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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



Thompson Cup Pylon race winner Justin Worden (L)
with father Jerry Worden (second place)

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The November Meeting will be at the Annual SIRS Banquet November 13th!

Social Hour at 5:00

Food at 6:00

Followed by Meeting Awards Auction

Drawing at 7:00

Location: Covell, IL Town Hall

Directions To the Club Field Are On The Map

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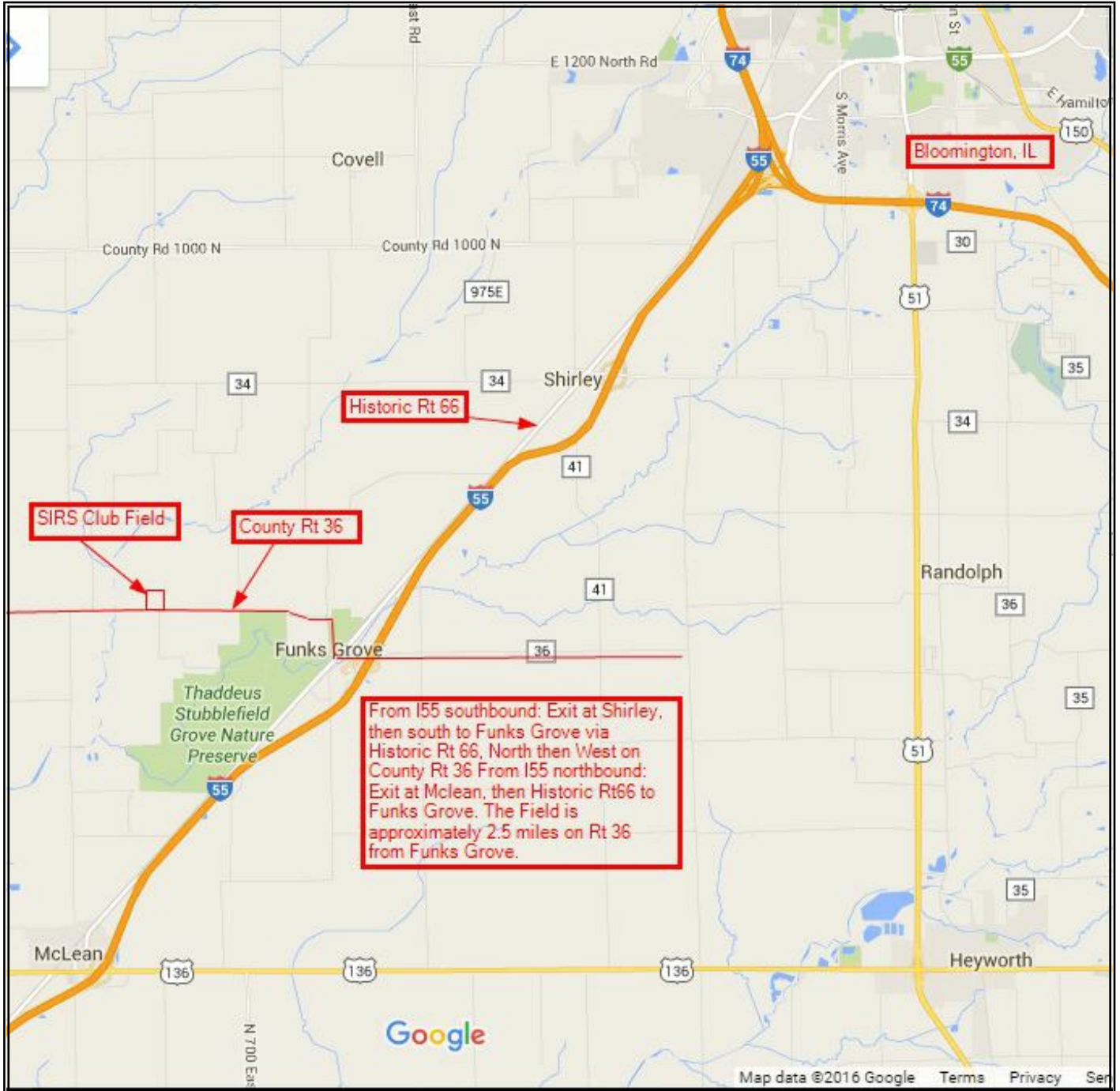
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**Next Club meeting is November 13th at The
Covell Town Hall Following the:**

Annual Club Banquet

Social Hour at 5:00, Food at 6:00, Meeting at 7:00

**Members (present and former) along with their guests are
welcome to attend!**



SIRS RC/CL Club Minutes

SIRS RC Model Club

Minutes of the October 8, 2016 meeting ; held at the SIRS flying field

President Jerry Worden opened the meeting at 6:30 PM. Other members attending were Vice President Bob Stadsholt, Treasurer Jim Danforth, Secretary John Burrill, Communications Officer John Cralley, Webmaster Greg Vertrees, Paul Bessler, Jerry Bessler, Brandon Edwards, John Siebert and Jeff Simpson. Guests present were Lynnae Bessler, Sue Burrill, and Peter and Jenn Burrill.

The minutes of the September meeting had been provided in the newsletter, and were read by the secretary. An omission in the minutes was observed by Bob Stadsholt. A proposal by him at the September meeting that vehicle barriers be considered had been discussed. No action had been taken at the September meeting.

