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**Newsletter
SIRS Model
Aviation Club**



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Next Meeting is April 12th

At the field 1:00pm

Future SIRS 2025 events

SIRS IMAC Challenge

May 10th

Vintage Model Aviation Day

Model Aviation Day

Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon

Thompson Cup

Australian F3A RC



April 2025

Hello everyone...due to outside influence I haven't been able to get much done this last little while. I hope to be back to 100 percent soon.

The EAA project is, at this moment a total success. The aircraft turned out quite well, the test flight should be fairly uneventful. Special thanks to everyone that came out and helped.

Several members have already begun work on the field. By the time you read this, the AED should be installed at the field. We now have an electric advanced trainer (Uproar) as well as the timber, the aero scout and the nitro trainer. The Uproar was donated to the club from a former member and should do quite well with advanced aerobatics training.

We are almost ready to get things going this year. As a reminder, May 10th and 11th Kris is hosting the IMAC series. Come out and show some support and meet some really interesting people. These folks are pretty self sufficient, but visitors and treats are always optional and welcome. The meals are pretty much established but if your a baker those treats I mentioned would be a wonderful addition. I'm still working on sauces, I haven't graduated to desserts yet!

I know this is short, I will add a few more paragraphs in the next article. I hope you are all doing well and hope to see you all soon.

Blue skies
Randy



SIRS MEETING MINUTES

March 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 13 members present.

Larry read the minutes from the February 8, 2025 meeting. Dennis read the Treasurer's report. Both reports were approved as given.

Old Business

Larry gave an update on the EAA "Build & Fly" project. The Old School Model Works Fifty Six kit is nearly complete. The local chapter is looking forward to its first flight at our field. They have expressed appreciation to the several SIRS members who have donated time to assist in the build, and who have made this portion of the project possible.

Randy gave an update on the Australian F3A RC competition team that will be practicing at our field in August. He was given assurance that the Australian team's activities will not impact our ability to fly during this period of time, but some accommodation will be necessary.

Larry mentioned that it is time to consider field maintenance, suggesting crabgrass preventer w/ fertilizer, grub control, weed-n-feed, rolling and possible aerating at appropriate times. A motion was made and approved to move forward with appropriate measures.

New Business

With no new business the meeting was adjourned

Next meeting April 12, 2025, 1:00 pm at the flying field, weather permitting. Mary's school gym is available at 7:00 pm as an alternative.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Kupferschmid, Secretary



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](#)

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

Website: chapters.eaa.org/ea129

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

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
1301 Heritage Road
Normal, IL 61761

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

Can't find your check book try PAYPAL

Lunches! SIRS Members

(Past & Present)

The 3rd Thursday of each Month 11:00 AM.

Shannon's 5 Star Restaurant!

1305 S Mercer Ave, Bloomington, IL 61704

<https://www.shannonsfivestar.com/menu>



Hope to see you next 3rd Thursday!

Want Breakfast? Arrive early and order before 11:00!

We know that many members can't do lunches because of work or travel distance etc.

I hope that many, who can make it, will attend.

Please text (309 532 2497) or email me if you plan to attend



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FLYING BEGINS AT 10AM

FLYING ENDS AT 3 PM

LOCATION: MIDWEST SUNDOWNERS RC FLYING CLUB

RAINFORD FIELD, WHEELER, IN

DIRECTIONS: GPS 41.50556, -87.19083 or 476 N 650W, HOBART/WHEELER, IN

WEBSITE: [HTTP://SUNDOWNERSRC.COM](http://sundownersrc.com)

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