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President's Cockpit

Hello, my name is Jay Cappis. I have been flying off and on since I was 11 or 12. My father (Charlie Cappis) was my inspiration and teacher. I started building and flying hand launch and P-30 rubber powered free flight models. After Dad was sure I could build straight and sand for hours on end we built a trainer so I could fly RC. I still fly Mode 1 and that is dads fault.

I spent a lot of my childhood on the Thompson farm. I remember planes hitting the old silo, climbing in the old barns, the 4th of July picnics and of course the model airplanes and the way they looked, sounded and smelled. The SIRS club means a lot of things to a lot of people. As your president I will help the club move in whatever direction the club wants to go.

At the December meeting, the four members in attendance thought we would try something different for the January Meeting (which usually has a lower turn out). The January meeting will be in my basement..... We will have the meeting and then you guys can make fun of my broken airplanes and see what I am working on. I will be showing how I cover airplanes. Most of what I do is made up as I go, maybe that is part of the trick? I plan on covering a wing with a design over the open bays. I hope to see you here in January.

Don't forget about the Chilly Chili day on January 1st. The club will have bowls, spoons and napkins. Bring a plane and a little something to pass if you can. Who is going to get the first flight of the year?

Marry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Jay Cappis, President



by searching for **SIRS Sentral Illinois Radio Society**. Thanks to Todd Guttchow for setting it up. It has all the pertinent information, a nice blurb about us, recent pictures from our field, and a link to our website. It presents a positive image of our club.

The success of our hobby and our club relies on recruitment. Facebook has 800 million active users and more than half of them log onto Facebook on any given day. Facebook is not a replacement for our website, but should be considered a compliment to it.

What can YOU do to help? Recruitment starts with publicity. If you are on Facebook, please search for **SIRS Sentral Illinois Radio Society** and click the "Like" button. Let your Facebook friends know that you are a member. "Like Badges" can be added to personal websites. Have fun writing on the wall and posting pictures, if you are so inclined. Remember that your audience is much broader than SIRS club members and your postings will show the public what our club is all about. Oh! I hope that's a good thing!

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Club Meetings
Club meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at the flying field. Meetings begin at 8:00 p.m. (CST & CDT).

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SIRS, Inc. Meeting Minutes - December 10th, 2010, 8:00 p.m.

Four members were present.

Chilly Chili - Join us on New Years Day for the traditional Chilly



Chili event. Bring a dish to pass, if you can. Come to the flying field at noon and enjoy lunch that includes two versions of the world's best chili as prepared by two club officers. Catch up on all the news from your flying buds and hear (or tell) the story of the first flight of the New Year. See you there!

The January 14 meeting will be held at Jay Cappis' workshop, 104 Diane Drive, Lexington, IL. Jay will demonstrate various shop tools and discuss their use. He will demonstrate covering with plastic film. Some of the more casual fliers, like me, have never built a plane and need help on even the most basic repairs. I am looking forward to the demonstrations.

Club activities for 2012:

Hosting Races was tabled to the January meeting in hopes that more members will be present. Races require a commitment from our members, have the potential to make money for our club, but impacts the time our field is available for our members' use. Bring your comments, opinions, and volunteerism spirit to the January meeting.

Family Fun Day— Todd Guttchow will coordinate in April or May. Date to be determined later.

A Day at the Airport— Dave Haas, coordinator.

ISU Science Fair— Fred Logue, coordinator.

Thompson Cup— 1:00 p.m. Saturday, September 8, 2012.

Open House?

Fun Fly?

Recruitment—We need to actively seek publicity from our local media for our events.

Training— We will have instructors and trainer planes available on the evenings prior to our monthly meetings for the recruitment and training of new members.

Meeting adjourned eventually.

Bob Stadsholt, Acting Secretary

Directions to Jay Cappis' House
104 Diane Dr, Lexington, IL

From I-55: Once you reach Main Street, continue heading east to Pine Street (a block before the park). Turn right on Pine Street. Continue four blocks. Turn left on Diane Drive. Jay's house is the 2nd house on the left-hand side of the street.



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Iron-on plastic film is the covering of choice for most RC pilots. Just a few years ago, the only choices were Top Flite MonoKote and Hangar 9 UltraCote. Those "heavy" plastic coverings are still the preferred materials for glow and gas planes today. There are now a number of lighter covering materials available that are used primarily on park flyers and electrics. When applying any covering material, a primary concern is 1) the temperature at which the adhesive melts (bonding temperature) and 2) the temperature for maximum shrinkage (shrinking temperature). These temps vary considerable on the lighter materials with some significantly lower than MonoKote and UltraCote. Remove the protective backing. Read and follow the directions for your product. All listed temperatures are approximate and you must test with scrap materials using your iron or your gun to find the temp that works best for you. Jay will demonstrate covering techniques at the next SIRS meeting on January 14.

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11	12	<p>Coming soon....</p> <p>January 1—Sunday – 12AM or anytime thereafter. First flight of the year (for whomever is crazy enough to do so!) Bring your own witness.</p> <p>January 1– 12:00 noon lunch. Chilly-Chili. Come for good eats. Bring a plane to fly???</p> <p>January 14—SIRS Meeting at Jay Cappis home, Lexington</p>				17
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