



# April 2017

## Newsletter

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### SIRS RC/CL



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## Model Airplane Club

AMA District VI Chapter 621 Founded in 1964



Justin Worden's daughter, Ella, helping with his Winter building project!!

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Come

Fly

With

Us!

At SIRS

Field

BEFORE

the APRIL

8<sup>th</sup> Meeting

At 7:00 PM

Our Field is

Located near

Funks

Grove, IL see

map on the

next page!

Visitors &

Guests

WELCOME

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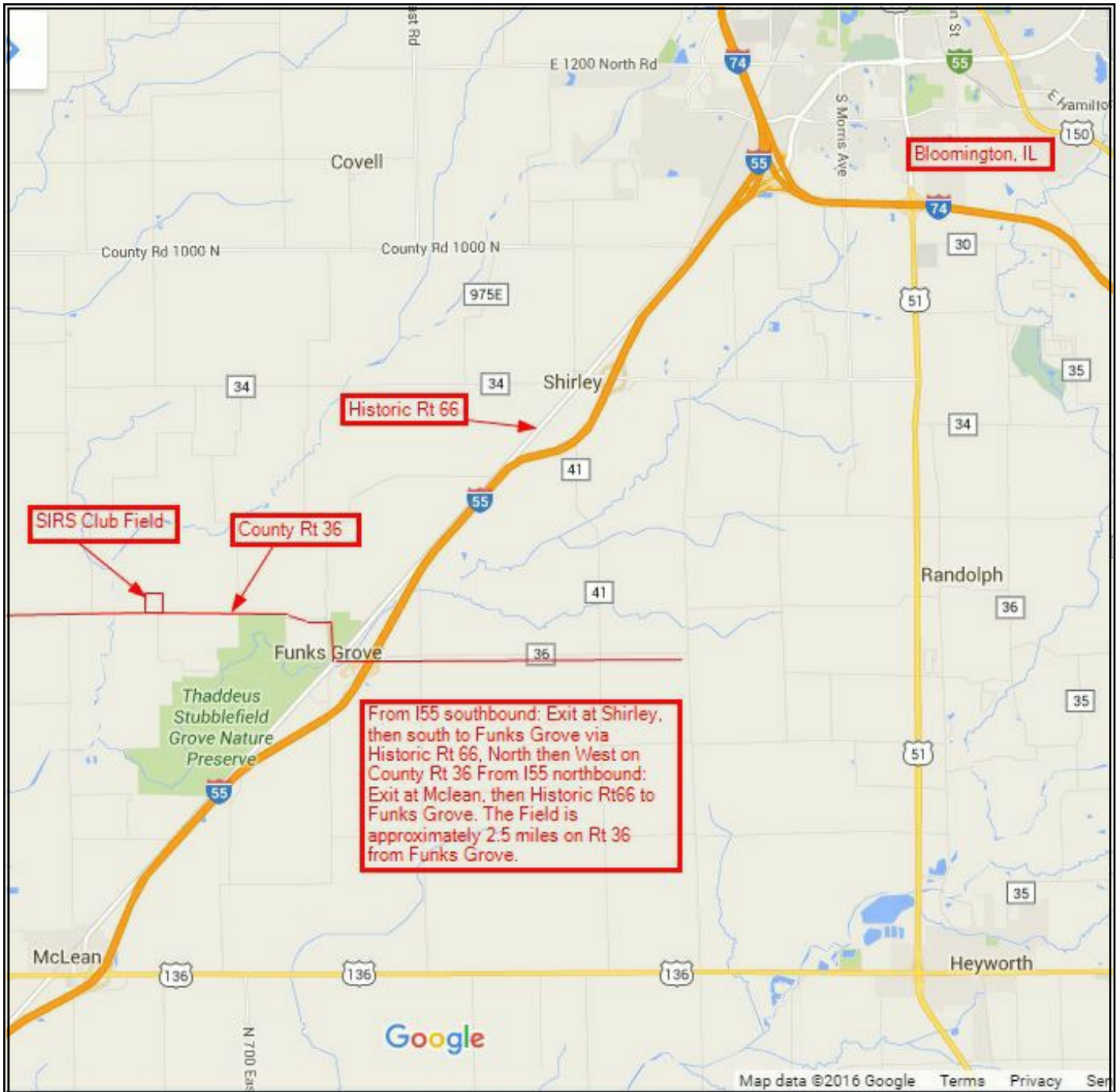
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**Club meetings are on the second Saturday  
of each month (April through October)  
at 7:00 PM**

**At SIRS Club Field**

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

**Flying before the meeting weather permitting!!**





Youngest member Ethan Jett prepares to launch his stick and tissue rubber powered model for a test flight at our March 4<sup>th</sup> indoor model contest!

