reach out to other clubs to encourage more attendance at our events.

--Several members complained about the afternoon sun rendering the pavilion quite uncomfortable. Sun shade options will be considered.

--Larry will contact McLean County Asphalt regarding if the runway needs to be sealed prior to winter.

--The nominating committee has put forth the following slate of officers for 2023:

President...Dave Reed

Vice-President...Randy Doss

Secretary...Larry Kupferschmid

Treasurer...Dennis Garrigus

Safety Officer...Steve Meyer

Communications Officer...David Leavens

Nominations from the floor will be received at the October 8, 2022 meeting prior to the voting.

--The Speaker of the Month was Jerry, who gave us a nostalgic trip down memory lane about "The Good Ol' Days" when those of us who got into the hobby flew control-line models. RC was in its infancy and cost-prohibitive. Jerry had a couple examples of the more popular planes of the time. It was nice to reminisce about "The Good Ol' Days."

Next meeting: October 8, 2022 at the field.

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

Larry Kupferschmid, Secretary

October 1st and 2nd !!

RINGMASTERS FLY FOR THE FLY-A-THON!!



Are you ready to fly in the biggest Control Line Fun -Fly in the World!!

The Brotherhood of the Ring is sponsoring its 15th Annual Fly-A-Thon event:

October 1st & 2nd, 2022

Matt Kania's beloved Ringmaster control line model has been built and flown by more modelers than any other control line model airplane!

This is not a contest! No registration is required. There are no entry fees or prizes! This Fly-A-Thon is to *honor* the most popular CL model ever and promote Model Aviation!! Be part of something big and help make history by having more worldwide Ringmaster flights in a single weekend than our last record of **8327** flights from 2021!

Last year **524** different pilots participated!! **Goal this year is 8500+ flights by 550+ pilots!!**

This event is open to *all* participants *worldwide*!

On October 1st & 2nd, we challenge you to fly any one or more of the many varieties of Ringmasters, old or new, and report your flights to: www.ringmasterflyathon.com

Deadline for reporting is 12:00 noon Eastern time (USA) Tuesday October 11th

Location: *Wherever you are in the world!*



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In 2019 a record **553** different pilots participated!! **Goal this year is 8,500+ flights by 600+ pilots!!**

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Any Ringmaster from 1/2A to Giant and all variants in between can be flown.

Please report, how many total Ringmaster flights were made, how many different pilots flew, how many different Ringmasters flew and the location of these flights. Please feel free to include lots of details of your event as we plan to chronicle the Fly-A-Thon for future publication!!! If you get a new pilot to solo on a Ringmaster, that first flight will count as 2 flights!

**** A minimum of 5 laps is required to count as an official flight! ****

Let's keep the spirit of C/L alive!

Ok everyone! Just dig that old dusty Ringmaster from your attic and go fly it!

The results will be compiled and published by the Brotherhood of the Ring.

All questions should be directed to the primary contact: 2022flyathon@ringmasterflyathon.com

Rain/Wind/Flood/Conflict/etc. makeup weekend is October 8th and 9th

SIRS Field location near Funks Grove, IL



The 2022 dues are \$100 and are 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)

Dennis Garrigus
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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.
Usually these meetings will be at 3:00 PM on the 2nd Saturday of
each month with an agenda emailed to members before the meeting.**

October meeting the 8th at 3:00 PM at the airfield.

**October 8th The 20 Minute Annual Thompson Cup Pylon Race plus
other 4 lap Sprint Pylon Races to be announced. Club Members
Only.**

**November 12th Club Banquet at the Pizza Ranch in
Bloomington, IL**

Some Videos/Links that may entertain/educate you!

Kermit Weeks Flies a Curtiss Pusher

Shug Flies Control Line in Stiff Wind

***Everything that happens happens as it should, and if you
observe carefully, you will find this to be so. - Marcus
Aurelius Antoninus***

John Cralley, Editor

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