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SIRS RC/CL



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Model Airplane Club

AMA District VI Chapter 621 Founded in 1964

It's happening again for the 10th time! The Annual Worldwide Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon!! For information

[See www.ringmasterflyathon.com](http://www.ringmasterflyathon.com)



Last year 694 pilots put up 3928 Ringmaster flights Worldwide on every Continent except Antarctica!! We did our bit but we can do a whole lot better! October 8th 9:30 at SIRS Field

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Come

Fly

With

Us!

At SIRS

Airfield

Before Our
October Club

Meeting

Saturday

Oct. 14th

7:00 PM

Our Field is
Located near

Funks Grove,

IL see map

on the next
page! Visitors

& Guests

WELCOME

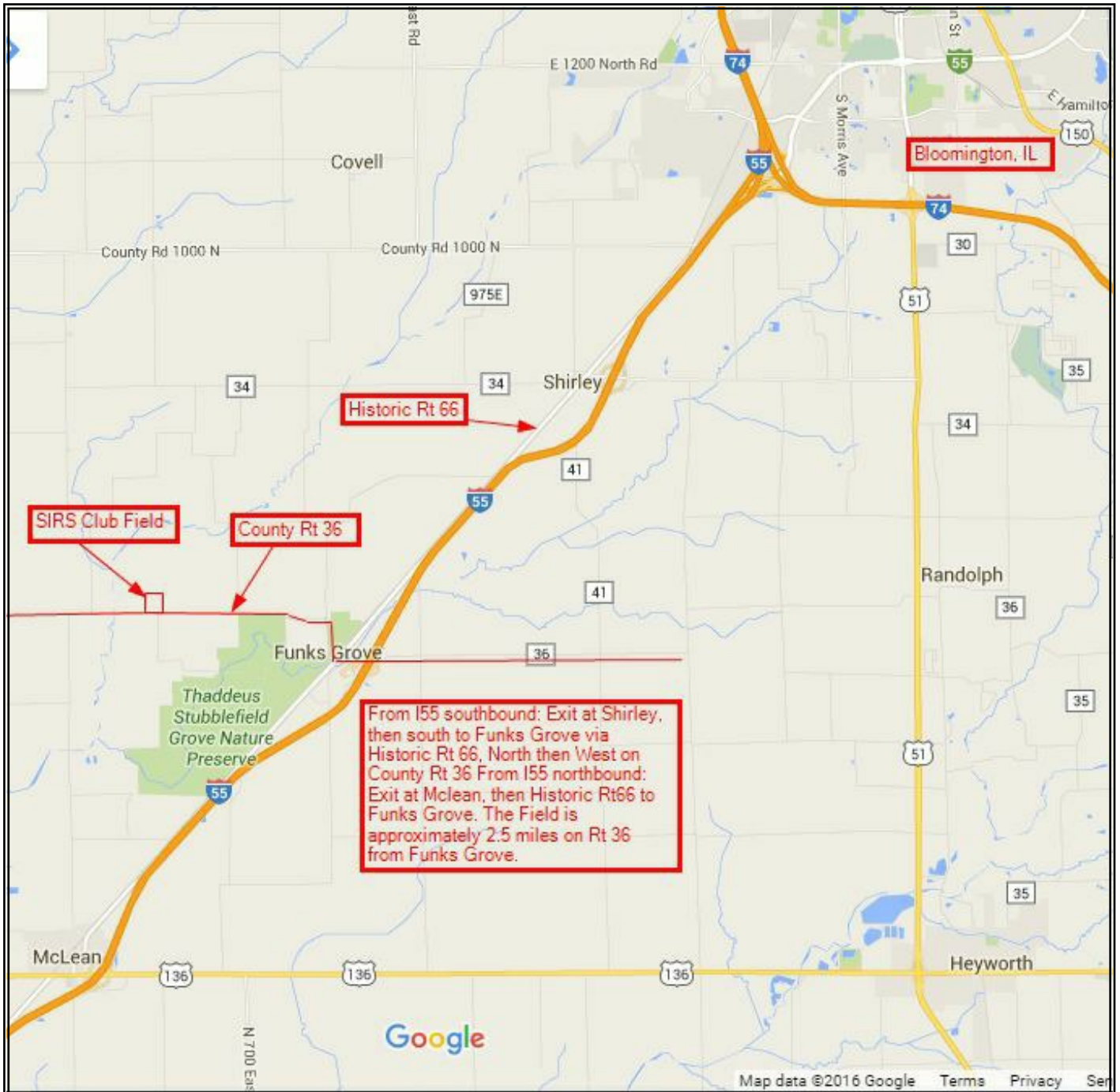
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**Club meetings are on the second Saturday
of each month (April through October)
at 7:00 PM**

At SIRS Club Field

Guests and prospective members are welcome to attend.

Flying before the meeting weather permitting!!



The statement below represents the final form of the proposed dues increase.

“The SIRS Executive Committee proposes a dues increase of \$10 per year.”

This change in dues to a total of \$100 must follow the procedure spelled out in the Bylaws as stated below.

