

October



The Sentral Illinois Radio Society, Inc. (SIRS) Model Airplane Club is a not for profit organization devoted to enjoying and promoting the hobby of Model Aviation.

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Next Meeting is October 11th

At the field 1:00pm



President Ed Collins called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. There were nine members and one guest present.

Larry read the minutes from the August 9, 2025 meeting. Dennis read the treasurer's report. Both reports were approved as given.

Old Business

The footprint of the dirt track was resolved to the satisfaction of those concerned.

The bid from McLean County Asphalt for sealing the runway at \$2,816 was approved. The next bid came in at \$3.250.

The Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon will be held October 4, 2025.

The nominating committee presented a slate of candidates of officers for 2026. Thus far the candidates are

President....Ed Collins and Randy Doss

Vice President...open

Secretary...Larry Kupferschmid

Treasurer...Dennis Garrigus

Communications Officer...Dave Leavens

Safety Officer...Steve Meyer

Web Master...John Cralley

Election will be held at the October meeting and installation of officers at the November meeting.

New Business

The fall banquet will be November 8, 2025 at the Dale Twp Community Building in Covell. Annie's Eats will cater. Details to follow.

St. Mary's gym and the gym at McLean will once again be available through the winter months.

Rob Mosier will be contacted about renting our two acres of farmland.

Steve Dolniak will be given a Life Membership for his very generous donations over the past few years.

Buddy box flying for the EAA Build-and-Fly program is still an open issue.

Larry mentioned that some general maintenance needs to be completed. Steve Meyer and David Leavens agreed to address some of the issues.

Next meeting October 11, 2025, 1:00 p.m. at the flying field.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Kupferschmid, Secretary



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

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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Meetings: Every 3rd Thursday 6:00 PM

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Programs: [IMC Club](#), [Young Eagles](#),

[Technical Counselors](#), [Eagle Flights](#), [Ray Aviation Scholarship](#)

Website: chapters.eaa.org/ea129



Scan this to find our flying field



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

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