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SAC Dates for June

- SAC Club Meeting
June 12, 7:00 PM
Tinley Park VFW
172nd & Oak Park
Ave.
Tinley Park, IL.
- Float Flys June 7 & 21
- SAC Picnic June 29
- Dope Can Articles
Deadline June 24
- Dope Can Newsletter
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Above: Float Fly Attendees Enjoy Great Weather on May 24

Memorial Day Float Fly a Huge Success By: Ron Wegrzyn

Everyone came! We had the Sundowners, the Woodland boys, Fox valley, Palos, Barnstormers, Thorn Creek and of course SAC. The weather was beautiful, big crowd of flyers and spectators. We had 33 flyers sign up, most with 2 or more planes. Some brought boats and even a few helicopters. **Jim Stark** had his quad copter with camera and I'm hoping we'll get some good areal shots for the web site.

Thanks to all those that showed up early to help set up. I lost my notes and can't remember all the names. **Frank Trupes** and **Fred Burmeister** cooked everything we had: hot dogs, burgers, and brats. **Vern Leets** took care of the

sign ups and passed out the raffle tickets. Of course **Bob Van Huis** manned the boat for the minor mishaps.

One exciting time was when we had some 7 Beaver DHC-2's in the sky at one time. I'm not sure but I think **Mike Linko** might have orchestrated that. It was beautiful, and no problems. All landed safely. Everyone was very cooperative with sharing the sky and all are looking forward to our Wounded Warrior Project Float Fly on August 16, 2014.

If you haven't been to one of these Float Flys you need to bring the kids and come on out and watch. Better yet, get a float plane and come fly with us!



Lots of Flyers; Lots of Planes!



Frank Trupes and Fred Burmeister man the cook tent.

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Suburban Aero Club of Chicago Minutes of General Monthly Meeting May 8, 2014 At the VFW club in Tinley Park, IL. Sam Helmich, Secretary.

Meeting called to order at : 7:10 pm,
by President Greg Stevens. There were
52 members present. There were 3 new
members including Dave Groenendal,
William Guendling, Dr. Gary Porter. No
visitors.

Reports by Committees or Officers:

Secretary Minutes: By Sam Helmich.
A motion to accept the minutes as printed
in the Dope Can, was made by Bob
and second by Tom. Motion carried.

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

Safety Officers:

Planes – Nothing

Helicopter - Mike Zubik, nothing
to report.

Field: General discussion on the progress
with the CCFPD and the permitting

process.

Past Events: Float flys have started.
Swap to you drop at DuPage County Fair
Grounds on 4/19, Gentle Jungle Tail Gate
swap on 4/27th.

Future Events: Memorial Day Float Fly
May 28th, June 7th Float Fly, June 10th
Daley Plaza with the CCFPD for their Live
Healthy, Discover Nature event, June 21st
Float Fly, June 29th Club Picnic.

New Business:

Nominations for VP Safety Planes and
Treasure and VP. Ron W. nominated Bob
Stroz, Donovan Seconded, Ron moved to
close nominations and Dale seconded,
motion carried.

Jeff nominated Dale Thome and Bob
Stroz second, Ron moved to close nominations
and John seconded, motion carried.

Mike nominated Frank Trupes and Dave
seconded, Ron nominated Pete Dennis
and Tom Lustig seconded. Ron W. moved
to close nominations, Frank seconded,
motion carried.

Gooney Bird None

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:10 pm

WINNER!



George Kuehn won the Grand Prize of the
May Raffle. He is shown here with his prize, a
BNF Falcon. He chose the electric version.
Any bets that George will convert it to diesel?



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By the time you're reading this we are already into summer. Memorial Day came and went and our annual Memorial Day float fly continues to be a big draw. A big thanks to all our event organizers including **Ron Wegrzyn** who CDed the event. If you haven't attend-

ed a float fly, you still have plenty of opportunities. Our next dates are Saturdays, June 7 and 21. Having moved to Saturday this year we seem to be having better turn outs, even though up until the Memorial Day Float Fly the weather was "iffy".

If you've been out to the field hopefully you've noticed our fantastic new flag pole. When Ron emailed and said he had his hands on a new pole I didn't realize he meant a POLE! The new pole was donated by club members **Dave Wenslauskis** and **Chris Pronotis** who, as I understand, both work at the Thorton Quarry on I-80 which was no longer needing the use of the pole, so they asked if we would like it. Thank you Dave and Chris for thinking of the club. It's a great new addition to our field. A super big thank you to **Bill Callaghan** who donated his time and construction crews and machinery to install the concrete foundation for the pole, they did a super professional job. His crews brought in a large auger, drilled the hole and poured the concrete. A big thanks also goes out to Ron for donating the new American flag along with **Rich Stroup** who helped haul off the spoil from the drilling. This was a great volunteer effort, thanks for a great job guys and something we can all be proud of.

We also had a few broken split rail posts which were re-

placed in the fence line with the help of **Rob "Mr. U-can do" Walker, Cory Gritsch, Rich Stroup, Ron Wegrzyn** and **Mark Pulice**. Thanks guys for keeping our field looking first rate.

