



## March

Newsletter  
SIRS Model  
Aviation Club



AMA District VI Chapter 621 Founded in 1964

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## Next Meeting is March 8th

St Mary's Church School cafeteria

527 W Jackson Bloomington Il

Enter the school from the parking lot behind the church. Doors  
open at 6 PM Meeting at 7 PM

Indoor flying in the gym before and after the meeting.



SIRS and EAA

***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.***

SIRS Lunch Shannons  
4th Thursdays 11:00am

## **Something from the President**

**March is here, and as soon as mother nature decides to cheer up. We can look forward to a great season! It looks like Kris Akers is gonna be our kickoff for the New Year. John VanAntwerp will be making his second appearance at the I.M.A.C. event, Showem how it's done John! Steve Myers, Special Olympics event will be on deck, we hope to exceed last years goals. Jerry Worden will be hosting, what is sure to be a slightly different program than from previous years. I have the honor of hosting the Thompson Cup this year. I will endeavor to run it as smoothly as Justin Worden has in the past. Maybe even pull a miracle this year and win.**

**The most recent addition, If you haven't heard is the Australians are invading! The F3a Pattern World Cup is being held in Muncie this year and so far 5 members of the Australian team will be practicing at our field. There won't be any restrictions during their practice, other than the courtesy of allowing them to practice with a clear sky. Their routines run approx. 8 minutes and we can fly before, between and after. The only request they have made is to be the only team to use our field that week. They will be competing against other countries and a degree of privacy is part of their plan.**

**We will publish dates for all the events shortly. All the hosts will greatly appreciate any volunteers to help with the various events.**

**Larry Kupferschmid has been in the lead of our project with the E.A.A. They have been gracious and over the top with praise for the knowledge and skills we brought to the table. Thanks to everyone who pitched in to create a relationship that will carry on for many years in the future.**

**John Cralley has restarted S.I.R.S. lunch get togethers, at Shannons in Bloomington. It's wonderful to see the participation by club members. It's a great opportunity to ask and answer questions. Plus sitting and shooting the bull is something we all enjoy occasionally.**

**Now that Dave Leavens is back on both feet, we will see the beginning of our r/c track as soon as the ground is able to be worked.**

**2024 I was able to follow through with -no serious projects. The premise was, so that we could all take the year to enjoy what has been created. These next couple of meetings there are sure to be discussions on several improvements that we can accomplish this year. I will take a step forward and say that, there will be some voting in our near future.**

**I want to circle back around to the upcoming I.M.A.C. event. I am willing to bet that their will be more visitors and participants than last year. Once again we will give them a closed field Friday for trimming and practice. Thanks to Kris for his work in bringing them back. Those of you that came out, know that these are a great group of people. It was a wonderful time and the friendships we established is sure to last a lifetime!**

**Hope to see everyone at the meeting and the field, happy, healthy and a vehicle full of airplanes....**

**Blue Skies and Fair Weather**

**Randy Doss**

**President S.I.R.S.**

### **Future SIRS 2025 events**

Vintage Model Aviation Day

Model Aviation Day

SIRS IMAC Challenge

Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon

Thompson Cup



# SIRS MEETING MINUTES

## February 8, 2025

After an hour of in-door flying, President Randy Doss called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at St Mary's School gym. There were 19 members and two guests present.

Larry read the minutes from the January 11, 2025 meeting. Dennis read the Treasurer's report. Both reports were approved as given.

### **Old Business**

Randy stated that the AED system will be installed at the field in the spring along with training in its use. CPR training for Club members and possibly others, will also be provided. More details to follow in the next couple of months.

Larry stated the Z-mower recall had been addressed and the mower is back in the shed.

The local chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) is developing a week-long summer program aimed at promoting an interest in aviation among kids ages 11-14. The EAA has requested the assistance of SIRS in the building and providing of a flying site for an Old School Model Works, aka Goldberg Falcon Fifty-Six, which will be the focal point of the program. Two EAA members, Matt Kerner and Wayne Aldrich, were present at the meeting to explain their plans in more detail and to express thanks for SIRS participation. SIRS is being asked to provide experienced builders to teach up to 12 EAA members in the construction and the setting up of the first kit for flying, as there appears to be only one EAA member, Matt Kerner, who has any experience with RC. Matt was a SIRS member several years ago when the field was still at Thompsons. The training will begin mid-February and run a couple of evenings a week until the first kit is finished. The EAA members will assemble a second kit this summer with the kids. They hope to visit our field this summer for a "wheels up" experience with the kids! All SIRS members are encouraged to stop by the EAA hanger at the old airport Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5:00 to 7:00 pm to view the build progress.

The Australian F3A RC competition team that is participating in the F3A competition at Muncie this summer has requested practice privileges at our field in early August. Randy is checking into details such as insurance requirements, scheduling, etc.

The IMAC event to be held at our field this summer is a points-sanctioned event.

Dave Leavens stated work on the dirt track will commence soon, weather permitting.

### **New Business**

With no new business the meeting was adjourned

Next meeting March 8, 2025, 7:00 pm at St. Mary's school gymnasium with indoor flying at 6:00 pm and after the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry Kupferschmid, Secretary

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Model Aviation Day  
SIRS IMAC Challenge



## The EAA Build & Fly Program

The local chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), Chapter 129, plans to host an Aviation Youth Camp this coming June--the Build & Fly Program. Among the activities planned for the week-long camp will be the building and then the flying of an RC airplane. The EAA has requested the help of SIRS to instruct EAA members this February and March in the building of an electrified Old School Model Works Fifty-Six balsa kit in the EAA hanger at the airport. Many older SIRS members will recognize the kit as an updated version of a Carl Goldberg Falcon 56. The completed plane will be used as a visual prop for the camp. If all goes according to plan, the EAA will build a second kit with the kids in June.

As we all know, there are many similarities between RC models and full-size planes, i.e., structural components, aerodynamics and fundamentals of flight. As part of the curriculum, the students will have access to a Realflight Evolution RC flight simulator, as well as simulators for full-size planes. The EAA has requested, and has been offered, SIRS instructors for the flights at our field. This program is a great opportunity for SIRS to step forward to gain some visibility in the community, and to give something back. Several SIRS members have already contributed time and talent to the project. Others are encouraged to stop out at the EAA hanger on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5:00 to 7:00 pm and check things out.

<https://www.eaa.org/ea>

### [EAA 129](#)

Bloomington, IL

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**Meetings:** Every 3rd Thursday 6:00 PM

**Meeting Location:** Central IL Reg. Airport Hangar F-15

2825 E. Empire

Bloomington IL 61704

**Programs:** [IMC Club](#), [Young Eagles](#), [Technical Counselors](#), [Eagle Flights](#), [Ray Aviation Scholarship](#)

**Website:** [chapters.eaa.org/ea129](http://chapters.eaa.org/ea129)

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**The 2025 dues are \$100 and due April 1st 2025**

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

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