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## The Mustang Minute

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### Upcoming SAC Dates

- **SAC Club Meeting**  
**October 25 7:00 PM**  
**Tinley Park VFW**  
**172nd & Oak Park**  
**Ave.**  
**Tinley Park, IL.**
- **Dope Can Articles**  
**Deadline Nov 8**
- **Dope Can Published**  
**November 15**



### Looking Back... and Forward!

As I look back on September's Dope Can there seems like so much I didn't get included. With the change from our Thursday summer month meetings back to our Tuesday meetings it's kind of thrown the Dope Can behind on the news, especially since I was unable to make the September meeting. I contracted a stupid virus that inflamed the nerve endings in my hands and feet and couldn't put any pressure on my feet for four days. Apparently this is very uncommon for adults and regularly targets kids under 5. My wife has always said I have the mental capacity of a 5 year old so maybe there's some truth to this!! Anyway, thank you Mike for filling in for me.

Since the last newsletter we held our Labor Day Float Fly, Heli Fun Fly, September Fun Fly and club auction. The Labor Day Float Fly (Photos Page 4) was extremely well attended with 29 pilots taking to the

sky. The day was absolutely gorgeous, with blue skies, warm temperatures and mild breeze. Thank you **Ron Zubik**, and **Bob Van Huis** for coordinating everything and setting up for the day and manning the grill.

Also on that same day the heli guys re-scheduled their Heli Fun Fly from the previous week. As I understand there were twenty-some pilots at that event. When I stopped by after the float fly, the activities were still happening and the parking lot was full. So, all in all, I think it was a pretty successful day. Thank you to **Mike Zubik**, **Ed Henschel** and all the heli guys for a successful event.

Next up was our third installment of our Fun Fly (Photo Page 5) which was coordinated by **Al Myers**. Everyone involved had a great time once again slugging it out over three rounds of three events including bomb drops, touch and go landings, and limbo. There was only one fatality, involving **Jim Klee** who misjudged the limbo on his last flight of the day and ended up whacking his Big Stik straight into one of the posts. OUCH!! It was a fantastic day for me since I ended up placing second to Al. Who, by the way, won all three Fun Fly events this year. Hmmm, is

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**Editor's Note: Minutes of the September 27 Meeting were not received in time for inclusion in the Dope Can.**

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## SAC ANNUAL TURKEY SHOOT

**CASH PRIZES TO THE TOP 10 FINISHERS!**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, at 9:00 am**

Don't forget the Annual Turkey Shoot. It will be held on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, beginning sharply at 9 am. Everyone should be able to participate. Gas or electric airplanes will be acceptable. No helicopters and no hand launches.

There will be a minimum of 2 rounds (possibly 3, depending on weather and number of participants) with 3 events per round.

Events will include:

**1. Timed Flight –**

Take off from the asphalt runway, fly for 60 seconds then land on the asphalt runway as close to 60 seconds as possible. One point will be awarded for each second up to 60 seconds. One point will be deducted for each second over 60 seconds. A 10 point bonus will be given for landing on the runway with the entire plane remaining on the runway.

**2. Dead Stick Landing-**

Take off from anywhere on the field and gain altitude. A spotter will begin rolling the dice. When doubles are thrown the pilot cuts the throttle all the way and glides to a designated landing spot. 50, 30, 10 points will be awarded for being close to the bulls eye. 5 points will be awarded for landing on anywhere on asphalt or short grass. (No points will be awarded if pilot hits the throttle once he has begun the glide decent.)

**3. Bomb Drop-**

Using your own bomb and release design, drop bomb on designated target. Closest to the center scores 50 points, 30 points and 10 points. 5 points will be awarded for bomb landing anywhere on asphalt or short grass. One pass is permitted.

**Remember, SAC members only!**

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he that good, or is he stacking the deck?!!

Our last outdoor flying event of the year will be the Turkey Shoot, to be held on Sunday, November 13th. There will be three events over two or three rounds depending on the weather and number of participants. (I'm running this won so I can win!!) The events will include a timed flight, dead stick landing, and bomb drop! And yes, there will be cash prize purse that's divided up among the top 10 participants. Dale will determine the total cash prize and what each participant will receive. This will be open

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**Jim Rafinski** won the grand raffle prize of the September Raffle. He is shown at left holding his prize, a P-47D Thunderbolt. Congratulations, Jim! That's a great looking plane you have there, and we'll bet it flies great, too.

**Gooney!**

**Corey Gritsch** won the September Gooney for switching the rudder for one half of the elevator when installing the control surfaces on the tail of his Twist. We didn't have the Gooney patch available for immediate presentation at the meeting but, nevertheless, Corey can be seen smiling in grateful appreciation in the top right photo. For the deed itself, just check out the pic at bottom right!



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**2016 SAC Meeting Schedule**

October 25	Tuesday
November 22	Tuesday
December 27	Tuesday

**2016 SAC Event Schedule**

November 13	Sunday	Turkey Shoot
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# Labor Day Float Fly Fun

Event Held  
September 3





Participants of Third Fun Fly are shown above.



## Two More Winners!

**Michael Consuegra** and **Pat Habel** won raffle prizes at the SAC Auction held October 13. Michael displays his new plane at left, and Pat his check with cash winnings at right. Congratulations Michael and Pat!



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to SAC members only.

We held our annual auction last Thursday evening which drew a number of willing participants and a lot of great deals. Thank you to **Ron Wegrzyn**, **Bob Van Huis**, **Bob Stroz** and many others who helped set up and run the event. Our two raffle prize winners included eight year old **Michael Consuegra** who won the E-flite P-47 and **Pat Habel** who won the \$50.00 dollar cash prize. Congratulations to our winners and all those who made that great deal of the night.

Also coming up next month we will begin taking nominations for President, Secretary, and Safety Officer (Heli's). We will be voting for these positions at our December meeting. As we are aware Sam will not be running for reelection and Dale has also said that it will be his last term when done in May, so we need members to step up and fill these spots. Everyone will help anyone who wants to step into these positions get acclimated to what the position entails. So this is a great opportunity for anyone who wants to get more involved to do so, and at the same time get your club membership fee waived!!

Finally, we've established the monthly meeting dates again with the VFW. As was the case this year, we'll be continuing to hold the meetings on the fourth Tuesday of every month beginning in January with the exception of the summer months (June, July and August) which will be held the second Thursday of every month. Our auction will be held Thursday, October 12, 2017.

That's about it for now, so happy flying and hope to see you all at the Turkey Shoot.



# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL 2017

Dues: \$55 (Regular)  \$10 (under 18)  \*\*Mailing Fee for Dope Can: \$5

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Bring this form to any monthly meeting, or mail to:  
Dale Thome, 21440 S. 78th Ave., Frankfort, IL 60423

## 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

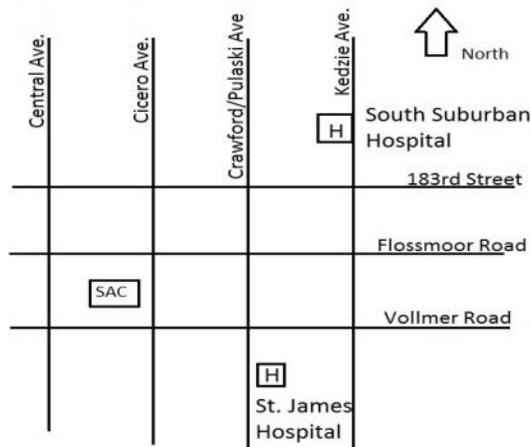
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