



August 2016 Newsletter

SIRS New Website!!

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SIRS RC/CL

Model Airplane Club



Justin Worden and Garret Stotler

Prep a giant Fokker Triplane

This plane is awesome in flight!!

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Come Fly With
Us!

At SIRS Field
During the SIRS

AMA National
Model Aviation
Day Boy Scout
Appreciation
Event!!

10:00 on
Saturday
August 13th

Also Our Club
Meeting Will
be held At 7:00
PM At the Field

Visitors &
Guests

WELCOME

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Field Are On
The Map

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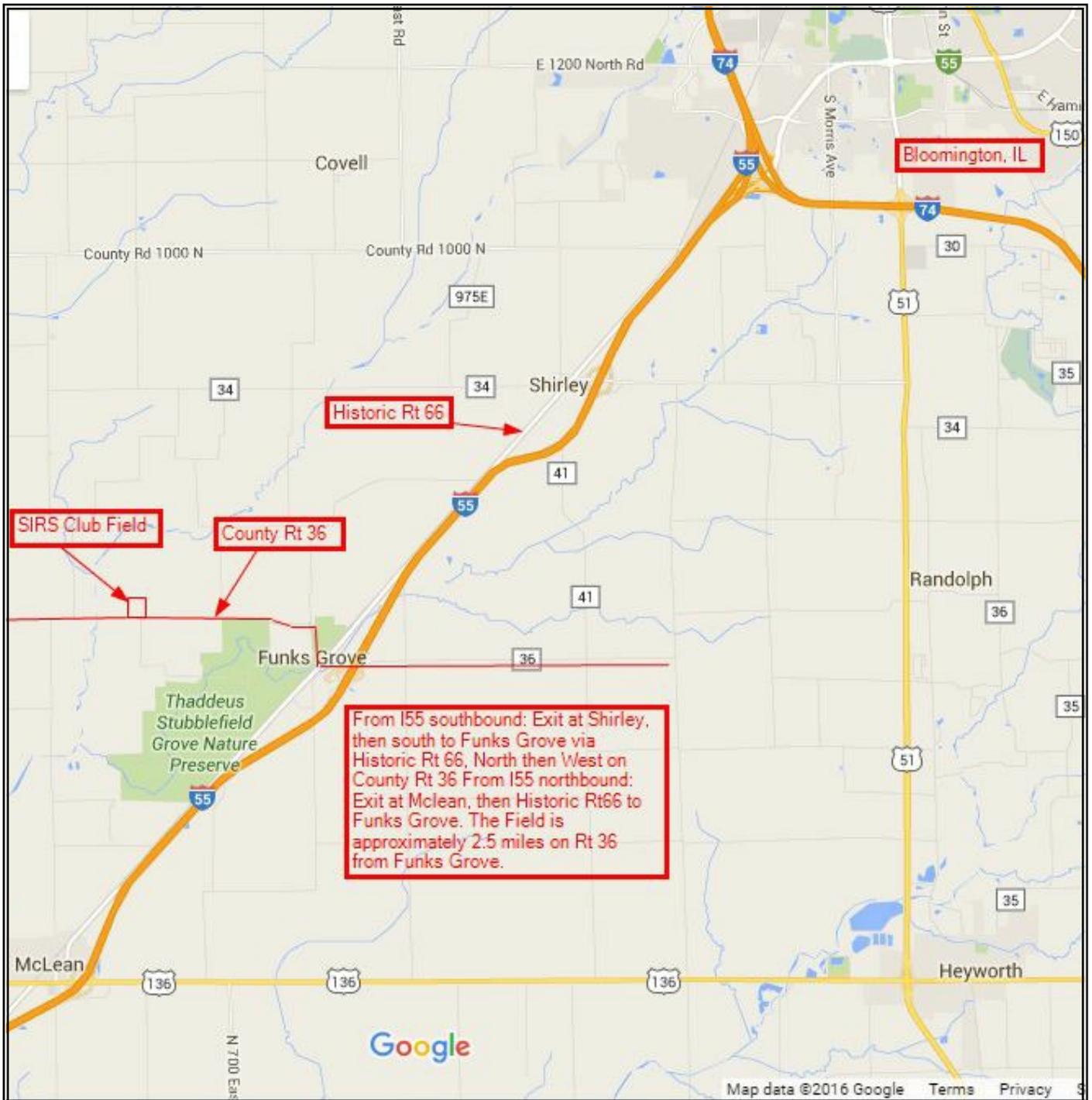
Next Club meeting is August 13th at 7:00 PM

SIRS Club Field

Guests and prospective members are welcome to attend.

Flying after the Scouts Appreciation event

(which is from 10:00 to 2:00) and after the meeting!



SIRS RC Model Club

Minutes of the July 9th, 2016 meeting ; held at the SIRS flying field

President Jerry Worden opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Other members attending as indicated on the sign-in sheet were Vice President Bob Stadsholt, , Secretary John Burrill, Communication Officer John Cralley, Dave Haab, Dick Hanson, Ethan Jett, Mark Kletz, John Siebert, Garrett Stotler, Greg Vertrees, Dennis Wallen, and Justin Worden.

The minutes of the June meeting had been provided in the newsletter and the secretary reviewed the highlights.

Treasurer's report:

Treasurer Jim Danforth presented his report in absentia as he was traveling. Our bank balance is \$6,002.57. Jim also reported that we now have 26 members that have paid dues for 2016.

Moved by Bob Stadsholt, seconded by Greg Vertrees that the minutes of the June meeting and the treasurer's report be accepted. Carried.

