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The Mustang Minute

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Upcoming SAC Dates

- SAC Club Meeting
August 11 7:00 PM
Tinley Park VFW
172nd & Oak Park
Ave.
Tinley Park, IL.
- Dope Can Articles
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Changes at the Field

At our July meeting we continued our discussion regarding field safety and relocating the heli pilot stations further south. Most everyone seemed in favor of this plan, even though there are those that think the field is and should remain only an airplane flying field. That's fine, we all have our opinions, but for the foreseeable future we need to work together and make it as safe as possible with what we have.

What I'm still advocating is that we keep the east/west safety line, the imaginary line separating the heli area from the plane area, aligned with the paved asphalt path leading out to the grass runway. If you're at the field, this line is presently marked with an orange safety cone (albeit, somehow the cone mysteriously keeps moving!!).

My proposal is to eliminate the four existing pilot stations (1 - 4) and only have two stations facing west. Then we would locate two heli stations 50' to 100' further south to separate planes and helis as much as possible (The heli guys have said that two stations is all they require since only two heli's are in the air at any given time). In addition, I'd like to add safety fence to create a dedicated heli pit area to get them on the correct side of the fence, out of what should be spectator area and away from the parking lot.

I really want to put this to bed in the next few weeks so that we can make the physical changes this fall. I've drawn up a quick sketch of what I'm suggesting so that everyone can understand the layout a little better. (See Page 2)

July 24th saw a very windy and humid War Bird Day. Because of the high winds, which were gusting to 15 to 20 mph, we

only had 10 pilots sign up to fly and of those 10, only 6 actually flew.

The guys that braved the wind included **Tom Lustig** (Tom could fly in a hurricane and still do great!), **Chuck Fritz**, **Chris Baker**, **John Kallend**, and the brother duo of **Fred and Ken Burmeister**. Yeah, my name isn't in there. However, I did bring out three planes, so I did look the part!! The rest of us just enjoyed the day talking, eating hot dogs, and picking up the pieces of foam from the planes that didn't quite make it back in one piece.

If you haven't visited our Facebook page, go to

www.facebook.com/suburbanaeroclub/ and check out the photos. There are a couple of videos showing Tom flying his Helcat and Chris flying his Blenheim. (Editor's note: Also Photos pp 4-5)

A great big thank you to the **Truppes' family, Frank, April and Nick** for setting up and manning the cooking of the hot dogs as well as donating all the food and drink for the event. Thank you!!

The next scheduled event will be our first Fun Fly of the year which will be happening Sunday, July 31st, beginning at 10:00 am. **Al Myer** will be heading that up with four tasks over three rounds. These are all simple tasks that everyone should be able to handle, so if you've never participated in a Fun Fly, come on out because it's a lot of fun. I know there was some discussion as to whether or not to limit it to just nitro planes, but we decided in favor of opening it to anything, including nitro, electric or gas.

We'll continue on with our float fly events scheduled for Saturday, August 6th and the other Friday August 19th. Finally, we'll be hosting the Heli Fun Fly on Saturday, August 22nd. This is a permitted event, so the heli guys can set up and fly wherever they like. If you're planning on flying a plane, do it early or late in the day.

That's about it for this month.

Fly safe.

Greg

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Suburban Aero Club of Chicago Minutes of General Monthly Meeting July 14, 2016

**At the VFW club in Tinley Park, IL.
Sam Helmich, Secretary**

Meeting called to order at : 7:06 pm,
by President Greg Stevens . There were
56 members present.

Reports by Committees or Officers:

Secretary Minutes: Minutes for the May meeting were read as they were not available at the June meeting. Motion to accept them as read made by Bob Stroz and seconded by Chuck Fritz, motion carried. Minutes for the June meeting were read. Motion to accept the June meeting minutes was made by Bob and seconded by Bob, motion carried

Treasurer's Report: By Ron Wegrzyn. A motion to accept the treasures report as read was made by Mike Zubik and seconded by Pat. Motion Carried.

Safety Officers:

Planes by Chuck Fritz. Please use
spotters as much as possible when fly-

ing. It's a good way to let the rest of the field including Heli area know your intentions.

Helicopter - Mike Zubik, Nothing.

Field: Some discussion on the weather station, apparently we are having an issue with internet connectivity, wireless is not available. There is now a LIPO battery bucket at the field for disposing of bad lipo batteries, please do NOT put them in the garbage containers.

Past Events. Float fly as on schedule. Picnic started out with questionable weather, but turned out great, about 45 people attended. Great food, and fun.

Future Events: See Dope Can for list.

Business: Board will need to appoint an interim Heli Safety officer as Mike Zubik is now VP.