The discussion of this proposal took place at the September 9th meeting. The 1st vote will be at the October 14th meeting and the 2nd (final) vote will be at the November 12th meeting.

ARTICLE VII: DUES AND FEES

Section 1: The annual membership dues shall be ninety (90) dollars. Dues must be paid annually by January 31st of the New Year.

Section 2: The dues may be increased in the following way:

The proposed change shall have been submitted in writing to the Editor and published in the Newsletter. The proposed change will be discussed at the first meeting after publication in the Newsletter. The proposed change in its final form would be published in the next month's Newsletter.

Section 3: In order for a proposed change to be passed, it requires a 51% majority vote of the members present at the two consecutive meetings following publication.



Tim Mullins tunes his Ringmaster at Last Year's Fly-A-Thon

Dues are per year Jan 1st to Dec 31st

\$90.00 (Make checks payable to SIRS)

New members dues are prorated = \$15 in October

Name _____

Address: Street, City, State, Zip _____

AMA # _____ **Email** _____

Phone Home _____ **Cell** _____

Mail check to: (Or bring to the meeting)

John Burrill

903 Approach Rd.

Normal, IL 61761

Unapproved minutes from August SIRS meeting

:September SIRS Minutes:

Meeting called to order by President Jerry Worden.

Members and visitors present: John Cralley, Greg Vertrees, Bob Stadsholt, Dennis Garrigus, John Burrill, Paul Bessler, Justin Worden, Jerry Worden, Fred Logue, Kris Akers, Ken Ausili, Dennis Wallen

-Minutes from August read.

-Treasure report read.

Reports approved.

-New member: Dennis Garrigus

Old Business:

-Ringmasters October 8th

-Holiday Banquet November 12th in Covell.

-Race training day.

-Good turnout, Everyone had a great time and learned something.

-May move 2nd race later in September.

-Field Rental agreement.

-Talked about rent to own and still working on information.

-Vote to take place at November Banquet.

-Dues

-Talked about raising dues to \$100 a year.

-Will vote during Banquet.

New Business:

Officer slate for election for 2018

-President: Fred Logue

-Vice president: Justin Warden

-Treasure: John Burrill

-Secretary: Kris Akers

-Communications Officer: John Cralley

-Safety Officer: Bob Stadsholt

Discussion followed.

Officer election to be at the October meeting.

-Proposed Bylaws changes were presented and discussed. 1st vote to be held at October meeting.

-4-star racing or combat next year with other clubs.

-Hockey team has new Branding. Maybe have fun fly at Half time and set up table.

Meeting Adjourned.

Editor's Note: Following the September meeting the Slate of officer nominations changed. Bob Stadsholt has now been slated for Vice president (replacing Justin Worden) and Paul Bessler is now slated for Safety Officer.



The new 30' x 140' fabric runway was successfully deployed last month under the supervision of Kris Akers!! Steve Meyer and Jeff Lenhardt lent their expertise along with Dick Hanson and Dave Houchin. There was a good turnout of members and the runway was in place around noon when the grill was employed to feed the hungry troops.

The runway has been a real boon for the field and has been in use from day one for small wheeled and tend to tip models!!

Bylaws Changes!!

Below are the proposed changes to the Club's Bylaws (indicated in **red**). Portions in black that have strike through lines will be removed from the final version. These changes were discussed at the September 9, 2017 Club meeting. If you have any changes/additions/corrections etc. that you wish to make, either bring them to the October meeting or submit them to me via email before the meeting (jccrall@ilstu.edu). The revised Bylaws will be voted on for the first time by the members present at the October meeting.

SENTRAL ILLINOIS RADIO SOCIETY BYLAWS

ARTICLE I: OFFICERS

The officers of SIRS shall be:

- A. President
- B. Vice President / Historian
- C. Secretary
- D. Treasurer
- ~~E. Editor~~ **Communications Officer**
- F. Safety Officer**

ARTICLE II: DUTIES / TERM OF OFFICE

Section 1: President

The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and shall act as spokesperson for the club in all matters pertaining to it.

Section 2: Vice President / Historian

The Vice President / Historian shall assist the President and will perform the duties of the President in his/her absence. In addition the Vice President shall maintain a historical record (~~scrapbook~~ **archive**) of all club functions to include pictures, articles, newsletters, and maintain ~~the soda machine and supplies~~ for the clubhouse.

Section 3: Secretary

The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings and maintain an attendance roster of such meetings. The Secretary shall assist the President in handling all correspondence pertaining to the club.

Section 4: Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining an accurate accounting of all monies received and disbursed by the club.

Section 5: ~~Editor~~ **Communications Officer**

~~The Editor shall publish, with the aid of the membership, a monthly newsletter. This newsletter shall contain, at a minimum, the date and time of all regular meetings and will be sent to all members, other clubs and national publications.~~

The Communications Officer will publish a monthly Club Newsletter and distribute internal communications to members to keep them informed of club meetings and

activities. The Communications Officer will also maintain external communications with other clubs, national organizations, publications, and the general public to promote the club and its activities.

Section 6: Safety Officer

The Safety Officer will develop and post field procedures and rules.