**[See a short video by clicking here](#)**

**Dues were due January 31<sup>st</sup>!!!**

**\$90.00 (Make checks payable to SIRS)**

**New members dues are prorated = \$67.50**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**AMA #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Mail check to: (Or bring to the meeting)**

**John Burrill**

**903 Approach Rd.**

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**SIRS RC/CL Model Club**

Minutes of March 4, 2017 meeting

The meeting was opened by President Jerry Worden at 7:00 PM.

Jerry reviewed the minutes of the February meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer John Burrill reported a bank balance of \$6,719.91 as of February 23, 2017.

He noted that a rent check for \$1050.00 would be sent in March.

He is preparing a budget for the year and will ask for input from members to help estimate revenue and expense for the rest of the year.

Minutes and treasurer's report were approved on a motion by Bob Stadsholt, seconded by David Ashley.

**Old Business:**

Jerry focused on the pylon racing event, which is labor intensive and critical to the club's financial future. Justin Worden has applied to the AMA to be a Contest Director and will co-direct the races this year. There was discussion about the proposed protective barriers for race personnel regarding design and materials. Fred Logue is coordinating that effort.

Traffic barriers for the field were discussed, particularly the handling of the power poles we hope to use. Jerry suggested we need to set a date and get the job done. Ken Ausili can get a carbide chainsaw blade for around \$40.00. Jerry and Justin will go to Peoria to see the poles and determine the set up for picking them up.

A no trespassing sign has been posted at the field and video camera options are being considered.

Bob Stadsholt is looking into a heavy roller and various options for smoothing the field. He discussed more details of the maintenance plan for the field.

Jerry suggested using the old frequency board as a structure on which to post the AMA and club rules. This is a requirement for attaining Leader Club status with the AMA.

**New Business:**

John Burrill moved that we make a \$200 donation to St. Mary's School in appreciation for the use of the building for our winter meetings. Seconded by John Cralley. Carried.

John Cralley suggested an earlier hour for the meetings at the flying field with a goal of getting more members to attend. There was some thought that our by-laws don't permit a change. Jerry requested that John Cralley research this and report back before we make a decision.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM and the informal indoor flying competitions got underway.





Greg Vertrees launching his stick and tissue rubber powered model

[Click here for video](#)



Indoor Pylon race start! Jerry Worden (yellow) vs Justin Worden (green/white)

[Click here for video](#)



## **Sentral Illinois Radio Society (SIRS) NATS Warmup**

**SIRS Flying Site - McLean, IL  
Saturday & Sunday, June 24 & 25, 2017**

**AMA 424 Q500 - Entry Fee \$25 Each Day - Saturday & Sunday**

**AMA 426 Q500 - Entry Fee \$25 - Saturday & Sunday**

**NMPRA EF1 - Entry Fee \$20 - Saturday & Sunday**

**15% Nitro Fuel Will Be Supplied**

**Field Will Be Open For Practice On Friday**

**Saturday & Sunday - Short Course For 424 & 426 & EF1**

**Lunch Will Be Available On Site On Race Days**

Please Pre-register At: [www.capsracing.com](http://www.capsracing.com)

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See [www.sirs-rc.com](http://www.sirs-rc.com) for directions to the SIRS flying site.

AMA Sanction #623



## 2017 Events Schedule

**All EVENTS at the Field are subject to favorable weather!**

Club Meeting April 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM at the Field

June 24-25 Nats Warm-up Pylon Races  
AMA Sanction # 623  
(See page 5)

August 12<sup>th</sup> Model Aviation Day SIRS Open House

Sept 9-10 Field of Dreams Fall Classic Pylon racing

October 8th Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon

October 14th Thompson Cup Pylon Race (club meeting at the field)

November ??? Annual SIRS Banquet at Covell Community Building

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

This is just amazing!!!

An eagle's flight from the top of the world's tallest building to his handler below. An eagle was fitted with a camera and released from the top of the 2,715 foot Burj Khalifa tower in Dubai.

The eagle has no idea where the tiny speck of land was that his handler is standing on or what it looked like among all of the other islands and buildings and people. Somehow from that altitude, the eagle actually picks out and recognizes the trainer from all of the other objects, people, etc. You can see him looking, looking, looking for the trainer, completely invisible to a human eye and the camera, then fold his/her wings and then drops like a bullet straight to that trainer... very cool.

What surprised the experts is not only how efficiently the eagle spots his trainer from that altitude, but how smooth its flight is with no camera shake whatsoever, even when it goes into a power dive.

Dee Rice

**[Click here for the video](#)**

Ethan Jett's quad limbo flight

**[Click here for the video](#)**

***Almost all unhappiness in life comes from the tendency to blame someone else. - Brian Tracey***

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