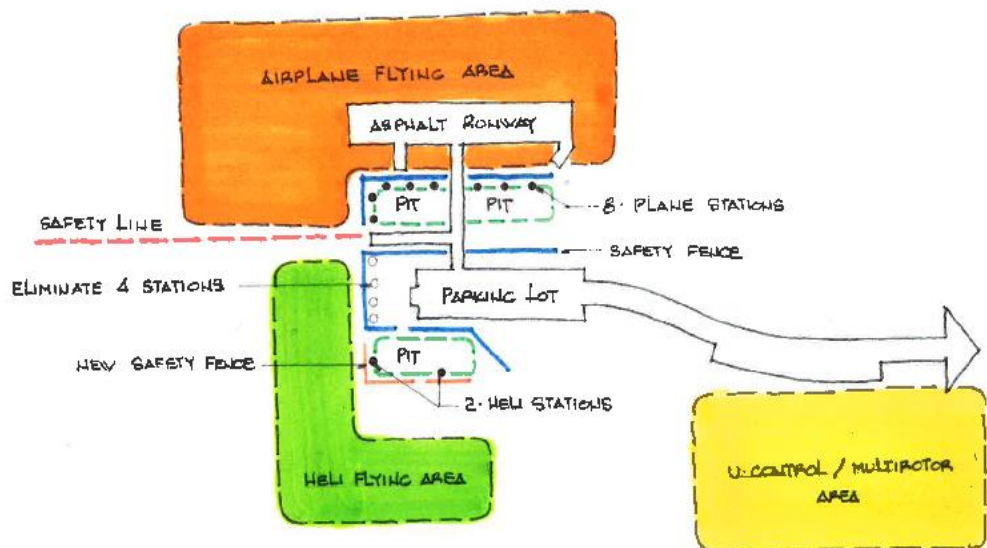
Facebook page is really looking good, being used by many. Check it out.

Next meeting. August 11, 2016

Gooney Bird Scott Dargis for flying a plane at the float fly that is NOT a float plane and ending up with a wet plane.

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:20 pm.

Proposed Field Layout



Winner!

Joe Mackis shown at right holding his grand prize won in the July Raffle. Congratulations Joe. Hope to see you flying that T-28.



Gooney!

Scott Dargis is shown at left receiving the July Gooney for discovering that a plane without floats does not float. Seems that plane got wet! Who tattled on him and is seen here presenting the Gooney? None other than his wife, **Ann Dargis**.



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2016 SAC Meeting Schedule

Thursday Meetings are in Red

August 11	Thursday
September 27	Tuesday
October 25	Tuesday
November 22	Tuesday
December 27	Tuesday
Auction October 13	Thursday

2016 SAC Event Schedule

August 6	Saturday	Float Fly
August 19	Friday	Float Fly
August 21	Sunday	Fun Fly
August 27	Saturday	Heli Fun Fly
September 3	Saturday	Labor Day Float Fly
September 16	Friday	Float Fly
September 18	Sunday	Fun Fly
October 13	Thursday	Auction
November 13	Sunday	Turkey Shoot



SAC Warbird Day Sunday July 24 More Photos Page 5



Chuck Fritz (on left) and **Chris Baker** proudly showed off this beautiful F4U Corsair at the July meeting. The warbird, a MonoKote-covered ARF by Top Flight, was built for Chuck by Chris. The 86 inch span plane is driven by a DLE-55 Engine and Belia Propeller. It features flaps and Robart electric retracts. Onboard electronics include 10 servos and two LiFe batteries, 2200mAh for the Spectrum radio and 3000mAh for the retracts.



Warbird Day Continued



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Helicopter Fun Fly 2016

Sponsors:
 Strictly R/C
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 Gentle Jungle

Official AMA Sanctioned Event

Pilots \$10.00
 includes hot dog, chips, drink and ticket for Pilot's raffle

Public FREE
 Food & drink will be available for purchase

Date and Time : Saturday, August 27th, 2016, 9 am -Dusk
Location : 19498 S Cicero Ave, Matteson, IL 60443
More information and maps : suburbanaeroclub.com

AMA XXXX

SAC LABOR DAY

Float Fly

September 3rd 2016

8am -2pm

Twin Lakes- Oak Forest, Il.

167th & 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

PRIZES TO BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE

no charge for spectators

Come on out and have some fun
 Runway is limited to water
 All aircraft will require flotation devices.

for additional information contact:
 Ron Wegrzyn cd, AMA 6410 (708) 478-8858
 More info at www.suburbanaeroclub.com

We will have a retrieval boat on site

AMA XXX sanctioned event sponsored by

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AMA XXXX

August Raffle Prize E-Flite PT-17 Stearman



**At right: Seen at field.
 Looks like Fred knows
 where to find the cus-
 tomers!**





MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL 2016

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

**Required only if you want paper copies of Dope Can newsletters mailed to you. Emailed copies and paper copies picked up at monthly meetings are provided free.

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

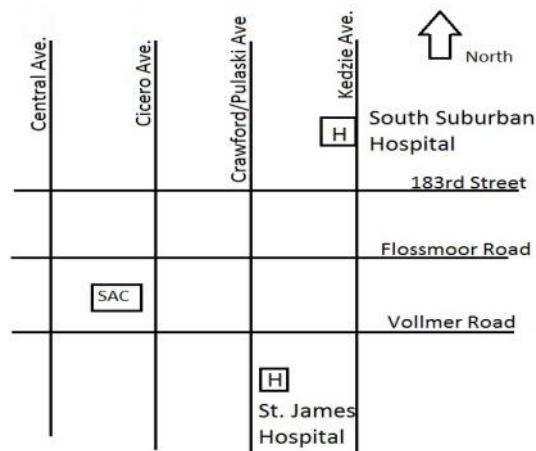
Dial 911 and request help "at the flying field located on Cicero between Flossmoor and Vollmer Roads"

Advocate South Suburban Hospital

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