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## NEWS FLASH

SAC Picnic Sept 12

**Free to current members.**

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## SAC LABOR DAY

### Float Fly

September 4<sup>th</sup> 2021

8am -2pm

**Twin Lakes- Oak Forest, Il.**

**167<sup>th</sup> & Cicero ave.**



**\$10.00 landing fee**

**Big planes, small planes, boats, or helicopters**  
**Hamburgers / hotdogs and pop will be available**  
**AMA membership required to fly**

**Raffle will be at 12:00 Noon. In addition to the prizes I get from the many radio control dealers we will give away 3 gift cards for \$25 each. One from G&G, one from Leisure Hours, and one from Hobby Town.**

**no charge for spectators**

**Come on out and have some fun**

**for additional information contact:**

**Runway is limited to water**

**Ron Wegrzyn ed, AMA 6410 (708) 478-8858**

**All aircraft will require flotation devices.**

**More info at [www.suburbanaeroclub.com](http://www.suburbanaeroclub.com)**

**We will have a retrieval boat on site**

**Suburban AeroClub of Chicago**

**[WWW.suburbanaeroclub.com](http://WWW.suburbanaeroclub.com)**

**Announcements:**

**2021 SAC membership & renewals** - New Members are \$35 annual or \$5 per remaining month of 2021 . Youth (19 & under) are free (AMA membership required at \$15). If you have any issues renewing online (a few items need to get fixed on the website) or mail in your renewal or contact us as I'm still working out website issues for renewal etc. You can pick up your 2021 Membership cards at a meeting or Greg Stevens will be mailing them to you.

**Club planning help** is always beneficial so Jump in and help out. If you'd like to attend a board meeting let us know as we always need new ideas and someone willing to take a lead on the ideas. Small or large every bit helps. [SubAeroClub@gmail.com](mailto:SubAeroClub@gmail.com)

**2021 EVENTS - Model Aircraft & Aviation**

**Sept. 12—SAC Picnic and Fly-in, free to SAC members Bring guests too!**

**SAC members area on the website** - members have asked for access or had problems getting in. The only items present in the past were a truncated member list with only basic info and the bylaws. This function also needs to be fixed as time allows and if anyone willing to help it would be appreciated. Let us know what else you would like to see in this members only area.

**SAC 2021 LABOR DAY FLOAT FLY**

By Ron Wegrzyn

The weather has hurt us a little on this year's Float Flys, but we are gaining ground. July 3<sup>rd</sup>, for our first Independence Day event we had 20 flyers. The weather has finally been on our side! Our next float fly is on September 4 and this one is our **Annual Labor Day Float Fly (See page 1)**. Our last Float Fly for 2021 will be on September 17<sup>th</sup>. We are getting good attendance and having a lot of fun. If you don't have a float plane you need to get one. Just stop by the first Saturday or 3rd Friday in August and see how nice flying off the water is. It's not hard!

**Seeing in Triplicate.**

The most popular plane at the July 16 SAC Float Fly was the DHC-6 Twin Otter.

It is from EFlite, and is a very nice flying plane both on wheels and on the water.



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our Sponsors!**



### **Hobbytown**

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Orland Park, IL 60462**

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**M-F 10-8  
Sat 10-6  
Sun 11-5**

## **August Raffle Info**

For the August raffle on the big side we will be Raffle off your choice of 3 planes. **#ONE** the EFlite Pitts S1S BNF (EFL3550), **#TWO** the FMS F3A Explorer PNP (FMM074P), **#THREE** the FMS Ranger 1220mm EP PNP

All three are very nice planes, on the small side we will raffle off 2, \$25.00 gift certificates. It gives you a nice prize and gets you into the stores to see all the stuff that is available.

This month the 2 gift certificates will be from Leisure Hours and Hobby Town.



### **Leisure Hours Hobbies**

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Sun 11-5**

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**M-F 9:30-6  
Sat 9:30-4:30**

## Minutes of the July 2021 Meeting

Dale Disabato, Secretary

Meeting opened at 7:05 p.m. by President Pro-Tem **Ron Wegrzyn**, followed by The Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members present:** 11. **Guests:** 0. Current members as of this writing stands at 53+. Welcome to new members

**Secretary Report:** The minutes of the May meeting were unanimously approved by all members present.

**Treasurer Report:** The Treasurer Report for May & June was unanimously approved by all members present.

**Committee Reports:** Safety Report: Good Summer so far. Keep up with maintenance on your planes.

**Field Report:** Everything looking good. A “Thank You” goes to **LeRoy Plagge** for donating an “Official A.M.A. wind sock. The old one was in rough shape during the winter months.

