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Meetings Resumed



BUILD, FLY, HAVE FUN by Devin Tornow.

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February meeting launched 2021 into a new year! The meeting was a good time with focus on **2021 New Project month!** Lots of good projects from **John Kallend** including a receiver channel expander (great project) and 3D printed arsenal of tanks and missiles, etc, **Greg Stevens** newly built Sterling Ringmaster U-Control plane kit & engine (gifted by Rex Platner to Greg), and **Rob Walker**'s new screaming yellow Sig 4 Star and a matching yellow rebuilt flight box to go with it! There were also some great SAC historical photos (about 100) dug out by Ron Wegrzyn and present by myself dating back to 1974. There were many fantastic planes in the photos including a B-17, P-39's, numerous biplanes including two Christen Eagles flown in formation with smoke! If you missed the meeting I'll bring the photos to another meeting and will get scanned in to share online soon. **Ron Wegrzyn** was formally presented his plaque and \$200 check from the AMA for earning the prestigious **AMA Carl Goldberg Vital People award**. Congrats to the **2020 Fun Fly season winners:** Grand Champion - **Al Myer**, 2nd - **Jim Klee**, 3rd - **Rob Walker** & Turkey Shoot champ - **Luke Jolitz!** Winners of the two \$25 gift cards - **John Kallend** & **Scott Dargis**, FMS Piper J3 Cub plane - **Greg Stevens**.

Klondike Flights on Sunday 2/21 was a great time and you should have been there! Shoveling through 2 to 4 foot mounds of snow to reach the north south runway was actually fun as it was still mostly powder. Despite 25F temps and up to 15 mph winds it was great flying (provided you dressed warm and didn't forget your boots, Greg!). Lots of great flights and I personally got 4 flights in which included my first time flying on floats which worked perfectly in the snow! Our AMA District VI assistant VP, **Andre Smith**, even stopped by at the end with his family. A visitor **Dave Boudreau** from the Kankakee area drove up, flew and shot some great pics and videos. THANKS Dave for the event video which you posted to Facebook and your Youtube channel "3D Dave's RC". Time to get Dave to join up as he comes to some many SAC events. **Rob Walker** had the misfortune of a flame out after take off with his Stick "Larry" which now has a two piece wing and other damage. The plane now has a new name "Larry Crashman" and should hopefully be repaired for more 2021 flights!

President's Column (continued)

The March 11th meeting will be **Maker March, Bring your Projects!** If you have more meeting Ideas on topics or presentations, let me know and we will get them scheduled! The **2021 Auctions** will take place on Thursday April 22 & October 28th.

2021 has much in store for flying and fun! Continue to watch your emails, website, and Facebook to keep current on the status of meetings, events, etc. There's many ideas and things we will do with the other clubs. **Jump in and help plan! Take pride in SAC's accomplishments** as we stand out both in flying and the community. Let's all continue to build a fantastic RC club! **Your Passion, Your Hobby, One Community!**

2021 SAC membership & renewals - Remember we have decided to **extend the early renewal dues discount of \$5** (\$45 renewal cost) until April. New Members are \$35. Youth (19 & under) are now free (AMA membership required \$15). Also there will be a **special gift card raffle** for only those who have paid their dues and took advantage of the discount! Winner need not be present and you will automatically be entered. If you have any issues renewing online, a few items need to get fixed on the site, mail in your renewal or contact SubAeroClub@gmail.com . You can pick up your 2021 Membership cards at a meeting or Greg Stevens will be mailing them to you.



Klondike Flights February 21,2021

By Rob Walker

What a great experience!!! With over a foot of snow on the ground and a 12 mph+ wind we took on the challenge. There were 9 people who came out to have the fun and 7 planes make their inaugural 2021 first flight.

We had to dig a trench from the west side of the parking lot to access the field. The temperature was around 23 degrees. The snow was soft and light. Some of the models sank into the snow with their skis, but still motored forward. There were no injuries and only one mishap causing slight damage to the aircraft after a heroic emergency landing... Says the guy writing this article.

