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Upcoming SAC Dates

- SAC Club Meetings
May 23 & June 8
7:00 PM
- Tinley Park VFW
172nd & Oak Park
Ave.
Tinley Park, IL.
- Dope Can Articles
Deadline June 6
- Dope Can Published
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April 23 Fun Fly Participants above are (Left to Right) Ron Wegrzyn, Greg Stevens, Wes Arrasmith, John York, Rob Walker, and Luke Jolitz. More photos Page 9.

The Mustang Minute

By: Greg Stevens
President



Steps Forward and Back!

As you're all probably aware our float fly's have been cancelled for the remainder of the 2017 season with the exceptions being the Memorial Day and Labor Day events which will go on as planned. This is due in part to the fact that the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (FPDCC) does not recognize the lake at Midlothian Reservoir as a designated flying site within the District. Even though we've been flying there for more than 20 years, the FPDCC views this as a violation of their ordinance, which I guess technically, per the letter of the law, it is.

Ron Wegrzyn talked to Karen Vaughan, Director of Permits, regarding this action. Karen has agreed to have Ron speak to the Forest Preserve Board in person on May 11th regarding the flying site. Hopefully all will go well and I'll have some encouraging news to report in the future. At least for now the wheels are in motion for the Board to hear us out and possibly take

some action. We have no idea how long this may take, but at least we're moving in the right direction.

In the meantime, I'm happy to report we've secured the permits for the Memorial Day, and Labor Day float flys as well as the one for our annual picnic. Thank you to Ron, **Dale Disabato**, and **Dale Thome** for all your time and effort to file for the permits and physically go to the FPDCC office to get them. Please come out and show a support of strength at our Memorial Day and Labor Day events beginning at 8:00 am on Saturday, May, 27th and September 2nd, respectfully. Even if you aren't flying come on out for some burgers and brats and support the club.



Memorial Day - 2016

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April 2017 Meeting Minutes

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Suburban Aero Club of Chicago Minutes of General Monthly Meeting

April 25, 2017

At the VFW club in Tinley Park, IL.

Dale Disabato, Secretary

Meeting called to order at : 7:10 pm, by President Greg Stevens .

There were 43 members present

Welcome to new and/or returning members Paul Barwan, Devin Tornow and Ted Klein

Board Members present: Greg Stevens, Mike Zubik, Dale Thome, Dale Disabato, Ron Wegrzyn, Ed Labeledz, and Chuck Fritz

Board Members not present: All Board Members were present

Reports by Committees or Officers:

Secretary's Report: By Dale Disabato. Minutes of March 28, 2017 meeting were read.

Motion to accept Secretary's Report as read was made by Bill Callaghan, Seconded by John York. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: By Dale Thome.

A motion to accept the Treasures Report as read, was made by Chuck Fritz, and seconded by Ron Wegrzyn. Motion Carried.

Safety Officers Reports:

Planes by Chuck Fritz. Reminder to Helicopter and Plane Pilots to keep communicating to each other when sharing the North/South Runway.

Helicopter by Ed Labeledz. Noticed good communication is going on between Heli and Plane Pilots using the North/South Runway.

Website: No report

Old Business: Dale Disabato finally received the COI's from A.M.A. Ron Wegrzyn has the COI's and will be driving to River Forest to obtain the FPCC permits. Daley Center "Static Display" for June is being finalized with A.M.A. and Richard J. Daley Center. The COI will be e-mailed to the Richard J. Daley Center when Dale receives the A.M.A. Static Display COI.

Field: Fertilizing company will be giving us a date when they will start. Waiting on one more Sealcoating bid. Too early in the season for sealcoating companies to respond to bid requests.

Past Events. The April 21st Float Fly had to be cancelled. Forest Preserve Police Officer informed SAC that the Midlothian Reservoir is not a designated flying field. Karen Vaughn from the FPCC was contacted. She will be working with SAC to get the reservoir designated as our second flying field. At present, SAC will only be allowed to use the sight for the Memorial Day and Labor Day Float Fly activities until further notice. The April 23rd Fun Fly was a success. Along with music, there were many spectators at the event. There were 6 contestants showing off their flying skills.

New Business

Mike Zubik and Ed Labeledz have been working on new Heli stations for 2017. PVC pipe fencing not needed. Colleen from the Forest Preserve of Cook County (FPCC) will put in Split-Rail fencing within a month instead of the PVC pipes. Spectator viewing signs have been posted by the FPCC.