**Old Business:** Float Fly’s are down in attendance. Come out and join the fun. You don’t have to fly, just come and watch if that is what you wish to do. We even have on occasion, seen people with their RC Boats, in case you have one. Don’t be shy.

**New Business:** In case you haven’t heard; **Devin Tornow** has had to resign his Presidency. He is moving out of state for business and family related issues, but said he will keep in touch. A big **Thank you** to **Devin** for all you’ve done as President. According to the By-Laws, the Vice President will temporarily take over the duties as President Pro-Tem until the regular for President comes up. **John Kallend** was nominated and voted in by all members present to serve the Vice President Pro-tem spot until the regular election time for Vice-President comes up. Thank you, once again to **LeRoy Plagge** for not only the new wind sock, but also donated an A.M.A. “Beta Plane”. It’s a rubber band wind up. Great if you have kids.

**Upcoming events:** The next SAC Fun Fly will be this coming Wednesday July 21<sup>st</sup> at the SAC Flying Field. Come on out even if you don’t want to fly and watch the fun (no pun intended). The next SAC Float fly will be held August 7<sup>th</sup>. Read the Dope Can for more upcoming dates and times. Vice-President Pro-temp **John Kallend** is asking more people to do a show and tell at our monthly Thursday meetings, besides the “same” people volunteering every month. You don’t have to do a “lecture”, so bring a static display model for us just to look at, or a handy tip you’ve discovered on a plane you are building to fly. It can be as easy as showing a video about our hobby or a how-to video.

**Gooney Bird Award:** The Gooney Bird this month goes to our very own Safety Office **Rob Walker**. He showed up at the last Float Fly, showed the plane to people, went to fly it, discovering he forgot all his batteries at home. He had to drive all the way home to Peotone to grab his batteries.

**Show and Tell:** **John Kallend** and **LeRoy Plagge** (see pictures in Dope can and website).

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.**

**Next Meeting:** *August 12, 2021, 7:00 p.m.* at the V.F.W. in Tinley Park.



# SAC 2021 FLOAT FLYS

FIRST SATURDAY AND THIRD FRIDAY STARTING  
WITH THE THIRD FRIDAY IN APRIL

~~FRI. APRIL 16.~~

~~SAT. MAY 1.~~

~~FRI. MAY 21.~~

~~SAT. MAY 29. MEMORIAL DAY FOOD SERVICE~~

~~SAT. JUN 5.~~

~~FRI. JUNE 18.~~

~~SAT. JULY 3. INDEPENDENCE DAY FOOD SERVICE~~

~~FRI. JULY 16.~~

~~SAT. AUG. 7.~~

~~FRI. AUG. 20.~~

~~SAT. SEPT. 4. LABOR DAY FOOD SERVICE~~

FRI. SEPT. 17. LAST ONE FOR 2020

Float Fly Location is 167<sup>th</sup> and Cicero Ave.

Normal Friday & Saturday Fee is \$5.00

SAC members fly free on normal Fri. & Sat. but \$10.00  
on Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Labor day.

**Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July & Labor Day Fee is  
\$10.00**





## 2021 SAC Event Calendar

[www.SuburbanAeroClub.com](http://www.SuburbanAeroClub.com)

