



The SAC Dope Can



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August 2008 Club Meeting

Minutes

By: Sam Helmich, Secretary

SAC Club Dates For September

- **SAC Club Meeting September 11th.**
- Dope Can Articles Deadline September 20th.
- Dope Can Newsletter Published on September 25th.
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Meeting called to order at: 7:45pm, by President Ron Wegrzyn. There were 41 members present. There were 2 new members introduced, we had 1 visitor.

Reports by Committees or Officers:

Secretary Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Don Swedler and second by Joe Warneck. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

By Treasurer, Pat Dillon. The treasurer report was read by Pat. A motion to accept the report as read was made by Vern Leets, and second by Kurt Roth.

Motion Carried.

Safety Officer: By Ken Hallberg. Ken discussed the use or the lack of use of the Pin Box. We know Spread Spectrum is taking over but a lot of people still use FM. The Pin Box is an important part of flying safely. Please use the Pin Box. Getting keys to everyone was discussed and Ron will be buying a couple of combination locks so all members will have the ability to open the Pin Box.

Present Field: By Ron. Looking good a little dry but not to bad.

New Field: Ron meet with

members of the forest preserve at the proposed new site. They discussed what would need to be done. A consulting firm has been selected to look over the new location and our requirements for the new field. We should see some work starting at the old field shortly. They will start by removing the trees to the East of the runway.

Future Events: Labor Day Float Fly August 30th.

Unfinished Business: None.

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Now a word from the President... Ron Wegrzyn



From The Pres.

August has been a great flying month; we sure could use some rain though. We have had some large crowds in the morning. New members are taking advantage of the cool windless mornings to get some premium flying time in. Pete Dennis is about to sole. Luke and Bob VanHuis are doing well. Ron McCormick has returned to SAC after about 30 years and was putting on quit a show for us with his Giles.

Our SAC Float Flies have been doing very well. We have the Labor Day Float Fly just around the corner and then 2 more Friday Float Flies to end the Float Fly Season. We had a lot of fun and I am looking forward to next year. The year is rapidly winding down and we need to start thinking about next year. Start thinking about next years events. What events do you want to see and dates to have them? We'll start discussing them at the October meeting. Don't forget the Annual SAC Auction is also rapidly approaching. It will be October 23rd.

Banquet time. When? January, February? Bring your thoughts to the October meeting. I need to start looking for a hall. I'd like to stay at the Ashford House but we might just out grow the place. Fifty is their max. Also think about entertainment. Comedian, Magician, Ventriloquist, suggestions????

Remember fly SAFE. Use the pin box properly and use an airplane holder!

Ron
(Your friendly undertaker)

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August Raffle

Congratulations to Kurt Roth who won the FRENZY 100 ARF. He was lucky enough to pick his own winning ticket! But anyway a lot of people won a lot of things and we're hoping to have the same participation at the September raffle. VP Bob tries to pick items, planes, etc. that he feels most members would like to win. If you have any suggestions please tell him what you'd like to see. Remember we have budget of \$300.00. That seems to be an amount we can continually take in. Remember the raffle doesn't really make money; we are just trying to cover the expenses.



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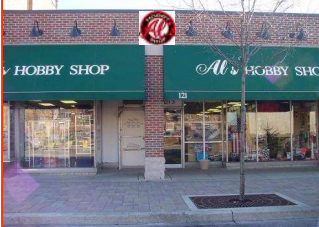
For the **SEPTEMBER RAFFLE** Bob got a Ki-61 Hien 46 ARF. It looks like a really neat airplane.

**VQMDL Ki-61 Hien 46 ARF "Red Tail"**

When the Ki-61 began to enter combat operations from New Guinea in April 1943 the type was quickly found to be an outstanding aircraft, well able to hold up against Allied fighters. As production increased, the Ki-61 appeared in all theaters where the Japanese army was operating, soon receiving the Allied codename "Tony". Fly a piece of history!

Specifications:

- Wingspan: 60.6" (1,54m)
- Fuselage: 44.0" (1,12m)
- Weight: ~ 6.0 - 6.4 lbs (~ 2700-2900g)

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ANNUAL SAC AUCTION

October 23, 2008

DOORS 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.

RAFFLE prize—FUNTANA 50 ARF

Additional Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

More information:

Contact Ron Wegrzyn

708-478-8858

ronwegrzyn@comcast.net

VISIT OUR WEB SITE

www.sac-rc.org

AUCTION STARTS AT 7:00 PM

WHERE: Tinley Park VFW Hall, 172nd and Oak Park Ave.

Park in the city lot about 1 block south of the VFW Hall on Oak Park Ave.