Mike and Ed are working on free mulch from Orland Park to put around the trees.

A reminder to Helicopter and Airplane Pilots to start using "spotters" when a lot of people are flying. If you're not flying, be a spotter for someone.

Show and Tell;

Greg Stevens showed his Electronic Bomb Drop mechanism purchased from E-Flite (\$20.00)

Mike Zubik showed his Suko BNF plane from Horizon Hobby, with the "Safe Technology" system. Welcome to the airplane side of the field Mike.

Future Events: May 21, 2017 is the next Fun Fly

May 27, 2017 is the Memorial Day weekend Float Fly

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2017 SAC Meeting Dates

Fourth Tuesday of the month, except those dates shown in **red** which are second Thursday of month.

May 23	Tuesday
June 8	Thursday
July 13	Thursday
August	Thursday
September	Tuesday
October 24	Tuesday
November 28	Tuesday
December 26	Tuesday
Auction Oct. 12	Thursday

STIK FEST....

Fun Fly

When: Sunday July 9, 2017 - 9:00am until

Where: SAC Flying Field located on Rt. 50 in Country Club Hills, between Vollmer and Flossmoor Rds.

Cost \$0

RULES for STIK Fest:

If you don't have a Big STIK, get one. This is not true. The field will be open to all pilots, with no restrictions.

If you have a Big STIK, get a Bigger One. This is true. You will always wish you had a bigger STIK.

Clean you're STIK. Nobody likes a dirty STIK.

If you have an UGLY STIK, bring it. We will still look at an ugly STIK.

OLD STIK's Welcome. If you have a vintage STIK, bring it out.

If your STIK won't go up, bring it. Static displays welcome. Let you're STIK get some summer sun. We'll have pilots to help it fly.

***** Attaboy/Attagirl Awards!!!** We spare no expense.

Ugliest STIK

Oldest STIK

Smallest STIK

and Biggest STIK – Multiple awards always available for this category.

****The word STIK refers to the Great Planes RC airplane, or RC aircraft that are similar by model. Any reference to some of our club members, is strictly coincidental.**

Winner!

Casey Clements is shown at right holding the loot! Casey was the winner of two of the large prizes at the April Raffle. Congratulations, Casey!



Memorial Day 20 16

(Mustang Minute Continued from page 1)

We held our first fun fly of the season on April 23rd. The weather was absolutely spectacular! Mild breeze, blue sky and mid-60's. I would like to thank **Al Myers** for coordinating the event and running the show. He did a spectacular job as usual. We had six flyers vying for top honors. After three rounds of touch and go's, bomb drops, limbo and spot landings the top three flyers were **Luke Jolitz**, first place, **Greg Stevens**, second place, and **Ron Wegrzyn** third place. (I actually thought I had first place all wrapped up even before we started flying with my new bomb drop mechanism. I quickly learned you actually need skill, which I found out I didn't have, to drop the bomb on the target!) No planes were lost, and a good time was had by all.

Our next Fun Fly is scheduled for Sunday, May 21st. This will be a team event, with teams being chosen at random that day so there's no practicing with your team mate prior to the event! The details and rules are posted in the Dope Can.

The club picnic is just around the corner and we'll be taking money and names at the May and June meetings. We still managed to hold the price to \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for kids 12 and under. We need a minimum of 45 people to sign up, so please bring in your money.

Regarding our field, you may have noticed the Forest

Preserve has posted new signs that are consistent with all the District flying fields. They designate the areas that only flyers should be in, as well as, spectator areas. Also added is a sign to the top of the rules board located at the drone area that says this area is for drones only. So when you see someone flying a drone elsewhere please refer them to the board and politely tell them that the FPDCC police will ticket them if they aren't using this designated area. When Ron and I met with Colleen Sinodinus, from the Forest Preserve, to locate the signs, we also put in a plug for getting additional split rail fence installed for the heli area. There was no hesitation, Colleen told us to put together a list of what we wanted done and she would take care of it. I'd like to thank Colleen and everyone who got this done. In a little over a couple weeks, we have our new Heli area, complete with new pilot stations, pits and a spectator area. This will keep that entire area much safer. Thank you Colleen, Joe Pelligrino, Ed and all the FPDCC workers that got it done, this saved our club a lot of time and money.

