



April 2018 Newsletter

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SIRS RC/CL



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Model Airplane Club

AMA District VI Chapter 621 Founded in 1964



A Beautiful Flying Day in March!

Al Kleinschmidt put up some impressive flights!!

Come
Fly
With
Us!
Before
The April
14th
Meeting At
7:00 PM
SIRS Airfield
On McLean
County Rt 36
North west of
Funks
Grove, IL
Prospective
Members
Visitors
Guests
WELCOME

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The April Club Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM Saturday April 14th the SIRS Airfield.

However, if the weather is inclement we will meet at St. Mary's School on West Jackson St, Bloomington, IL

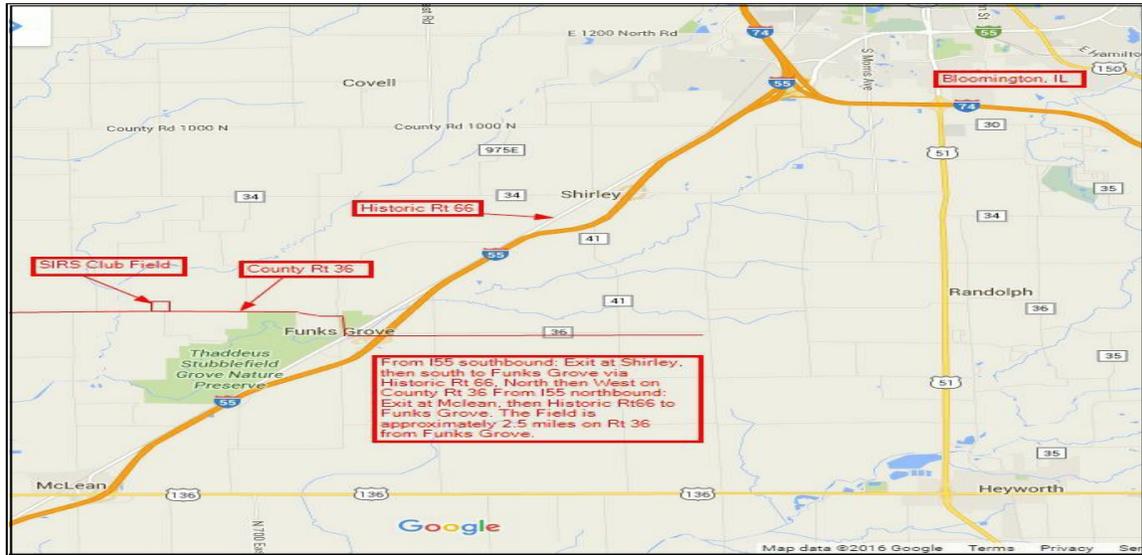
Check your email on Friday for updates on the meeting place!!

**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!!



2017 Members, your dues for 2018 were due JANUARY 31st!!

The 2018 dues are \$100 (Jan.1st through Dec. 31st)

New member's dues will be prorated to expire on December 31st.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

AMA # (or applied for) _____

Phone: home _____ cell _____

Email _____

Make Check Payable to SIRS and Mail to : (or bring to a meeting)

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SIRS RC/CL Model Airplane Club

March 10, 2018 SIRS Minutes

SIRS Minutes - March 10, 2018

President Fred Logue called meeting to order at 7:00 PM- Minutes were read by Kris Akers - Treasurer report read by John Burrill.

- Motion to accept the minutes and treasurer's report made by Kris Akers, and seconded by Greg Vertrees.

- Introduced new member and guests: Jeff Thompson, Larry Kupferschmid, and Jim Nettleton.

OLD BUSINESS:

-Discussed financial letter. Decided to hold off until next meeting.

- Race Day June 23/24:

- Fred will be able to attend, but his wife will not be available to cook.
- John Cralley made a signup sheet for race staffing.

Revisited our decision on FAA regulation. Will be left up to the individual. Not enforced by the club or AMA. Discussed Model Aviation Day Open House. Kris will bring simulator.

NEW BUSINESS:

One more indoor fly at Lostant gym. March 19.

Paul Bessler will be donating planes for the club to sell/raffle/auction.

Drone certification brought up. Officers will need to meet and decide on a competency test flight.

Discussed Linking AMA safety rules from our website.

The principal at St Mary's has been contacted. Saturday, April 14th has been reserved for the meeting. If the weather is good, will meet at SIRS field. If the conditions are not favorable, meet at St. Mary's.

Donation to St Mary's school discussed. John Burrill made a motion to donate \$100, second by John Cralley. motion passed.

Jeff Simpson brought a tether car to show and tell.

Greg Vertrees made a motion to adjourn, Bob Stadsholt seconded. The motion passed.

Members attending: Fred Logue, Kris Akers, John Burrill, John Cralley, Greg Vertrees, Jeff Simpson, Bob Stadsholt, Dennis Garrigus, Jay Cappis, Tony Cellini



Life member Fr. Ric Schneider is a Master Builder!

