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SIRS RC/CL



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One of half a dozen "Cool" vests that key Club members will be wearing during our National Model Aviation Day event! These will make it easy to spot members to ask questions.

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The SIRS

August 7th

Club Meeting

Will be At

7:00 PM

At SIRS

Airfield.

In the event that the weather is not good, we will hold a ZOOM Meeting.

Check your email

Sat. if the

weather is iffy!

Our Members

Are Happy to Meet

Visitors & Guests

at the Airfield!

WELCOME

SIRS Field location near Funks Grove, IL



The 2021 dues are \$100 and are due April 1st 2021

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)

John Burrill
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SIRS Unapproved Meeting Minutes July 10, 2021

Due to inclement weather, the cookout and subsequent July 10, 2021 monthly meeting was held in Steve Meyer's garage.

Participating were members John Cralley, Larry Kupferschmid, Bob Stadsholt, Dennis Garrigus, Steve Meyer, John Burrill, Dave Houchin, Rob Houchin, Dewayne Leavens, Justin Worden, Jerry Worden, Ed Collins, Steve Dolniak and John Siebert.

Bob called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Larry read the minutes from the June 12, 2021 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

John Burrill gave the treasurer's report. The ending balance in the operating account was \$7,448.75 as of June 23, 2021, with income of \$548.00 and paid expenses of \$502.12. The report was approved as given.

Larry gave a recap of the June 26, 2021 Executive Meeting as reported in the June 12 meeting minutes. After the recap, there was a lengthy discussion on new member recruitment and the potential need for additional trainers. Several names were suggested as possible trainers. No definitive decisions were made.

Steve Meyer will look into re-certifying and sanctioning of our August 14 event with the AMA to include control-line flying.

Old Business

An update on the Club setting up a PayPal account was tabled.

The second vote was taken on a proposed change in the by-laws for the Club to offer a Paid-Up Life Membership. The vote was 12 of the 13 members present in favor of the change with one abstention, thus the proposed change will be incorporated into the by-laws.

No update was available for the possible relationship with the Normal Parks & Rec Department.

Club hats were distributed to all members present who had ordered them.

A brief Discussion of the August 14 model aviation day ensued. Food donations are welcome.

New Business

John Cralley suggested looking into awnings for the pavilion to block out the late afternoon sun. No action was taken.

Jerry proposed that the Club give serious consideration to improving the runway to include a possible lengthening and widening. After various opinions were expressed as to how to proceed, Ed Collins offered to contact other clubs to investigate how clubs have proceeded.

Bob may construct a log book to record mower maintenance.

There being no further new business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Ed Collins with a second by Jerry Worden.

This and That

We are currently looking forward to celebrating National Model Aviation Day, August 14, 2021, at SIRS Airfield!! We are hosting a Fly-In along with demonstrations of RC and Control Line flying, a Static display of models, a rocket launch and “Buddy Box” flights for visitors!!

Meanwhile we adopted a new Paid Life Membership option which is now available to members who are 65 years of age or older. The buy-in price is based on the individuals current life expectancy as determined by the Social Security Actuarial Tables for their age. The actual plan as it is spelled out in our bylaws can be seen elsewhere in this Newsletter.

We have added several new members this year and we now have 38 local members. They are (in no particular order): Garrett Sanders, Fred Musick, David Beck, Randy Doss, Ed Collins and Bill Fike Jr. Two recent former members have also rejoined. Welcome back Ken Ausili and Al Kleinschmidt.

If you encounter them at the field on one of our meetings, introduce yourself and get to know them. We have also lost one local in that Matt Greenlee has moved to Texas. Sorry to see you go Matt!!

I've added a flyer for our National Model Aviation Day on a following page.

Been watching the Olympic Swimming which reminds me. The IVRC Lake DePue, IL Float Fly is happening again this year. If you have aquatic capable models it should be worth the trip.



SAC 2021 FLOAT FLYS

FIRST SATURDAY AND THIRD FRIDAY STARTING WITH THE THIRD FRIDAY IN APRIL

FRI.	APRIL 16.
SAT.	MAY 1.
FRI.	MAY 21.
SAT.	MAY 29. MEMORIAL DAY FOOD SERVICE
SAT.	JUN 5.
FRI.	JUNE 18.
SAT.	JULY 3. INDEPENDENCE DAY FOOD SERVICE
FRI.	JULY 16.
SAT.	AUG. 7.
FRI.	AUG. 20.
SAT.	SEPT. 4. LABOR DAY FOOD SERVICE
FRI.	SEPT. 17. LAST ONE FOR 2020

Float Fly Location is 167th and Cicero Ave.
Normal Friday & Saturday Fee is \$5.00
SAC members fly free on normal Fri. & Sat. but \$10.00 on Memorial Day, 4th of July and Labor day.
Memorial Day, 4th of July & Labor Day Fee is \$10.00

Central Illinois Radio Society National Model Aviation Day August 14, 2021

Saturday August 14, 2021 the Bloomington/Normal Central Illinois Radio Society (SIRS) Model Airplane Club, a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), will be celebrating the reopening of their recently purchased Airfield with a Fly-In. The field, located 2 miles northwest of Funks Grove, IL on McLean County route 36, will be open to visitors from 9:00 AM until 4 PM.