All events subject to change / Check eMails/ Website / Facebook for updates

Date	Day	Event	Location	Time
05/01/21	Saturday, May 01, 2021	Float Fly *	Midlothian Reservoir	8am-1pm
05/13/21	Thursday, May 13, 2021	Club Meeting: _____	Tinley Park VFW	7:00 PM
05/14/21	Friday, May 14, 2021	Float Fly *	Midlothian Reservoir	8am-1pm
5/14-15/21	Fri evening 5/14 - Sat 5/15	TBM Avenger Reunion <a href="http://tbmreunion.org">tbmreunion.org</a>	Illinois Valley Airport, Peru, IL (KVYS)	
05/16/21	Sunday, May 16, 2021	Fun Fly - MAY	SAC Field	8:00 AM
05/29/21	Saturday, May 29, 2021	Float Fly (Memorial Day)	Midlothian Reservoir	8am-2pm
06/05/21	Saturday, June 05, 2021	Float Fly *	Midlothian Reservoir	8am-1pm
06/06/21	Sunday, June 06, 2021	Fun Fly - JUNE	SAC Field	8:00 AM
June ?	June ?	Live Healthy, Discover Nature - TBD????	Daley Plaza, Chicago	NOON
06/10/21	Thursday, June 10, 2021	Club Meeting: _____ / Elections	Tinley Park VFW	7:00 PM
06/18/21	Friday, June 18, 2021	Float Fly *	Midlothian Reservoir	8:00 AM
06/20/21	Sunday, June 20, 2021	Club Picnic - TBD??	SAC Field	12:00 PM
07/03/21	Saturday, July 03, 2021	Float Fly (Forth of July weekend)	Midlothian Reservoir	8:00 AM
07/08/21	Thursday, July 08, 2021	Club Meeting: _____	Tinley Park VFW	7:00 PM
07/16/21	Friday, July 16, 2021	Float Fly *	Midlothian Reservoir	8:00 AM
07/18/21	Sunday, July 18, 2021	Fun Fly - JULY	SAC Field	8:00 AM
7/30-8/1	July 30-Aug 1 2021 Fri-Sun	AMA National FunFly <a href="http://modelaircraft.org/funfly">modelaircraft.org/funfly</a>	Muncie, Indiana	-
7/26-8/1	July 26- Aug 1, 2021 Mon-Sun	AirVenture Oshkosh 2021	Oshkosh, WI	-
08/07/21	Saturday, August 07, 2021	Float Fly *	Midlothian Reservoir	8:00 AM
08/12/21	Thursday, August 12, 2021	Club Meeting: _____	Tinley Park VFW	7:00 PM
08/20/21	Friday, August 20, 2021	Float Fly *	Midlothian Reservoir	8:00 AM
08/14/21	Saturday, August 14, 2021	NATIONAL MODEL AVIATION DAY - AMA	<a href="https://nationalmodelaviationday.org/">https://nationalmodelaviationday.org/</a>	
08/22/21	Sunday, August 22, 2021	Fun Fly - AUGUST	SAC Field	8:00 AM
09/04/21	Saturday, September 04, 2021	Float Fly (Labor Day weekend)	Midlothian Reservoir	8:00 AM
09/09/21	Thursday, September 09, 2021	Club Meeting: _____	Tinley Park VFW	7:00 PM
09/17/21	Friday, September 17, 2021	Float Fly *	Midlothian Reservoir	8:00 AM
09/19/21	Sunday, September 19, 2021	Fun Fly - SEPTEMBER	SAC Field	8:00 AM
10/14/21	Thursday, October 14, 2021	Club Meeting: _____	Tinley Park VFW	7:00 PM
???	Saturday, October 10, 2020	South Suburban RC Air & Water show	Dolphin Lake - Homewood, IL	10am-12pm
10/17/21	Sunday, October 17, 2021	Fun Fly - OCTOBER	SAC Field	8:00 AM
10/21/21	Thursday, October 21, 2021	Club Auction - FALL	Tinley Park VFW	7:00 PM
11/07/21	Sunday, November 07, 2021	Turkey Shoot Fun Fly	SAC Field	8:00 AM
11/11/21	Thursday, November 11, 2021	Club Meeting - FOOD DRIVE	Tinley Park VFW	7:00 PM
12/09/21	Thursday, December 09, 2021	Club Meeting - FOOD DRIVE / Elections	Tinley Park VFW	7:00 PM
01/01/22	Saturday, January 01, 2022	First Flight	SAC Field	6:00 AM
CLUB MEETING / ACTIVITY		FUN FLYS - SAC field	Auctions - VFW Tinley Park	
TBD = TO BE DETERMINED		FLOAT FLYS - Midlothian Reservoir	ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE	
OTHER EVENTS		* Event FREE to SAC club members	updated 04/24/2021	

## 2021 SAC ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC

**September** is just around the corner. It's time to start thinking about the picnic. As you can see by the menu, we're not cooking hot dogs. We have it catered by **Polonia Catering & Market**. It's excellent food and the wives get to see what we do at the flying field. People arrive whenever; the field is open for everyone to fly. Food is served at 12 noon. Then you can stay as long as you want. It's a lot of fun. Quite a few members have already signed up.

