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# Newsletter

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## SIRS RC/CL



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New asphalt runway down there at SIRS Flying Field

We can land and sweep it clean



SIRS New Runway (SIRS Flying Field)



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The SIRS

November 13th

Club Meeting

Will be At

**5:30 PM**

At Pizza Ranch

Bloomington, IL

Members only for

this meeting!

Our Members

Are Happy to

Meet Visitors &

Guests

at the Airfield!

**WELCOME**

## SIRS Unapproved Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2021

The meeting was held at the flying field with 17 members and 3 guests present. Bob called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm. Larry read the minutes from the September 11, 2021 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

John Burrill gave the treasurer's report. The ending balance in the operating account was \$62,842.43 as of September 23, 2021, with income of \$50,100.00, and paid expenses of \$332.20. The report was approved as given.

Larry gave an update on the timing of the asphalt runway installation. Weather permitting, the excavation and preparation for the asphalt is planned for Tuesday, October 12 with completion of the asphalt the following day.

Larry and Bob provided an update on the appeal that is being planned for our 2021 taxes. The goal is to have our two farmed acres to be classified back to farmland, as it was originally, rather than the "Improved Commercial" which it has been reclassified as for 2021 taxes.

Bob presented the slate of nominees for 2022 Club officers as provided by the Selection Committee. There being no further nominations from floor, the slate of officers was unanimously approved on a motion by Jerry Worden with a second by Merle Jackson. Officers for 2022 will be President, Dave Reed; Vice-President, Kris Akers; Treasurer, Dennis Garrigus; Secretary, Larry Kupferschmid; Communications Officer, John Cralley; Safety Officer, Steve Meyer. Positions will be assumed at the November meeting.

The fall banquet appears to be in jeopardy again this year due to Covid. St. Mary's will not allow such events at their school, thus other venues are being considered. Due to the lateness in the season, one suggestion is to plan the banquet for springtime. After the meeting, Larry, being a resident of Dale TWP, checked on the availability of the Dale Twp Community Center in Covell. The Center rents out to Dale residents for \$30, but is not available until after the holidays this year.

John Cralley gave an update on the Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon being held concurrently that day with our October meeting. The event was well-attended by our club, but worldwide numbers were expected to be down overall due to Covid restrictions in Europe. A nice luncheon was provided to those in attendance.

Dennis Garrigus presented a donation of an OS Max 25 LA and a Fox 40BB Gold Cup engines. Both appear to be new-in-box. Members are encouraged to offer bids. Proceeds will go to the Club.

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

# This and That

The BIG news is that SIRS Club is, we now have a new 42' X 250' asphalt RC runway!

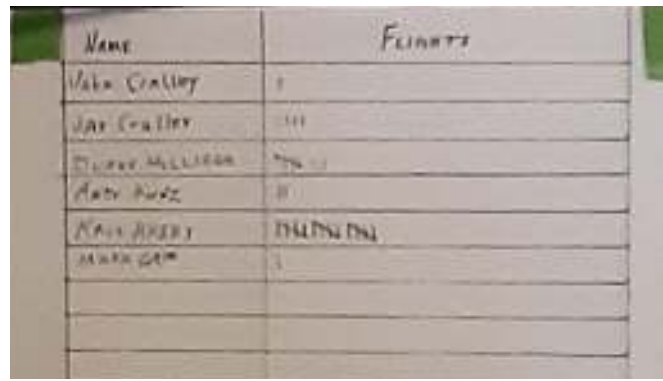
Thanks go to long time SIRS member and benefactor Merle Jackson who stepped up by giving the Club with a \$50,000.00 cashier's check at the September meeting. We now have a new 250' x 42' asphalt runway!

With the runway installation, October has been a busy/rainy month at our airfield!

On October 9<sup>th</sup> we held our Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon as a part of the Annual Worldwide Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon event! Ours was but a small part of the Record Breaking Worldwide flights!

Here is our scoreboard:

Kris Akers put up 15 flights with his RC throttled S-1 Ringmaster. Duane Holliger had 7 and my son Jay 4. With the rest of us: Andy Kunz, Marc Grim and myself, we totaled **30 Ringmaster flights!**



NAME	FLIGHTS
John Conley	1
Jay Conley	111
Duane Holliger	7
Andy Kunz	11
Marc Grim	1111111
MARK GRIM	1

Covid-19 restrictions limited or prevented some from participating in the US and other countries. Still we had a record breaking **8,327 Ringmaster Flights!**

I get the dubious pleasure of receiving and tabulating the the results from all over the planet. Next year, if the Covid-19 pandemic dies down, 10,000 flights are not out of the question!



## 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Worldwide Ringmaster

# Fly-A-Thon!

Last year: **5,558** Flights by **545** Pilots

This Year:

# 8,327



## Flights by **524** Pilots

This has been a banner year for the Fly-A-Thon! Yes, fewer pilots BUT MANY more flights. The Goal for this year, 2021, was **6,500** flights and we went way past that in spite of Covid-19 restrictions, nasty weather and even earthquakes.

I have been promoting this event for 12 years and almost every year we put up more flights than the previous year! This 14<sup>th</sup> year, we blew away the old record of **6121** flights!! Look out next year, 10,000 flights is not out of the question!

Every Pilot that flew in this Fly-A-Thon has a right to be proud and to celebrate! You truly were a part of something **BIG!**

## Congratulations

For the BROTHERHOOD of the RING John Cralley

FOR SALE

Horizon Hobby 1.1 M Pt-17 (Stearman) with Spectrum DSMX receiver, SAFE, and AS3X. A spare fuselage is included which has never been used. Also included: a Spectrum DX8e transmitter to which the model is bound. Price for all, \$300.

Call, text, or email Treasurer John Burrill. (Contact info is on page 1)



## Runway Construction Photos



Our contractor used their pavement milling machine to strip off 5.5" of sod and soil. Then 4" of gravel substrate was applied and compacted. Finally 1.5" of finish grade asphalt was put down to return to a total level of 5.5 " .... Matching the surrounding turf height.

## 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)

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2021 Events Schedule:

**SIRS Club Meeting 5:30 PM November 13<sup>th</sup>  
at Pizza Ranch, Bloomington, IL**

**We have found a venue for an indoor gathering!!**

**BUT:**

**Due to limited space this will be a Members only meeting:  
Gather, Eat, State of the Club Address, Awards, Officer  
installation.**

**Our December meeting is to be determined.**

**Some Videos/Links that may entertain/educate you!**

**Milling for our new runway. You may need a  
Facebook account to view this.**

**Engineer who accidentally took off in a jet  
fighter!**

**Inside myself is a place where I live all alone and  
that's where you renew your springs that never  
dry up. - Pearl Buck**

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