



# October 2016 Newsletter

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**SIRS RC/CL**



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## Model Airplane Club

AMA District VI Chapter 621 Founded in 1964  
Bloomington/Normal, Illinois



Jerry Bessler  
and son.

He will soon be flying just like his dad but for right now that EasyJust handle is more fun to taste than to use to fly a C/L Ringmaster!

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**Come Visit**

**Us!**

**At SIRS  
Field**

**Annual  
Thompson Cup  
Pylon Races  
1:00 PM  
October 8<sup>th</sup>**

**And/or at Our  
October  
Club Meeting  
Will be held At  
6:00 PM At the  
Field**

**Visitors &  
Guests**

**WELCOME**

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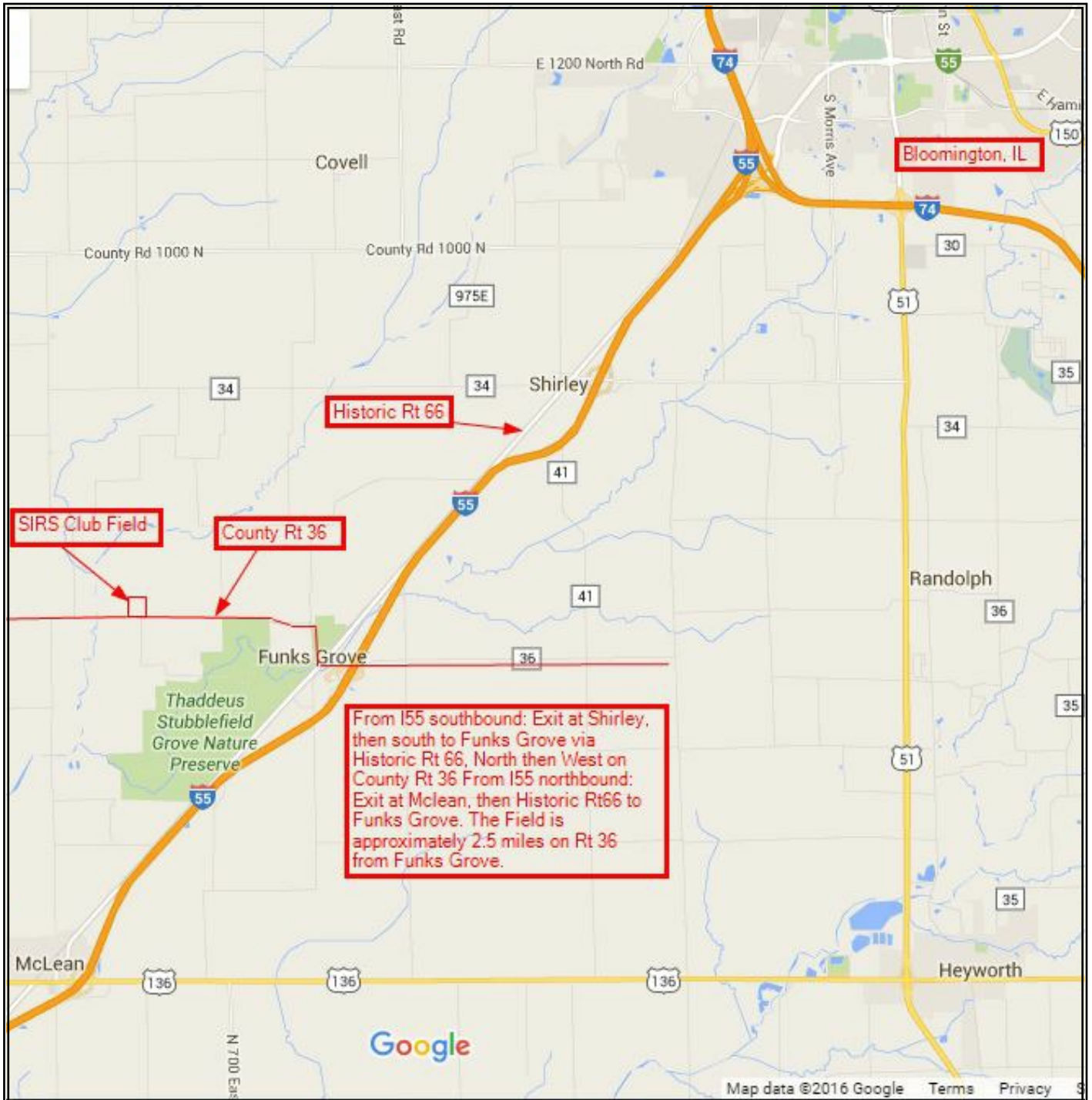
**Next Club meeting is October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM**