It was a great way to get out, see friends, and enjoy the hobby. With the unbelievable amount of snow this year Sunday was an outing we will be talking about for years to come. Great memories with fun people.

More pictures on Page 7. Cheers everyone.

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

March Raffle Info

For the March 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 Sukhoi SU-29MM 1.1m BNF Basic with AS3X (EFL8850)

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 I'll go and get the plane from Leisure Hours and the 2 gift certificates will be from Hobby Town and G&G.



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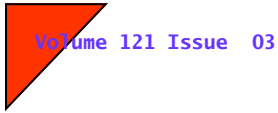
Website:

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



Minutes of the Meeting February 11, 2021

Dale Disabato, Secretary

Meeting opened at 7:10 p.m. by President **Devin Tornow** followed by The Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: 17. **Guests:** 0.

Congratulations and Welcome to new members **Fred Boos** and **Delbert Fleming**.

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

Treasurer Report: The monthly report was accepted by the unanimous vote of the members present.

Committee Reports:

Safety Officer: Keep warm and safe out there. Remember that batteries don't last long in this type of weather. Keep batteries warm and shorten your flight times.

Field Report: Snow covered but useable if you have skis or floats (in soft snow).

Board Meeting: Zoom Board Meeting was held for the month of February

Old Business: Voting members of the club voted on-line due to the COVID -19 Shutdown for President and Secretary for the 2021 Calendar year. Congratulations to **Devin Tornow** President, and **Dale Disabato** Secretary. **Membership reminder:** Youth members (19 & under) NOW FREE. \$5:00 off regular dues if you renew by the March 11, meeting. Turkey Shoot winner for 2020 was **Luke Jolitz**.

January 1, 2021: 1st Flight/Crash of the New Year: Michael Preda. 1st Nitro/ Electric flights: Ron Wegrzyn. The points winners for 2020 were: Grand Champion; Al Myers, 2nd Place; Jim Klee and 3rd place; Rob Walker. Ron Wegrzyn received confirmation on our Tax Exemption.

New Business:

Thank you to Ann Dargis for her past help as Treasurer. Greg Stevens has taken her spot on the Board. Gold Club Leadership Program will be mailed from A.M.A. sometime this month.

Congratulations to Ron Wegrzyn for being recognized by the A.M.A. as a Carl Goldberg Vital People Award Winner. See Dope Can for picture and more information. We need more ideas for presentations at the meetings. Let Devin know if you are interested. Thank you to **Rex Plattner** for donating a U-Control plane built by **Greg Stevens**. If you have any old newspaper clippings, photos, etc. you would like to donate to the SAC Archives, see **Devin Tornow**. We are in talks with the Joliet RC Club to combine one of our Fun Flys. Getting a chance to meet other members of other clubs.

Upcoming events: Spring Auction is still scheduled for April. See Dope Can for further details on all upcoming events due to Covid 19 restrictions.

Gooney Bird Award: None

Show and Tell: Greg Stevens, Rob Walker, and John Kallend (see pictures in Dope can and website).

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Next Meeting: March 11, 2021, 7:00 p.m. See Dope Can for possible change of meeting site.

SEMI ANNUAL SAC AUCTION

That's right we decided to have 2 Auctions. One in April and one in October. Please come join us!

April 22, 2021 & October 28, 2021

Both on the 4th Thursday of the month

DOORS WILL OPEN at 6:00 pm

Buyers and Sellers: \$2.00 entry fee this includes 1 raffle ticket.

Sellers: \$1.00 each for the First Ten Items brought to sell.

The max a seller will pay for entry is \$12.00 no matter how many items they bring to sell.