The SIRS club was founded back in 1964 and members have been building and flying model aircraft ever since. All types of aircraft are flown at our airfield including: fixed wing airplanes, helicopters, “drones”, stick and tissue rubber powered free flight models, rockets and gliders. The club is a member of the AMA which is the 180,000 member National Organization for the hobby of Model Aviation in the United States.

The public is invited to come to the airfield and meet members of the club who will be available to answer questions, show off their models and give advice about the hobby of model aviation.

Activities will include:

- 1)A display of various model aircraft from Giant Scale models down to palm sized quadcopters (drones).
- 2)Flight demonstrations of both radio controlled models and control line models (fly on wires).
- 3)Model rocket launch from the field.
- 4)Opportunity to fly radio controlled models with an instructor (“copilot”)



Paul Bessler (r) and son Jerry with Paul's Giant Scale DC-3 dressed as an Ozark Airliner.
Website www.sirs-model-airplane-club.com

Our New Paid Life Membership.

(Other Clubs might want to consider adding this or a similar option to their to their club options.)

Paid Life Member:

1. Paid Life Members will pay no more dues after buying into this membership. This membership is a donation to support the SIRS Club in future years. Regular members who are 65 years of age or older are eligible to purchase a Paid Life Membership. The buy in price shall be \$250 plus \$100 times their additional life expectancy years using the most recent Social Security Actuarial Life Table at the time of their Paid Life Membership purchase. This is a non-refundable purchase. The monies from the purchase shall be held separately from the regular operating account in the Life Member Account. Annually on April 1st an amount equal to the current SIRS Club dues for each Paid Life Member will be moved from the Life Member Account to the SIRS Club operating account. In the event of a SIRS Club financial emergency the Paid Life Member Account may be used with the approval of 60% of the current members.
2. Example: John Doe is 65 and buys in to a Paid Life Membership. His additional years of life expectancy = 18. So, $\$250.00 + (\$100.00 \times 18) = \$2050.00$ which would be his buy in price.

Further explanation (not part of the Bylaws).

So, let's assume we offer this Life Membership to members who are 65 and older. How would that work? A flat rate buy in would be of increasingly less of interest to older members because their life expectancy is increasingly reduced with age. I'm 88 1/2 and, by the latest expectancy chart that I can find, my expectancy is between 4.3 & 4.7 years so say 4.5 years (based on 2017 death rates). I may well exceed that, but I could fall well short. That's because the expectancy basically says half of US men my age will die before reaching 92.5 and half will reach and/or exceed 92.5!

Note: A John Hancock Life Insurance calculator has my expectancy at 94 but that also uses some individual parameters such as height, weight, smoking, blood pressure etc.!!

So okay, let's say that for me the buy in would be \$250 plus life expectancy 4.5 times \$100 = \$450 thus a total \$700. The Club would be unlikely to lose much from me exceeding my expectancy. In fact I might be considering a bequest if I still felt positive about Club and the members. How about a member who is 65 their expectancy is 17.89 (so say 18 years) they would pay around \$250 plus \$1,800 (which = 18 years of dues) = \$ 2050 and the club would start losing money on them after they reached age 85 1/2 years. Would they still be in the Club at 85 1/2 if they hadn't bought a Life membership? Half of 65 year-olds would have already passed away by age 83.

The way to make Life Membership buy in work for the Club is to set those funds aside and not touch them short of an emergency! Each April 1st we can move \$100 (or current dues) from each Life Membership to the regular operating account just as if they were paying their dues for that year. If there were sufficient amounts in the PLM pool, they could be invested in an index fund (s) to counteract inflation. Actually, our dues may go down in the future if we have sufficient membership, and in any case, over the years we should be holding money making events to supplement dues. I see this as a win?/win? deal and would be willing to buy one if the proposed new Paid Life Membership is approved.

John Cralley, SIRS Club Communications Officer

2021 Events Schedule:

All EVENTS at the Field are subject to favorable weather.

SIRS Club Meeting 7:00 PM August 7th at SIRS Airfield

If the weather is inclement we ZOOM!

Check your email before going to the airfield to join the meeting!!

August 14th : Model Aviation Day Fly-IN

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Pilots Meeting 9:30 AM

October 2 & 3 Annual Worldwide Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon

Thompson Cup Pylon Race TBD

November 13th Annual SIRS Banquet

Some Videos/Links that may entertain/educate you!

Aircraft Engineer that accidentally tookoff!

Yanks Air Museum!

Life is a great and wondrous mystery, and the only thing we know that we have for sure is what is right here right now. Don't miss it. -

Leo Buscaglia

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