Section 8: Term of Office

The elected officers of SIRS shall serve for one (1) year from date of installation.

Section 9: Executive Committee

The Elected Officers shall constitute the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall serve at the direction of the President.

ARTICLE III: ELECTIONS

Section 1: The election of officers shall take place annually during the October meeting.

Section 2: A Nominating Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee, shall prepare a slate of candidates for the various Officer positions.

Section 3: Newly elected Officers shall take office at the November meeting.

ARTICLE IV: VACANCIES

Section 1: A vacancy in any office, excluding President, shall be filled by a special election at the next regular meeting.

Section 2: In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice-President shall assume the President's office. The vacant Vice President's office shall then be filled as proscribed in Article 4, Section 1.

Section 3: The person elected to fill a vacant office shall serve until the end of the term for which his/her predecessor was elected.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

Section 1: Regular meetings shall be held monthly.

Section 2: Special meetings may be called at any time by the President or upon a request by the executive committee of the membership. All members shall be notified at least three (3) days in advance of any special meeting being held.

ARTICLE VI: REGULAR BUSINESS

Section 1: All regular business affairs and enterprises conducted by SIRS shall be directed by the President. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall assume the duties of the President.

ARTICLE VII: DUES AND FEES

Section 1: The annual membership dues shall be ~~ninety (90)~~ **one-hundred (100)** dollars. Dues must be paid annually by January 31st of the New Year.

Section 2: The dues may be ~~increased~~ **changed** in the following way:

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Section 3: In order for a proposed change to be passed, it requires a 51% majority vote of the members present at the two consecutive meetings following publication.

ARTICLE VIII: SPECIAL FUNDS

The Treasurer is authorized to receive contributions or specially obtained funds from any individual or institution, to be applied toward the operating expenses of the club.

ARTICLE IX: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Each applicant must be sponsored by a current member of the club.

Section 2: A member will be considered in good standing only when dues are paid within thirty days of the date due.

Section 3: There will be ~~three (3)~~ **four (4)** categories of membership.

Regular Member:

1. Must be age sixteen (16) or older and otherwise meet qualifications set forth in these Bylaws and Article III of the Constitution.

Junior Member:

1. A person is a Junior Member until the end of the year in which they reach their sixteenth birthday and otherwise meets the qualifications set forth in these Bylaws and Article III of the Constitution.
2. Each Junior Member must be sponsored by an adult member already in good standing.
3. The dues for the Junior Member will be 1/2 the regular dues.
4. Upon reaching the age of sixteen (16) he/she will then be considered a Regular Member and at the time his/her dues

are renewable must assume all of the responsibility of a Regular Member.

5. Junior Members will be allowed flying privileges at the field only when accompanied by an adult member in good standing and with the understanding that the adult assumes full responsibility of the Junior Member's actions the entire time the Junior Member is at the field.

Family Member:

1. Family Membership is available for anyone who lives in the same household as a dues paying Regular Member AND who is joining SIRS who EITHER holds an AMA Youth Membership Card (For those under 19 years of age as of July 1st, 2007) OR who is a full-time college student. Family Membership can also apply to the spouse of a Regular Member. Family members can only get the newsletter via email.
2. The dues for the Family Member(s) are included in the dues paid by the Regular Member.

Life Member:

1. Life membership is a special honor bestowed by the membership on a member for prolonged dedicated service to the club. Life members do not pay dues.

Section 4: For NEW members (not previous members) of the club who join sometime during a calendar year, the dues will be prorated for each full month (or fraction thereof) remaining in the calendar year.

Section 5: All Regular, Junior and Family members must hold an AMA Membership card.

ARTICLE X: COMMITTEES

The President shall have the power to appoint committees whenever feasible to perform special functions of the club.

ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS

Section 1: Bylaws may be amended in the following way: ~~The proposed change shall have been submitted in writing to the Editor and published in the News Letter. The proposed change will be discussed at the first meeting after publication in the News Letter. The proposed change in its final form would be published in the next month's News Letter.~~

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Section 2: In order for a proposed change to be passed, it requires a 60% majority vote of the members present at the two consecutive meetings following publication.

ARTICLE XII: DISCIPLINE

Any member may be suspended for a specified period of time or expelled from the club by unanimous vote of the Executive Committee for the following reasons:

For violation of the field or AMA safety rules.

For misconduct or activities that are illegal involving club members or club property.

Expelled or suspended members will not receive any refund of dues or any other compensation.

ARTICLE XIII: CONDUCTION OF MEETINGS

Meetings shall be conducted following the procedures indicated in "*Robert's Rules of Order*".



Surgical repair on an electric Ringmaster following a mishap!!!

2017 Events Schedule

All EVENTS at the Field are subject to favorable weather!

October 8th Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon

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

November Sunday 12th Annual SIRS Banquet at Covell Community Building

Here are links you might/will enjoy:

Fascinating 2 meter Foam model build in fast motion!

Flying one of my E Ringmasters with Smoke bomb attached

Become a possibilitarian. No matter how dark things seem to be or actually are, raise your sights and see the possibilities; always see them, for they're always there. - Norman Vincent Peale

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