If you're like me soldering is never easy. At last month's meeting **Mike Zubik** brought in his soldering set up and demonstrated the proper way to solder various connectors on the ends of wires as well as how to properly heat shrink batteries. He gave some great tips starting off with spending more than \$19.95 on your soldering iron like me!! Spend some money and get a quality set up that can you can regulate the temperature easily. This above all should make the job much easier.

At the May meeting Mike will be discussing how to properly extend and solder servo wires. Also at the May meeting we will be taking nominations for Vice President, Treasurer, Safety Officer (Planes) and Safety Officer (multi-rotor).

Lastly, who says seniors don't rock! Take a look at the photos on Page 10 of **John Kallend's** newest skydiving records. He recently set two world records, one for the largest formation of skydivers over the age of 60 and then another for skydivers over the age of 70. John is the one in the photo taken from the top with the white jump suit, blue trim, and black helmet. He said this one was taken at about 6,000 feet up. Keep rockin' it John! I want to see the world record for those over 100!

That's about it for now. I hope to see all of you at the field and at our next club meeting.

Greg

April Show and Tell by Phil Arnold

Mike Zubik showed off his Horizon Hobby Sukoi Su-29 to the April meeting catching many members by surprise. (Mike actually has a fixed-wing aircraft?) The beautiful Z-Foam plane boasts AS3X stabilization, SAFE Panic Recovery Mode (Presumably for heli pilots) and about 6 min flight time on its 3 cell 2200 mAh battery. Wing Span is 44 inches and length 42.3. Welcome to the "right" side of the field, Mike! (Well, it's on the right as you drive into the lot.)



Greg Stevens is shown at left describing his E-Flite payload release and the bomb he creatively constructed to go with it. This combo was good enough to help Greg win second place in the April 23 fun fly. The release can handle payloads up to 12 ounces, and can be configured to release multiple payloads with adjustable delays up to 750 ms. Greg's homemade bomb comprises a plastic Easter egg, toilet paper and model rocket tubes, balsa fins and a fiberglass covering.

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May 30, 2017 meeting: Nominations for Vice President, Treasurer, Plane and Multi-Rotor Safety Officers will be accepted.

See Dope Can for detailed information on all upcoming events.

Gooney Bird: There were five Gooney Bird Awards

Rich Stroup for having his Ailerons reversed

Bill Callaghan for maiden flying Rich's plane without doing pre-flight check

Frank Trupes for not plugging in his Ailerons on his plane

Glen Robson for testing his ESC without first taking off the rotor blades on his Heli

Chuck Fritz for trying to burn his house down charging a battery in the house

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 @ 7:00pm

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:05pm.

Some members stayed after the meeting to watch Mike Zubik's demonstration on Shrink Wrapping batteries that have the factory shrink wrap peeling off, and for his soldering techniques. Thank You Mike.

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ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY FLOAT FLY



MAY 27, 2017
8 AM to 2 pm+

DIRECTIONS: Exit Hwy 57 at 167th and proceed west to Cicero, Twin Lakes is located on the NW corner of 167th and Cicero, Oak Forest, IL. 60452

Bring family, friends and floats

Landing fee: Only \$10.00

Big/Small planes, electric boats and helicopters

Runway limited to water. All aircraft require floats.

AMA sanctioned event sponsored by: The Suburban Aero Club of Chicago

AMA 17/952 **PRIZES TO BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE**

Hamburgers, Hotdogs, & Pop will be available at the cook tent.

Large grassy area for guests, pull up a lawn chair or throw down a blanket and get ready to have some **FUN** at our club event. Porta-potty on site.



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AMA -17/952

ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC – JUNE 25

The 7th picnic at our new location.
Food Served at Noon
Arrive when you want. Spend the day.
Field Open to all for flying

Will begin taking money and names at the May meeting and must have a good idea of attendance by the June meeting.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 25 2017
AT OUR FIELD**

\$12.00 per adult, \$6.00 12 and under

MENU

Catered by Polonia Catering and Market
Served at Noon

Tossed Salad with Dressing
Fried Chicken
Italian Beef with Sweet Peppers
Oven Roasted Potatoes
Corn Niblets