Treasurer's report:

Jim Danforth presented his report. Our bank balance is approximately \$5,000 pending expenses turned in tonight and not yet tabulated. Field rent for the last quarter has been paid.

Moved by Paul Bessler, seconded by Bob Stadsholt that the treasurer's report and minutes of the September meeting be accepted, with the minutes of the October meeting reflecting the discussion omitted from the last meeting as noted above. Carried.

Old Business:

The Thompson Cup event today was considered successful. Justin Worden won the event with 127 laps. The previous event, the Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon was also successful. A full report on this world wide event is in the newsletter.

A partial slate of officers for 2017 was offered by the officers, with the president and secretary slots empty. After discussion Jerry Worden agreed to stand again for President, Fred Logue agreed to accept Secretary, and John Burrill agreed to accept Treasurer, all of the above subject to nomination and election by the members. Since the slate was only completed at this meeting, an opportunity for additional nominations and the election of the officers for 2017 will take place at the November Annual Dinner. Moved by John Cralley, seconded by Paul Bessler that the following slate be nominated: Carried

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Communications Officer	John Cralley
Safety Officer	Paul Bessler

Details for the Annual Dinner at the Covell Town Hall. were reviewed. The schedule will be as announced previously: The date is SUNDAY November 13th. Set-up at 4:30, social hour 5:00 to 6:00, dinner 6:00 to 7:00, business meeting at 7:00, followed by awards, pilot prize drawings, silent auction, etc. All silent auction proceeds will be considered donations to the club. Times Past is catering at \$10.50 per person. Tickets are \$15.00 each

Discussion took place around the issues of safety for pylon racing events. Jerry is requiring that we find out exactly what AMA requirements are so that we can comply and have our events sanctioned by the AMA. Jerry will ask Justin to follow up on this. We will need to advise the AMA and the racers who come here by December. It was agreed that we have two pylon racing events again in 2017.

New Business:

John Siebert reported on his efforts to diagnose and/ or repair the old black generator. The conclusion is that it is a write-off. It runs but does not produce 110V current.

We need to determine a meeting place for this winter. John Cralley will try to find out if St. Mary's School is a possibility. Adjournment was moved by Paul Bessler, seconded by John Cralley. Carried.

Charles Lindbergh Crash Site #2

Field Review by
the Team at
RoadsideAmerica.com

Covell, Illinois

Less than two months after Charles Lindbergh, an air mail pilot, crashed outside of Sulphur Springs, Illinois, he was again trapped in bad weather over the Land of Lincoln with no place to land himself. On the night of November 3, 1926, with his gas gauge on "E," Lindbergh flew as far as he could out over the country near Covell and bailed out at 13,000 feet. The plane crashed only a hundred yards behind a farm house, but the weather was so bad that no one realized it until the next morning. Lindbergh landed on a barbed-wire fence.



It was while he was being driven to town by a local farmer -- cold, wet, battered and bruised -- that he reportedly first considered switching careers. Six months later, he flew nonstop from New York to Paris and became an international hero.

The crash sight was marked by a tower built by the farmer, Charles Thompson, but it was eventually torn down. Then in 1977 a local stamp club, The Corn Belt Philatelic Society, put up a small brick cairn with a bronze plaque at the site. For many years this was the only Lindbergh crash marker in Illinois, until it was joined in 2001 by a marker at the Sulphur Springs site.

Lindbergh was so famous in his day that towns put up markers to him even in places where he didn't crash: Lake Village, Arkansas (he made an emergency landing on the golf course); Maben, Mississippi (he landed and damaged his propeller); and Spearman, Texas (he landed to eat lunch). His enduring fame made possible the latter-day monuments in Illinois, and the Lindbergh Crate Museum in Canaan, Maine, where the packing crate that held Lindbergh's New-York-to-Paris plane was turned into a motivational attraction.

Saturday October 8th The Annual SIRS Thompson Cup

Pylon Race was held at the SIRS Club Field.

With five entries the competition promised to be keen!

Then Brandon Edmonds' plane went down in the 10' corn during practice! When it was finally located it was damaged beyond field repair. The next mishap was Jim Danforth's plane which tore off the landing gear during the required pit stop landing. That was followed shortly by Jerry Bessler crashing his P 51 during the initial take off. That left the race to Justin and father Jerry Worden both of whom made the required ten minute pylon run with at least one pit stop. Jerry's beautiful PT 19 was easily bested by Justin with a near record run and a place on the Thompson Cup Trophy!

Final results:

Justin Worden	1st
Jerry Worden	2nd
Jim Danforth	3rd
Jerry Bessler	Scratch
Brandon Edmonds	Scratch



Jim Danforth (3rd), Jerry Bessler, Brandon Edmonds, Justin Worden (1st), Jerry Worden (2nd)

(Left to right)

2016 Events Schedule

All EVENTS at the Field are subject to favorable weather

Mark your Calendars!!!

Sunday November 13th: Annual SIRS Banquet at Covell, IL

Town Hall

Social hour 5:00 PM

Food 6:00 PM (\$15 per person)

Lots of goodies to be distributed and auctioned!!!

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

December meeting 7:00 PM Saturday the 10th

At St. Mary's Church School Cafeteria

NOTE: Banquet date is the 13th not the 8th as was listed last month in the Newsletter!!

Some links that may interest (entertain) you:

World War II Corsair Pilot Reunited with one of his Planes

Deer rescued by daring helicopter pilot

1930s and 1940s model airplane movie clips

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