RAFFLE PRIZES to be announced

**Additional Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00
More information:**



2021 SAC Event Calendar - **PENDING CALENDAR**

www.SuburbanAeroClub.com

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

Date	Day	Event	Location	Time
01/01/21	Friday, January 01, 2021	First Flight	SAC Field	6:00 AM
01/14/21	NO CLUB MEETING IN JANUARY	NO CLUB MEETING IN JANUARY	-	-
02/06/21	Saturday, February 06, 2021	Klondike Flights - FREEZE FLY!	SAC Field	9am
02/11/21	Thursday, February 11, 2021	Club Meeting: New Builds, Tech, Share	Tinley Park VFW	7:00 PM
03/11/21	Thursday, March 11, 2021	Club Meeting: MAKER MARCH - BUILDS!	Tinley Park VFW	7:00 PM
04/08/21	Thursday, April 08, 2021	Club Meeting: _____	Tinley Park VFW	7:00 PM
04/16/21	Friday, April 16, 2021	Float Fly *?????????	Midlothian Reservoir	8am-1pm
04/18/21	Sunday, April 18, 2021	Maiden Flight Fly-In	SAC Field	10:00 AM
04/22/21	Thursday, April 22, 2021	Club Auction - SPRING	Tinley Park VFW, open @ 6pm	7:00 PM
04/25/21	Sunday, April 25, 2021	Fun Fly - APRIL	SAC Field	8:00 AM
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	Sunday, March 21, 2021	Float Fly *?????????	Midlothian Reservoir	8am-1pm
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
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 ???	SAC Field	12:00 PM
07/03/21	Saturday, July 03, 2021	Float Fly *	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 modelaircraft.org/funfly	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
TBD	TBD	Cub Scout Flying Demo: Meadow Creek Air Park, Monee?		2pm- Dusk
08/14/21	Saturday, August 14, 2021	NATIONAL MODEL AVIATION DAY - AMA	https://nationalmodelaviationday.org/	
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 - final 2021 *	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
10/28/21	Thursday, October 28, 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 2/25/2021	



Klondike Flights

Yes, some of our members are crazy enough to do this.

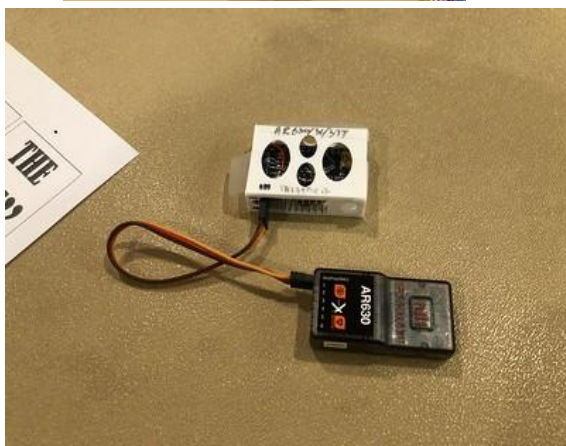
Pictures from the February Meeting



Left: Greg Stevens' U-Control project.



Right: Rob Walker's Four Star 40



Left. John Kallend's channel expander gets 12 channels out of a 6 channel receiver.



Right. John showed his home-made ordnance and afterburner for his F-15



Left. Ron W. with his Carl Goldberg award from the AMA.



Above. Rob Walker, Al Myers and Luke Jolitz with their 2020 Fun Flyer plaques.



Right. Pictures from SAC's 1987 Giant Scale meet.

Pre-Season Check Out

By John Kallend

Before you fly any time, but especially after the winter layoff, you should thoroughly check over your planes to make sure they are airworthy. The following items are often the ones that can give problems and cause an unsafe condition:

Check all hinges for free movement, and for secure attachment to the airframe.

Are all servos, control horns and clevises secure. Check for cracks in plastic parts.

Check pushrods for free movement.

Landing gear (wheels or floats) secure. Check alignment. Check retracts and gear doors if present.

Motors/engines secure. Props secure. Spinners secure. Fuel tanks and lines (gas or nitro) leak free.

Props and spinners free of cracks or damage.

All wiring correctly routed and not chafing. Antennas correctly located. Servo plugs secure.

Wing hold-downs free of damage (especially plastic screws which can become brittle).