**We need to have a good idea of attendance by the August meeting.**

Hope to see you there.

### FOOD SERVED AT 12 pm

This year it will be FREE to SAC members and \$5.00 to any one they bring along, like their wives

#### MENU

Fried Chicken  
Italian Beef with Sweet Peppers  
w/French Bread  
Oven Roasted Potatoes  
Corn Niblets

Flying Display Too



### Rob Walker

Proud Winner of the June

**Gooney Bird Patch,**

receives the patch from  
Ron Wegrzyn.

## Jim Klee Dominates Fourth Fun Fly Competition

By Greg Stevens

Jim Klee is becoming the dominant pilot in the fun fly competitions. After four rounds Jim has dominated the field by winning three of the four. While we're only halfway through the monthly competitions it has the other pilots wondering if he can be beat!

Again, the weather was a perfect 80 degrees with a mild breeze as has been the case with all of the fun fly competitions this year. Four pilots showed up for the competition including Al Myers, Jim Klee, Rob Walker and yours truly. Each flew three rounds of bomb drop, timed flight and spot landing.

Going into the third round Jim was securely in the lead with Rob in second and Greg in third place. After a very close third round Al was able to squeak into third place over Greg by placing a nearly perfect bomb drop. The final point tally was Jim-305, Rob-272, Al-251 and Greg-247. With Jim's third win of the year, it jumped him into first place over Rob by a mere 2 points and with half of the competitions yet to be flown the door is still open for any one of us to jump a few spots.

After Four rounds of competition the overall point tally for the year stands as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jim Klee - 76 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Rob Walker - 74 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Greg Stevens - 64 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> Al Myers - 58 points

