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The Mustang Minute

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October SAC Dates

- SAC Club Meeting
Oct 8, 7:00 PM
Tinley Park VFW
172nd & Oak Park
Ave.
Tinley Park, IL.
- Dope Can Articles
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Lots Coming up at Next Meetings!

First off, thanks to all of you for filling in for me at the last meeting as I had some family matters that I had to attend to and couldn't make it. I understand **Kevin** did a great job running the meeting, so thank you Kevin.

Regarding the meeting, there are two motions on the floor that we will be voting on as a club at the October meeting. The first motion was made, two meetings ago, by Kevin regarding adding a sign at the eastern most flying area that says "U-control, multirotor and quad flying only". Currently, there is no sign designating what type of flying should occur in this area. This area has become the preferred area for drone racing so it makes sense that this area be designated as such. The second motion on the table was made at the last meeting by **Leroy Plagge**. This motion is for going a step farther and returning the eastern most flying area back to the heli, quad and multirotor designated area and returning the current heli area back to the u-control designated area as it was when we first set up the field six years ago. These two motions have sparked a lot of good discussion and everyone has their opinions on the subject. I know I have mine. Because we are voting on these motions at the upcoming meeting I'll reserve my comments until then. I will say this: the Board has met regarding these two motions to discuss what's in the best interest for the club. If there needs to be more discussion before the vote, and I'm sure there will be, I will limit the time for each discussion item in an attempt to move things along.

We had two successful events in September, those being the Labor Day Float Fly

and the Heli Fun Fly. Both were held on the same day and we really lucked out with the weather. There were spotty thunderstorms all around the area but we never received any rain until later in the day. Between the heli fun fly and the drone racing event, we raised \$400.00 to donate to the Wounded Warrior Project. I have the check in hand and will be sending it down to the AMA prior to the cut off deadline of October 1st. Thank you to all who participated in these events.

There have recently been some safety issues out at the field regarding fail safe switches not properly set up on planes, engine cut offs, taxiing in the pits, and battery checks, which I need to bring up. Most notably there have been some instances where guys are taxiing their planes on the ground to get out to the runway. Please do not do this. To help everyone, the Board has decided to paint yellow lines separating the taxi ways from the runway. So from now on, everyone should carry their plane to this line and then proceed on the ground for takeoff. I have seen too many guys taxiing their planes from way back in the pit area to get to the runway and this sets up a dangerous scenario of hitting other planes, equipment or worse yet someone's leg. Regarding fail safe and cut offs on engines, particularly electrics, we all know it doesn't take much to mistakenly hit the throttle and an electric plane is rocketing out of control. I know I'm guilty on some of my smaller electrics to not have the proper safety checks on the engines. It was agreed at our Board meeting that we need to have a demonstration on how to set up fail safes, engine cut offs, and a discussion on how to make sure your batteries are fully charged. At our November meeting we're going to devote some time to have a "discuss and learn" so that everyone can learn how to properly set these up.

Finally, as we begin to wind down the flying season there are two events left. One

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**Suburban Aero Club of Chicago
Minutes of
General Monthly Meeting
September 10
At the VFW club in Tinley Park, IL.
Sam Helmich, Secretary**

Meeting called to order at : 7:05 pm,
by Vice President Kevin Ragauskis. There
were 48 members present. No new
members or visitors.

Reports by Committees or Officers:

Secretary Minutes: By Sam Helmich. A
motion to accept the minutes as read,
was made by Bob and seconded by Ron
Wegrzyn. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: By Dale Thorne. A
motion to accept the treasures report as
read was made by Ron and seconded by
John. Motion Carried.

Safety Officers: Planes by Chuck Fritz.
Nothing to report.

Helicopter by Mike Zubik: Going well.

Field: Getting some progress on the
weather station. Have interest in one
company sponsoring part of it, working
out details and costs.

Unfinished Business: Discussion on

Kevin Ragauskis motion last month on
adding to the sign at the east field to
include U-Control flight there. The mo-
tion was made and seconded at August
meeting, it will be voted on at the Octo-
ber meeting.

Leroy Plagge gave a very lengthy discus-
sion and then made a motion to change
the sign at the east field to say "Heli,
Quad and Multi rotor Designated area",
at the south field to say "U-Control des-
ignated area". This would be south side,
but east of the north south flight line.
The motion as seconded by Phil Arnold.
Vote will take place at the October meet-
ing.