Old Business:

Jerry reported good feedback from the pylon racers on the condition of the field. He noted that some of the race event expenses provided material that would be used in the September event. The club will need at least 9 members for each day September 10 and 11 for the various jobs required for the races. The scouts have helped in the past, but their participation in September is uncertain. We do want to welcome them for the open house event August 13th. Jerry suggested calling that event a Homecoming.

Greg Vertrees has taken on the role of webmaster and has developed a new site with a link to the facebook page. The site address is now SIRSRC.com.

Bob Stadsholt reported that the third application of fertilizer and weed control was put on this morning.

New Business:

Jerry reported that Jim Danforth has booked the Covell hall for our November banquet meeting. Bob Stadsholt mentioned the SIRS booth to be manned at the Seniors Expo in the Bone Student Center Ballroom August 2.

John Siebert, a returning member, introduced himself and was officially welcomed.

After brief discussion about the maintenance of a "buffer zone" on three sides of the field, it was proposed as a motion by John Burrill seconded by John Cralley to rescind the previous decision to maintain a buffer zone. Carried.

Adjournment was moved by Greg Vertrees, seconded by Ethan Jett. Carried.

SIRS Members have been gathering for lunch at Shannon's in Bloomington, IL

This month we will meet on Friday August 12th at 11:30 AM

Email, text or call me if you can join us this Month! (jccrall@ilstu.edu cell 309 532 2497)

GOOD NEWS

You still have to register with the FAA if you are flying a model that weighs more than .5 lbs and place your registration number somewhere on your model.

However, the ban on flights over 400 feet high are now recognized as OK by the FAA providing you belong to the AMA and are flying according to the AMA safety rules!

Below is a link to the letter that the AMA received from the FAA.

FAA Letter to the AMA!!

Senior Expo Success!!

Vice President Bob Stadsholt organized the SIRS club participation in the Senior Expo!! Bob had two simulators going and planes from Bob, Jerry Worden, John Cralley, Greg Vertrees were on display. About 35 flyers and numerous tickets for a free flight lesson were distributed to visitors by Bob, Greg, Jerry, John Cralley and John Burrill. Jerry's wife Libby designed the display which you cannot truly appreciate in this photo!



Club President Jerry Worden at our booth at the 2016 Senior Expo held at the ISU Bone Student Center

Meet Our Members

Communications Officer: John Cralley

This year's Communication Officer is John Cralley. John lives in Normal, IL with his wife Mary and they have two children, Beth Wetzler (West Point, NY) and Jason Cralley (Normal, IL), and three grandchildren.



John is a retired Professor of Anatomy from Illinois State University.

John started building model airplanes during World War II and he received eight Comet rubber powered stick kits at his 10th birthday party in 1942! He built them all and NONE survive. He got started in gas engine powered model airplanes after the end of the war and well remembers his first U-Control (Control line) model. It was an Aeronca Ercoupe scale model which he powered with a GHQ engine. The GHQ (gets hot quick) had little power and the whole model was brick! The upshot was that when he and his friends took it to a ball diamond to test fly it would only taxi and that on the infield! When glow powered engines became available the Ercoupe actually flew but with a Forster 29 engine.

John built and flew both rubber powered and gas powered free flight models and concentrated in flying control line models in the late forties. He won a trip to the 1950 Plymouth International Contest held in Detroit. He collected no significant prizes at the contest but had a great time. While he was in the Army in the 1950s his mother, with his permission, gave all of his models to a neighbor kid who was interested in the hobby. College, marriage and family occupied him until the 1980s when John got a Ringmaster to build and fly with his son Jason. That was followed by yet another Ringmaster and various ½ A control line models until Jason went off to college and the models were relegated to storage in the basement. Then after retiring, John in 2006 resurrected a Ringmaster and converted it to electric power. Although RC fliers had been using electric power for their models for a number of years the control line modelers had just started to try electric power for their models. His were the first electric powered Ringmasters at that time.

About that time a resurgence of interest in the Ringmaster model was sparked by the popularity of Old Time Stunt (models pre 1951) control line contests. In 2008 a new event, Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon, was created which involved flying Ringmasters over a single weekend in October. The goal was to see how many flights could be made by pilots using Ringmasters over that weekend. Anyone in the world could participate by flying a Ringmaster wherever they were and reporting their flights. This event has become quite popular and in 2010 John took over the promoting aspect of the event. He has been promoting the Fly-A-Thon ever since.

Recently John has obtained some RC planes and is now learning to fly them to supplement his control line flying. This is certainly a challenge with different electronics to master to say nothing about the two stick coordination required for flying RC models. He is looking forward eagerly to becoming a competent, if not expert, RC pilot by the end of the 2016 flying season.

John's main other hobby is playing Duplicate Bridge at the local Bridge clubs and occasionally at a Sectional or Regional tournament. He and favorite partner Mary occasionally score a win but not too often.

Some photos of SIRS Communications Officer John Cralley and his models



John's first gas powered Control Line Ercoupe model (full scale photo in center)



2016 Events Schedule

All EVENTS at the Field are subject to favorable weather

August 13th Model Aviation Day/Scout Appreciation Day !
10:00 to 2:00 Lunch included
(club meeting at the field 7:00 PM)

Sept 8th, 13-17th Heartland Community College RC flying Class

Sept 10-11th Pylon racing

October 2nd Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon

October 8th Thompson Cup pylon race (club meeting at the field)

November ?? Annual SIRS Banquet at Covell Community Building

Some links that may interest (entertain) you:

Annual Worldwide Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon (Facebook Group)

Water Skiing!!

B 25 Mitchell Flight

WW II Battle of Britain DOD actual film footage

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Send me your NEWS, Photos and any model aviation related information to share!!