**SIRS Club Field**

**Guests and prospective members are welcome to attend.**

**For directions to the Field**

**See Map Below!**



## **SIRS RC/CL Club Minutes**

### Minutes of the September 10, 2016 meeting ; held at the SIRS flying field

President Jerry Worden opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Other members attending were Secretary John Burrill, Vice President Bob Stadsholt, Treasurer Jim Danforth and new member Jeff Simpson. The minutes of the August meeting had been provided in the newsletter.

#### Treasurer's report:

Jim Danforth presented his report. Our bank balance is approximately \$6,000 pending today's receipts and expenses.

Moved by Bob Stadsholt, seconded by Jeff Simpson that the minutes of the August meeting and the treasurer's report be accepted. Carried.

#### Old Business:

The Pylon races today were considered very successful. Some previous competitors had been unable to attend, but new competitors came as well.

Given the risks inherent in this type of event, Jerry suggested that before next year's we should have a thorough discussion of the safety aspects and ensure we are doing all we can to prevent accidents.

The Heartland Community College class was canceled due to insufficient registrations. It was suggested that we follow up with those who did register if we can, to offer training at the club.

#### New Business:

We need to determine a meeting place for this winter. Jerry will speak to John Cralley as a first step to finding out if St. Mary's School is a possibility.

The executive needs to present a slate of officers at the October meeting. Jerry requested suggestions, and indicated that he would like to step down from the President's role. Bob indicated he would be willing to stand in his present capacity as Vice-President and John said he would continue to be Secretary if nominated and elected.

The Annual Banquet is now scheduled for SUNDAY evening November 13<sup>th</sup> at Covell Town Hall, rather than the usual Saturday. The November meeting and installation of officers elected in October will be held during the banquet. Doors will open at 4:30, set-up 4:30 to 5:00, social hour 5:00 to 6:00, dinner 6:00 to 7:00, meeting at 7:00, followed by ongoing silent auction, pilot's drawing giveaways, awards, recognition, etc.

Members are encouraged to support the Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Justin Worden will be asked to provide leadership for the Thompson Cup event.

Bob Stadsholt suggested that we plan events for non-meeting dates in future to encourage better attendance at our meetings.

Jerry suggested that we might cut back to one pylon racing event.

Having a booth at the Seniors Expo was reviewed, and after discussion it was decided not to continue to support that event.

It was recommended that we have an "instructor night" on a regular basis, when instructors would be available for new fliers. Jerry said he had been trying to institute that this year for Thursday evenings, but that it had been difficult to get instructors to come.

Adjournment was moved by Jeff Simpson, seconded by Bob Stadsholt. Carried.

# **Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup>!!!**

**We need all members to be at the Club Field**

**This Saturday!**

## **First:**

**1:00 PM is slated for start of the**

**Annual Thompson Cup Pylon race!**

**Bring your favorite RC model to enter the race!**

## **Second:**

**There will be a Club meeting at:**

**6:00 PM**

**At the field**

**During this meeting the new Club officers**

**For 2017 will be elected!**

**The executive committee has proposed this slate:**

**President: no nominee**

**Vice president: Bob Stadsholt**

**Secretary: John Burrill**

**Treasurer: no nominee**

**Communications Officer: John Cralley**

**Safety Officer: Paul Bessler**

**Webmaster: Greg Vertrees**

**Nominations from the floor will be entertained.**

**Three planes are currently in the Repair Hanger following:  
SIRS's participation in the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Worldwide Ringmaster  
Fly-A-Thon!!**



## 2016 Events Schedule

All EVENTS at the Field are subject to favorable weather

**Mark your Calendars!!!**

October 8<sup>th</sup> Thompson Cup pylon race 1:00 PM  
Club meeting at the field 6:00 PM

November 8th Annual SIRS Banquet at Covell, IL  
Town Hall

Social hour 5:00 PM (BYOB)

Food 6:00 PM

Lots of goodies to be distributed and auctioned!!!

Pay at the door!! (Members get raffle tickets)

**Some links that may interest (entertain) you:**

**Jim Walker (inventor of control line) flies his “Fireball”!**

**Some neat B-17 footage with tough crosswind landing**

**Warthog vs Iraq missile**

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