There was much discussion on the topic.

New Business: Motion to donate \$400
to the AMA wounded warrior project was
made by Ron, seconded by Kevin, mo-
tion carried. A motion to donate an addi-
tional \$100 to the AMA wounded warrior
project made by Steve and second by
Jack, motion FAILED.

Next meeting: October 8th, 7 pm @
VFW club of Tinley Park.

Gooney Bird: Kevin Ragauskis for say-
ing "Just one last flight" and then crash-
ing.

Gooney!

Steve Noel is shown below presenting **Kevin Ra-
gauskis** with the September Gooney for crashing his
heli after declaring "One last flight!"



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Leroy Plagge, at right, presented his kit-built Sig Twister at the September meeting. This is a wood and silkspan U-Control plane with a 48 inch wingspan. Leroy has outfitted it with a .40 Brodak Engine. The plane features flaps and a number of adjustable parameters for tuning and customizing its performance. Leroy has found this to be a good quality plane that he would recommend to others.



Winner!!

Ken Vermeister is shown at left holding the FMS Zero PNP he won in the September Raffle. Congratulations Ken! We look forward to seeing her fly.

October Raffle Prize 2 Great Choices!

**Hangar 9
P-40B Warhawk 50 ARF
.46-.55**



**E-Flight
Carbon-Z Splendor BNF
with 50 Size Motor**



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being our annual auction which is scheduled for October 22nd, beginning at 7:00 pm and the other being the Turkey Shoot scheduled for mid-November.



Pilots and Planes Line Up
for Official Photo



Chef Frank Once Again at the Grill



Three Gawkers for Every Pilot?
Sounds about right!

Photos from Memorial Day Float Fly held September 5th

Last Float Fly for 2015

By Ron Wegrzyn (CD)

We had great weather for the last Friday Float Fly of 2015. The weather was terrible Thursday night, but come Friday morning it was super, calm as could be and just great. Only 6 flyers showed up, but we had a great time. Next year we again plan on having the twice monthly Float Flies on the first Saturday and the third Friday of each month, starting with the third Friday in April and ending with the third Friday in September. They only last until 1pm so they don't take up the whole day. Of course we will still have the Memorial Day and Labor Day Float Flies when we will serve food and have a great time. Hope to see more of you next year.

Suburban AeroClub of Chicago

ANNUAL AUCTION

Thursday, October 22, 2015

**Tinley Park VFW
172nd and Oak Park Ave**

Door Open 6:00 pm

Auction Starts 7:00 pm

Free parking in city lot one block south of VFW

Entry Fee for buyers and sellers: \$2.00

**Sellers Fee: \$1.00 per item for up to 10 items,
no fee for additional items.**

Raffle Prizes

**UMX™ B-17G FLYING FORTRESS BNF
WITH AS3X TECHNOLOGY
\$50.00 CASH**

**One raffle ticket included in entry fee
Additional tickets \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00**

Notes to Buyers and Sellers

- Sellers are responsible for protecting the value of their items by bidding them up if necessary.
- All sales are final.
- Suburban AeroClub of Chicago does not handle money exchanges. All exchanges are between buyer and seller.

More information

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

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Name (Please print): _____ AMA No.: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Email: _____

Are you a Veteran?: ☐

Complete the section below only if your information has changed since last year:

Address: _____ Phone: () _____

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:
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

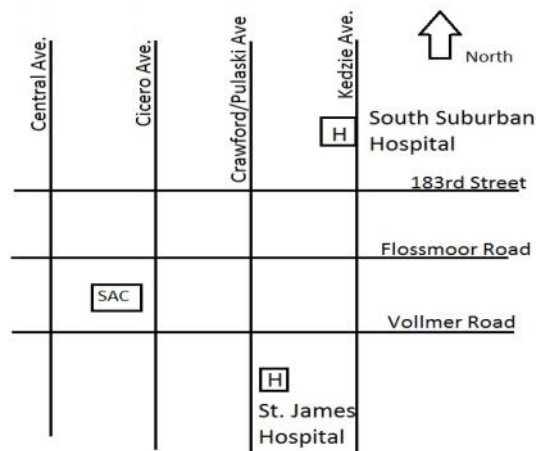
Dial 911 and request help "at the flying field located on Cicero between Flossmoor and Vollmer Roads"

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