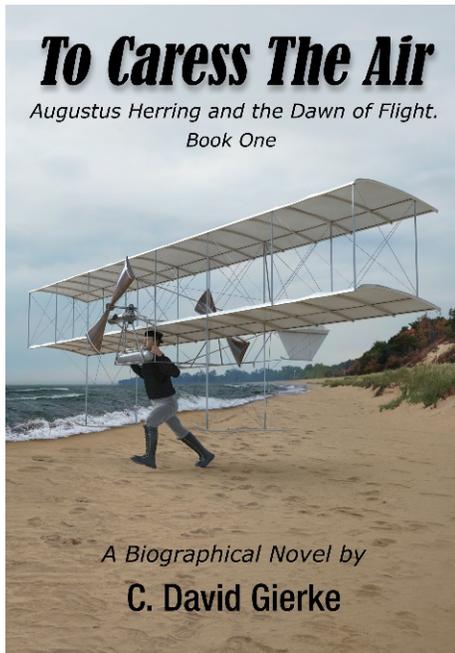
Here is his Winter build - a beautiful I'm not sure what!!

Treasurer John Burrill asked me to remind 2017 members that their dues were due January 31st!!

We don't send out bills. Just check page 2 for how to get your dues to John.

(This book sounds very interesting but I have not actually seen it. Buy at your own risk. Editor)

New Aviation Book by Dave Gierke



After three decades of research, followed by eight years of challenging writing, Dave Gierke has finished a two-volume, lightly dramatized biographical novel based on the brilliant, but unrecognized American aviation pioneer – Augustus Moore Herring.

To Caress the Air: Augustus Herring and the Dawn of Flight – Book 1, takes place in the United States during the late 19th and early 20th centuries, and chronicles the engineer's aeronautical achievements, his ordeals, and his triumphs over severe adversity. The book's setting is the New York State Supreme Court. Herring's account is conveyed through his testimony during the 1921 civil action trial, Herring-Curtiss Company v. Glenn H. Curtiss, et al., which provides a venue for flashbacks that document his role in solving the age-old problem of manned, powered, heavier-than-air flight.

Working with other luminaries of aerial navigation, including Lilienthal, Langley, Chanute and Glenn Curtiss, Herring moved his family from New York City, to Washington DC, to Chicago, to St. Joseph MI, and back to Long Island NY (with brief stops at Hammondsport NY, and Marblehead MA), all in the pursuit of solving the mysteries of dynamic flight.

Gierke states that unlike the Wright brothers, Herring believed that flying models were useful for developing full-size, man-carrying aeroplanes. During the 1890s he designed, built and flew many gravity-powered gliders and twisted rubber-powered craft. In 1902, he engineered and fabricated the world's first practical internal combustion model airplane engine, which he used to power a successful free-flight model in January of 1903; this served as the basis for Ray Arden's first engine in 1907.

A lifelong control-line (stunt & speed) and radio control (pylon racing) modeler, and columnist for Model Airplane News magazine, Dave is offering his fellow enthusiasts a special, limited time offer to pre-order:

To Caress the Air: Augustus Herring and the Dawn of Flight – Book 1 (ebook version)

For only \$1.99

In return for this special price, Dave requests that you write a review of Book 1 and submit it to Amazon & Goodreads. The official launch date of To Caress the Air, Book 1 (ebook, paperback, hardcover) will occur on June 1, 2018, at which time the ebook price will revert to \$9.99. For more purchase details, including a free gift and several never-before-published photos of Dave's models, go to:

www.davegierkebooks.com

The First Space Ace

F-15 vs. Satellite



On September 13, 1985, at 12:42 p.m., Major Wilbert “Doug” Pearson pushed the “pickle button” in the cockpit of his F-15A, launching a missile high over the Pacific Ocean. He was in a steep vertical climb, flying at just under Mach 1, and was at 36,000 feet. The missile roared toward its target, the Solwind P78-1 satellite moving at 17,500 mph, almost 300 miles above Pearson’s aircraft. As the missile disappeared from view, all Pearson could do was wait—he wouldn’t be able to see if it had hit the target. But his friend Scott in the control room would know. They worked out a code so Pearson could find out when he radioed Scott after the launch.

Read more at <https://www.airspacemag.com/military-aviation/first-space-ace-180968349/#OSKASyGDfwPSWMcV.99>

2018 Events Schedule

All EVENTS at the Field are subject to favorable weather!

Club Meeting at SIRS Airfield April 14th 7:00 PM!
May be moved to St. Mary's School if weather is bad! Check your Email!

June 23-24 Nats Warm-up Pylon Races

August ???? Model Aviation Day

Sept 8-9 or 15-16 POSSIBLE Field of Dreams Fall Classic Pylon racing

October 7th Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon

October 13th Thompson Cup Pylon Race (club meeting at the field)

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Some links that may interest (entertain) you:

See Through Wankel rotary engine video!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pCteBhr4dGY>

See Through 4 stroke internal combustion engine video!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jdW1t8r8qYc>

Whatever God's dream about man may be, it seems certain it cannot come true unless man cooperates. -
Stella Terrill Mann

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