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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **February 19 - 20, 2011**

Southwest Classic

Queens Creek, Arizona

<http://casl.net/>

#### **February 26, 2011**

S.O.A.R. Club Meeting

S.O.A.R. Swap Meet

27W111 W. Geneva Road

Winfield, Illinois 60190

7:30 p.m.

#### **April 17, 2011**

S.O.A.R. Club Contest

#### **April 30 - May 1, 2011**

Misty Meadows Soaring Classic

1818 Pinebrook Avenue

Solon, Iowa

[terry-edmonds@uiowa.edu](mailto:terry-edmonds@uiowa.edu)

#### **May 14 - 15, 2011**

L.O.F.T. Bob Steel Memorial

<http://www.loftrc.org>

#### **May 22, 2011**

S.O.A.R. Club Contest

#### **June 2 - 5, 2011**

8th Annual JR/DSM Aerotow

Piatt County Airport

Monticello, Illinois

<http://www.jrradios.com>

#### **June 4, 2011**

S.O.A.R. James McIntyre  
Memorial Tournament

#### **June 11 - 12, 2011**

MVSA Gateway Open

<http://www.mvsaclub.com>

#### **June 26, 2011**

S.O.A.R. Club Contest

#### **July 10 - 17, 2011**

AMA/LSF Nats

Muncie, Indiana

July 10 - 11 Nostalgia/RES

July 12 - 13 2 Meter/F3K

July 14 - 15 Unlimited

July 16 - 17 F3J

<http://www.modelaircraft.org>

#### **August 6 - 7, 2011**

S.O.A.R. 14th Annual Fred Fredrickson Memorial Thermal Challenge

#### **August 20 - 21, 2011**

D.A.R.T.S.

<http://daytonsoaring.org>

#### **September 11, 2011**

S.O.A.R. Club Contest

#### **October 1 - 2, 2011**

M.I.S.T./L.O.F.T.

Fall Round Up

<http://www.loftrc.org>

## MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING JANUARY 22, 2011

The S.O.A.R. Board met at Pat Crosby's residence one half hour in advance of the regular club meeting on January 22, 2011. All Board members were in attendance.

The following officers were elected:

Chairman:	Pat Crosby
Vice-chairman:	Steve Stohr
Treasurer:	Bill Christian
Secretary:	Dan Fritz
Contest Coordinator:	Karl Miller

Pat Crosby will continue to serve as the club's web master and Dan Fritz will continue to serve as the newsletter editor.

Following the elections Pat demonstrated a new membership application designed to help the Board better track memberships including contact information, A.M.A. numbers, renewals, frequency use, and several other parameters.

## MINUTES OF CLUB MEETING JANUARY 22, 2011

The first club meeting of 2011 was held at Pat Crosby's residence immediately following the Board of Directors' meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Twelve members attended.

Dan Fritz reported he contacted Ken Warpinski at Central Sod Farms to get an address for the club's donation and discuss next year's field use. Dan mailed the club's annual donation with a Holiday Greeting card. Ken advised S.O.A.R. will be on a different field this year but the location has not yet been determined. Guillermo Castillo reported the old field in Helmar, Illinois remains in the same state as it was for the Turkey Shoot and has a useable area remaining on its southeast corner.

Pat Crosby reported he obtained a contact to approach for the possibility of renting the gymnasium

at Herrick Junior High School in Lyons for an indoor fun fly event.

Karl Miller had prepared for the meeting by creating a proposed contest schedule for 2011 coordinated around the O.V.S.S. events, the Nats, and the F3J Team Select. This was obviously a lot of work and all of the club contests were scheduled for Sundays. Karl's schedule was discussed and unanimously approved. The club's web site and newsletter will be updated to include the new dates.

Karl noted the A.M.A. Nats schedule has been tweaked regarding 2 meter and F3K.

With regard to this year's F3J Team Select contest, Richard Burnoski indicated he has expressed S.O.A.R.'s interest in hosting the event to the A.M.A. Richard reported clubs in Seattle and Houston have also expressed an interest. Bids are due by March 31, 2011.

The 2011 McIntyre Series was next addressed. After discussion of several options during the last few meetings, it was decided to retain the original format but limit the event to a single contest date. This was scheduled for June 4, 2011. In years past the multi-day McIntyre Series dates were also designated as Beginner Development Days. There was some discussion about designating specific days for that purpose. Ultimately, it was decided there is no need for specifically designated beginner days. Beginners are always welcome.

Ben Roberto updated the membership on his plans for S.O.A.R. to host another two-day F3K regional contest as we did in 2010. Ben is targeting August 20 – 21 with August 27 – 28 as the alternate date. Ben is also working on the possibility of informal F3K events on the Saturdays preceding our regular club contests depending on interest.

Treasurer Bill Christian reported eleven members have renewed their memberships to date. A few renewed theirs at the meeting.

The February club meeting will also be the annual swap meet. The Vice President of the Winfield Community Bank generously offered the use of the bank's Activity Room for that meeting. The meeting and swap meet will be Saturday, February 26, 2011 starting at 7:30 p.m.



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## 2011 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

First Name:  Last Name:

Address:

City:  State:  ZIP:

Phone:

Email:

A.M.A. No:  Frequencies used:

- All S.O.A.R. memberships are for a period no longer than one year and shall automatically **expire on December 31st**.
- All S.O.A.R. members are required to have and maintain a current membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics
- An *Open Membership* is for any member who is 19 years of age or older at the time of application.
- A *Senior Membership* is for any member who is 65 years of age or older at the time of application.
- A *Junior Membership* is for any member who is 18 years of age or younger at the time of application.
- A *Family Membership* is for additional family members residing in the same household as an Open Member.

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### Dues - Check the appropriate box(es):

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|--------------------------|---|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Open Membership   | \$25.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Senior Membership   | \$10.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Junior Membership   | \$10.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Additional Family Member(s)<br>(Requires Open Membership) | \$5.00  |

Mail check with a copy of  
your A.M.A. card(s) to:  
S.O.A.R. c/o Bill Christian  
1604 N. Chestnut Avenue  
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

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### Commitment:

By applying for membership in S.O.A.R. I hereby acknowledge and agree to the following:

- I have and will maintain a valid membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics [www.modelaircraft.org](http://www.modelaircraft.org)
- I will become familiar with and obey all rules, regulations, guidelines and practices established by the Academy of Model Aeronautics, including those regarding frequency control and field safety.
- I am personally and solely responsible for the safe operation of my models and equipment.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_