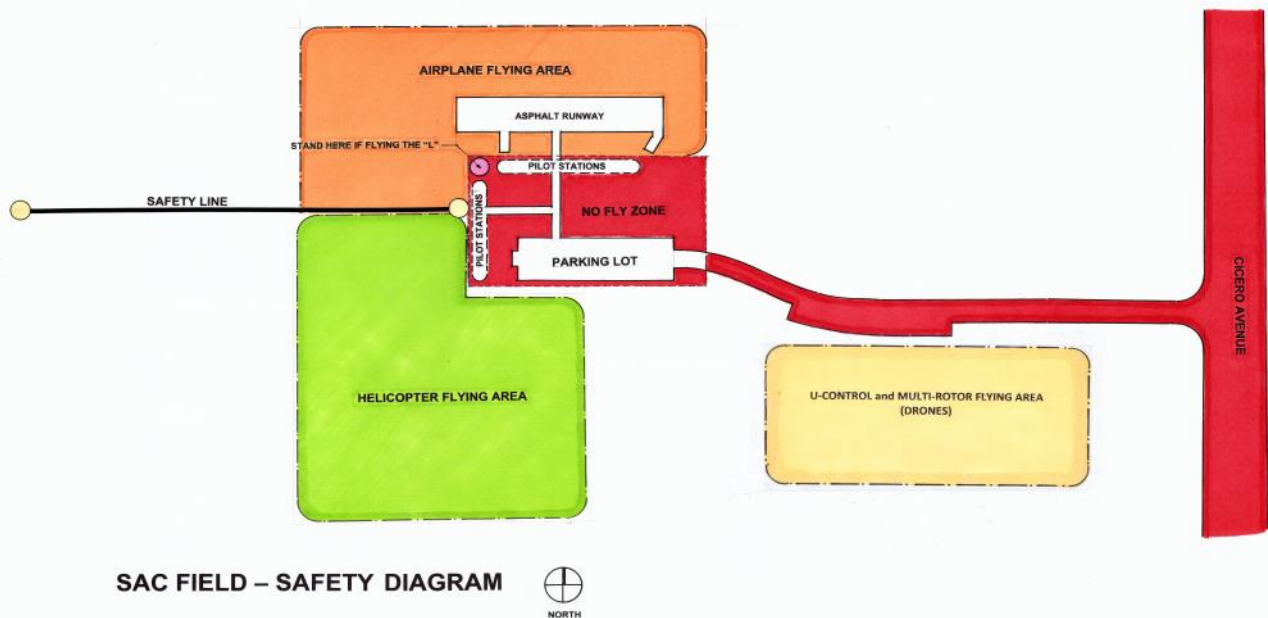
## Battery Straps by Don Sobbe

I recently crashed a model when the battery strap failed in flight allowing the battery to fall out. The failure was due to excessive wear, as can be seen in the photo. This was an old strap that had the Velcro stripped away after repeated use which reduced its gripping strength. Lesson learned. Even badly worn straps may feel secure. So, also visually inspect them for wear.



2021 SAC OFFICERS			SAC Instructors (call for an appointment)		
President (interim)	Ron Wegrzyn	708.478.8858	Ron Wegrzyn	Planes	708.478.8858
Vice President (interim)	John Kallend	708.712.3850		Planes	
Safety Officer	Rob Walker	708.439-5748	Frank Trupes	Planes	
Secretary	Dale Disabato	815.690.9366	George Nichols	Planes	708.372.3657
Treasurer	Greg Stevens		John Kallend	Test flights, transmitter and gyro programming	708.712.3850
Board Member	Devin Tornow	309.369.6926			





SAC FIELD – SAFETY DIAGRAM



**Forest Preserve Police (Public Safety) 708-771-1001**

**Forest Preserve Police (Emergency) 911**

### FLYING FIELD EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Both sides of the pin box should be opened for access to frequency pins, first aid materials and fire extinguishers. Incident report forms are kept in the box. Reporting injuries and near misses allows us to investigate and determine what can be done to prevent re-occurrences. Emergency information signs are posted at the field.

#### Ambulance Service

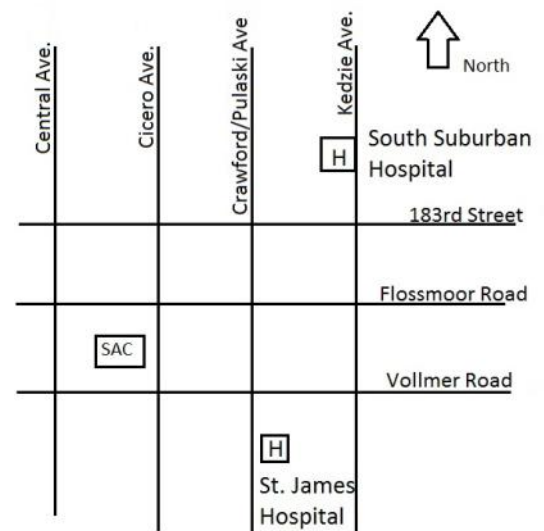
Dial 911 and request help "at the flying field located on Cicero between Flossmoor and Vollmer Roads"

#### Advocate South Suburban Hospital

17800 Kedzie Ave  
Hazel Crest  
(708) 799-8000

#### Saint James Hospital

20201 Crawford Ave  
Olympia Fields  
(708) 747-4000





# SUBURBAN AERO CLUB OF CHICAGO

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| <input type="radio"/> NEW MEMBER  | \$35 _____        |
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| <input type="radio"/> DUES RENEWAL (current member)                           | \$50 _____        |
| <input type="radio"/> Renewal Discount (must renew before April 2021 meeting) | -\$5 _____        |
| <input type="radio"/> Dope Can (newsletter) mailing fee*                      | \$5 _____         |

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AMA No.: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ HOME Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ AMA # \_\_\_\_\_

AMA membership required, to join see <https://www.modelaircraft.org/>

Mail Paper copy of Dope Can newsletter NO / YES (add \$5 to dues for mailing of newsletter if required)

**SAC MEMBER who asked you to join (not required)** \_\_\_\_\_

**SKILLS I can share with members** \_\_\_\_\_

**I can volunteer by** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Note:** The club roster including names, AMA numbers and contact information will be available to members in the password-protected section of the club website. If you wish any of your information excluded from that site, please indicate above by circling the identifier for the item(s). Example: Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Bring this form to any monthly meeting, or mail to:

**Greg Stevens, 12315 Shellbark Dr., Homer Glen, IL 60491**