Ron, "**Electric" Bob** and myself will be attending the annual Forest Preserve District's Live Healthy, Discover Nature event at the Daley Plaza on June 10th. Every year we are invited to join this event, and every year we accept. This is one of those things that we need to be seen at and rub shoulders with all the elected officials. This will be my first time attending this event and I'm looking forward to seeing what it's like.

Our club elections will be held at the June meeting for Vice President, Treasurer and Safety Officer (Planes). **Bob, Dale** and **Pete** have all agreed to run again as well as **Frank Trupes** who was nominated to run against Pete in the Safety Officer position. There is blank ballot in this Dope Can that can either be filled out and brought to the next meeting or mailed back to Sam. As long as he receives it prior to the meeting on June 12th you're vote will count. Please vote.

We continue to have good attendance at our monthly meetings as well as new members joining every month, so we must be doing something right! There are still those few slackers for whatever reasons don't renew so if you know anyone that fits this category tactfully nudge them to re-up their dues.

Finally, the club picnic is right around the corner and happening later this month, Sunday June 29th to be exact. If you haven't given Ron your money or at least confirmed if you are intending to come and how many, please sign up at the June meeting. We need to place our food order and need a minimum of 35 attendees to break even.

Escapade



Jupiter



Super Decathlon



June Grand Prize - Choice of Six Planes!

.40 Sizes and up
Includes Electric Options
And Other Prizes, too.

Big Stik



U-Can-Do



TwinStar



At the May meeting someone asked if anyone had a good repellent for the mosquitoes at the field. I read about this one in a magazine, tried it and found to be very effective.

Both mosquitoes and ticks are repelled by thiamin, commonly known as vitamin B1. I've found that taking it daily during the mosquito and tick season to be very effective in keeping them away. Last year, I didn't get one

mosquito bite or encounter a tick all season, and I'm a magnet for both of these critters.

Vitamin B1 is usually available in 250mg tablets over the counter. I'm of average size and weight and found that a half tablet (125mg) daily is enough to do the job. Be sure to take the vitamin B1 tablets. B1 contained in supplements and multi-vitamins does work.

May Show and Tell By: Phil Arnold

At the May meeting, **Mike Sula** (at right in the photo) proudly showed off his giant scale P-51 by Byron Originals. The 38 lb plane is 71 inches long with a wingspan of 84 inches. Its scale prop is powered by a gasoline engine via a belt drive speed reduction system. It features flaps and retracts. Construction is molded fiberglass with an epoxy finish. Mike has installed a Spektrum radio and six servos.



Saturday Float Flies - So Far, So Good! By Ron Wegrzyn

Our first float fly on May 3rd was sunny and windy, but everyone put their skillful hat on and there were no mishaps, no crashes. A little damage occurred in the pit area when a big gust came but all went well. On May 17 the sun was out and we had 15 flyers show up. Tony and Tom from Palos joined **Mike Linko** from SAC and put on a demo of Hanger 9 Carbon Z Cubs. **Electric Bob** strolled in a little later and burned up the sky with

his ICON. Stan and Paul came from the Sundowners in from Indiana and showed how the Fun Cub was supposed to fly. On May 3 **Bob Van Huis** had a time chasing down the planes with the wind blowing hard. On the 17th I was trying to catch a nitro plane that was stuck at idle with no throttle servo. Everyone had fun. We're going to have a great year

Official SAC Election Ballot

For Vice President

_____ Bob Stroz _____ Write In _____

For Treasurer

_____ Dale Thome _____ Write In _____

For Safety Officer (Airplanes)

_____ Pete Dennis _____ Frank Trupes _____ Write In _____

Please bring your ballot to the June meeting, or mail to:
Sam Helmich, 3112 Edge Creek Drive, New Lenox, Illinois 60451

Saturday Float Fly!!



Suburban Aero Club of Chicago2014 Float Flys are Back!

Since we continue to get good participation at our float flys we are continuing to hold them twice a month. Saturday float flys will begin on May 3, 2014 and run the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month until September 20th. Set up is at 7:00 am with flying beginning around 8:00 and running until 1:00 pm. Float flys are free to SAC members with a nominal charge of \$5.00 to non-SAC members. Please volunteer to help out at these events.

Midlothian Reservoir, 167th St. and Cicero Ave.

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Sunday, June 22

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To participate, volunteer, or for additional information, contact the following by June 1.

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

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.

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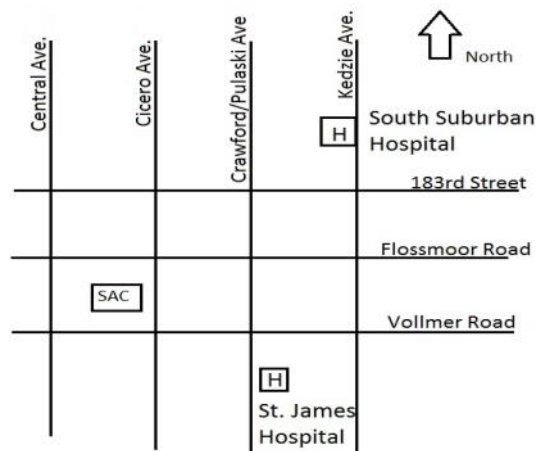
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