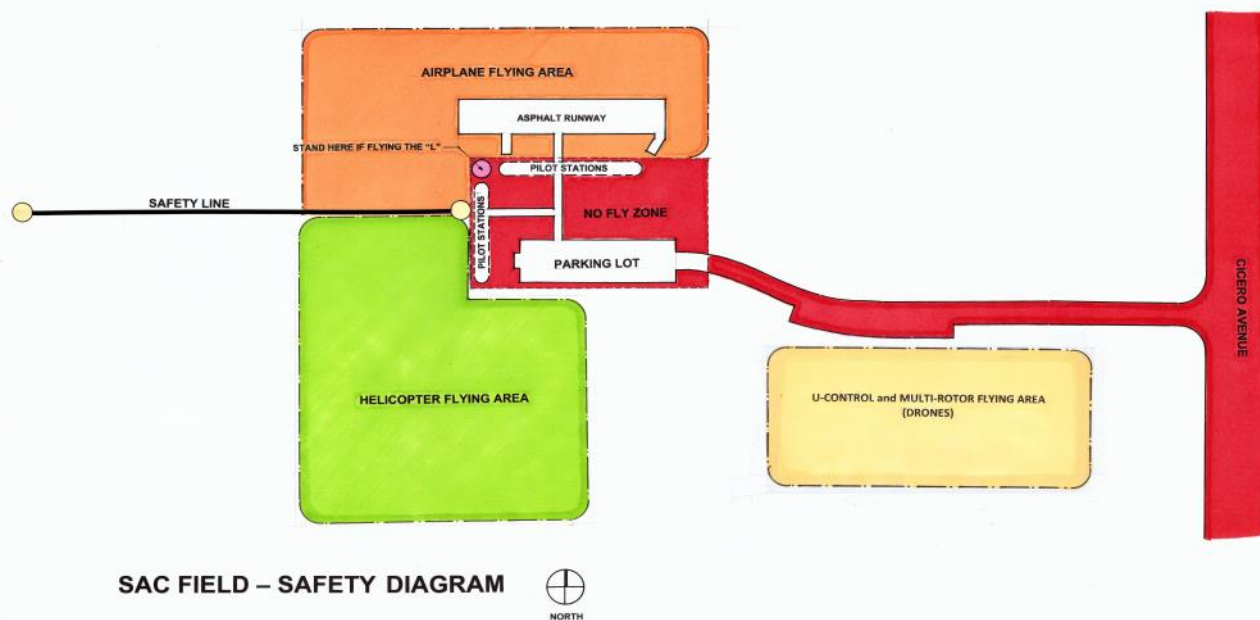
Did you make any changes? If so, check all controls moving in the correct direction. Do a range check.

Did you build a new model or two (or more). Be sure that your FAA registration number is visible somewhere on the model.

If flying electrics in the cold weather, keep your batteries warm. LiPos lose a lot of capacity when their temperature drops below 70 degrees.



2021 SAC OFFICERS			SAC Instructors (call for an appointment)		
President	Devin Tornow	309 369 6926	Ron Wegrzyn	Planes	708.478.8858
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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	John Kallend	708 712 3850			



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

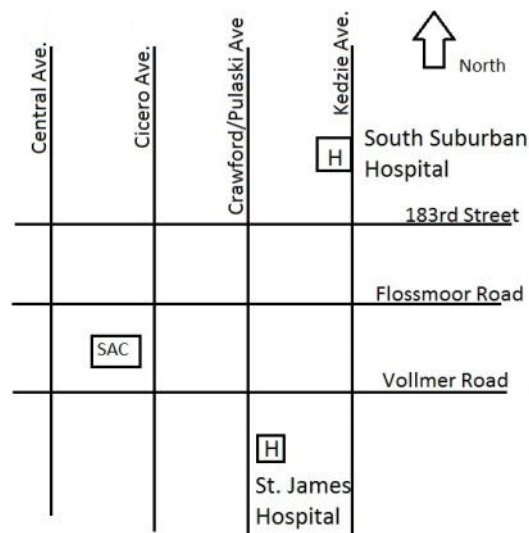
Dial 911 and request help "at the flying field located on Cicero between Flossmoor and Vollmer Roads"

Advocate South Suburban Hospital

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

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