Suburban AeroClub of Chicago 2017 Event Schedule

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|--------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| • March 12 | Banquet | Chef Klaus' |
| • April 21 | Float Fly | Twin Lakes |
| • April 23 | Fun Fly | SAC Field |
| • May 21 | Fun Fly | SAC Field |
| • May 27 | Memorial Day Float Fly | Twin Lakes |
| • June 11 | Fun Fly | SAC Field |
| • June 13 | FPDCC Event | Daley Plaza |
| • June 25 | Club Picnic | SAC Field |
| • July 9 | Fun Fly | SAC Field |
| • August 13 | Fun Fly | SAC Field |
| • Sept. 2 | Labor Day Float Fly | Twin Lakes |
| • Sept. 10 | War Bird Day | SAC Field |
| • October 12 | Club Auction | Tinley Park VFW |
| • Nov. 12 | Turkey Shoot | SAC Field |



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Swap event & flying, August 19

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Fun Fly – May 21, 2017

Sign up is at 8:30 am. Two random drawings will decide fliers for a team. The team will decide who will fly the first or second flight. There are three tasks for flier 1 and three different tasks for flier 2. All number 1 fliers will complete their tasks first then flier 2 will start the second half of round 1. A pass will count when the plane passes over the grass. One pass per flier per round. One restart per round for nitro engines. A broken prop will end that round. Pilots meeting at 9:00 am.

ROUND 1 FIRST FLYER

BOMB DROP

Use your own release design. Drop bomb in designated circles. The smallest circle is 40 points, then 30-20-10 and 5 for anywhere on the cut grass. You are scored where the bomb comes to rest. On a line scores the higher points. Ribbons do not count.

CLIMB AND GLIDE (SHORT)

Take off, land at the 30 second mark. We will count down the last 15 seconds. 5 points off for each second over or under 30 mark. Time will start at lift off. Start and finish on black top.

TOUCH AND GO'S

1 minute to do 4 touch and go's. A 360° turn is required for each. All must be in same direction. Last one must leave the ground to count. Lift off will start the clock. 10 points each. A bounce up counts.

ROUND 1 SECOND FLIER

SPOT LANDING

Land in bomb drop circles for the same points as a bomb drop. Points are scored where a wheel first touches. On line is the higher points.

TOUCH AND GO'S (SHORT)

1 minute to do 4 touch and go's with a minimum 180° turn. Last one must leave the ground to count. Lift off will start the clock. 10 points each. A bounce up counts.

LIMBO

Pick a height. 3 feet is 40 points, 4 feet is 30 points, 5 feet is 20 points, and 6 feet is 10 points. Over the 6 foot line and between the poles is 5 points. If not lined up good, you may go around 1 time before reaching the poles.

ROUND 2

Same as 1st round, except a team may change who will fly the first and second set of tasks.

ROUND 3

7-11

Clock will start when dice are thrown. When a 7 comes up yell take off. When the plane leaves the ground, throw the dice until an 11 comes up and yell land. Start from black top and land anywhere. Clock stops when the plane touches the ground. Up to 30 seconds is 40 points, 31 to 60 seconds is 30 points, 61 to 90 seconds is 20 points, and 91 to 120 seconds is 10 points. Over 120 seconds is 5 points. Land in the 50 foot circle for a 20 point bonus.



Fun Fly Fun

April 23





**60 Plus Year Old Jumpers Above, 70 Plus Year Olds Below.
SAC member John Kallend can be seen in both in White Suit**



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL 2017

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.

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Date of Birth: _____ Email: _____

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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

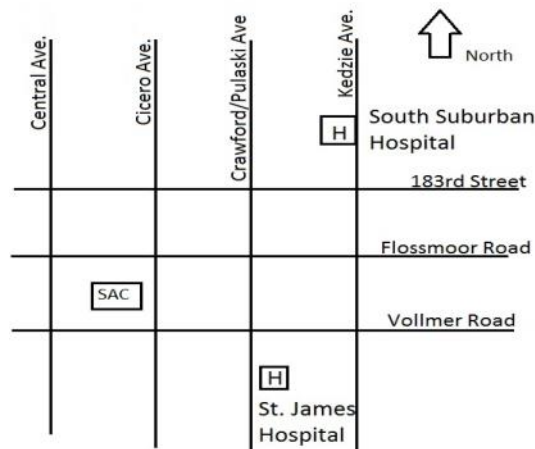
Dial 911 and request help "at the flying field located on Cicero between Flossmoor and Vollmer Roads"

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