It's free and you won't get a ticket

Emergency Care Locations

South Suburban Hospital

Address: 17800 Kedzie Ave
Hazel Crest

Phone No.: 708.799.8000

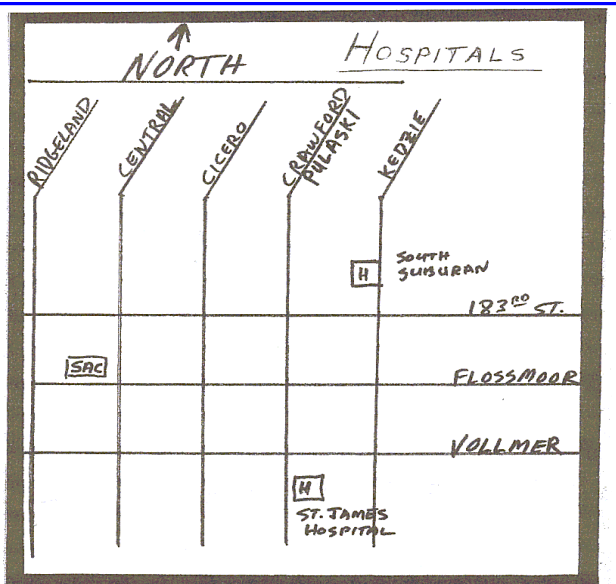
St. James Hospital

Address: 20201 Crawford Ave. Olympia Fields

Phone No.: 708.747.4000

Note:

When Calling 911—Give the location as **FLYING Field at Central and Flossmoor Rd County Club Hills.**



PIN BOX

We are all not using the Pin Box properly. Please remember when you take your Frequency Pin **PUT** your **AMA** or **SAC** membership card in the slot. That way anyone wanting that pin knows who to ask for it and also when you take it **HOME** we know where it is! There are Spread Spectrum pins in the box also. So use the pins the way they are supposed to be used so when you go to another field you'll remember to get the **PIN**.

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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14th 8am to 1pm

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3819 W. 127th Street

No Vendor charge for Club Members
Sell from your trunk, tailgate or van, or bring your own table!

No cancellation – in event of rain – we will move inside

RAFFLE

Win a

PARK ZONE SPITFIRE MKIIB

Free ticket with any Gentle Jungle purchase over \$25.00

September 2008 SAC Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5 Float Fly	6
7	8	9	10	11 SAC Meeting	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Last Float Fly	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

August 2008 Show & Tell Projects by Ken Hallberg

Don Swedler, Chris Baker, Jerry Supinski and Ron Truillo were this months presenters.



Don brought in his Great Planes giant scale Curtiss P6E Hawk. He powers the 13.3 pound plane with a Saito 125 four stroke engine. It's all wood construction is covered with yellow, olive drab and black & white Ultracoat. A Futaba radio and 5 servos control the aircraft.



Chris showed us a "Little Bubba" sport electric manufactured by Aspect Aviation. It's powered by an Align 400 SF motor and a Mystery 352400 battery. It weights in at 19 oz, is covered with day glow orange and white Ultracoat. Two servos and a Futaba radio control the plane.



Jerry brought in the nose cone of his Top Flight B-25 war bird. The plane is 44" long, has a wing span of 88 1/2" and weights in at 19 pounds. He powers it with a pair of OS 70's. The all wood construction is covered with Monocoat. It has flaps and retracts and the plane requires 11 servos for control.



Ron had a Styker Park Flyer to tell us about but he had to leave early. He asked George to describe the planes features to us. It's a sport electric manufactured by Park Flyer powered by their 400 motor. An on board 2200 battery and two servos control the 30" wide foam plane. George said the colorful plane is an excellent flyer and fun to fly.

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2008 SAC EVENTS

These are the dates for 2008; we have the Permits from the Forest Preserve. So if you see some conflicts or want to add an event please bring it up at the June Meeting. If you want something special bring it up, we are open to suggestions.

August

August 30, Labor Day Float Fly, Ron Wegrzyn CD

September

Sept. 5, SAC Float Fly

SAC Meeting 11th

Sept. 19, Last SAC Float Fly of 2008

October

SAC Meeting 9th

October 23, Auction, Ron

November

Nov. 2, Turkey Shoot, John York CD.

SAC Meeting 13th

December

SAC Meeting 11th

ELECTRIC INFO

Thanks to Bob Stolz for the Electric presentation at the August meeting. He had some good information about batteries, motors, and all the other stuff used for flying electrics. He answered a lot of questions and is very knowledgeable on the subject. I've asked him to do it again, maybe at the October meeting after some of what he said has time to sink in and more of us get into this electric stuff. There are just so many new items coming on the market and with all the different batteries, speed controllers, chargers, etc. it's just a night mare for us unknowing. After listening to Bob I no longer have a fear of LIPO batteries but I have respect for them. Again good info and we will have a repeat session soon



For Sale!!



FOR SALE

Don Swedler is moving to a smaller location and must sell some of his airplanes.

- 1. Great Planes Curtis P6E Hawk RTF Saito 125 FS, 5 servos, completely new not fueled or flown.
- 2. Great Planes Fokker DR1 OS 70 FS, 1 tank of fuel run only on the ground never flown

Dehavalind Mosquito RTF 2 OS 40 engines, 8 servos, new 1700 mah battery & receiver.

Serious offers please
(708) 977-1590



Don't Forget To Renew Your Membership!

Please remember to renew your SAC membership as soon as possible. The application is below so please fill it out and either mail or give it to Pat Dillon. At the meetings Pat and Ron

always have membership applications. Don't forget your E-Mail address! If you are new to the hobby or, if you're thinking of getting in the air, this is a great way to start. SAC membership

gives you access to a vast knowledge of building and flying skill. Get your plane setup correctly and learn to fly through our instructor program!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2008

Dues: \$50 (Regular) \$10 (under 18)

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

Date of Birth: _____ Email: _____

Are you able to save the club some money by getting the *DOPE CAN* from the club's website instead of by US mail?: YES: NO: Are you a Veteran?:

Please supply your transmitter channels:

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

Address: _____ Phone: () _____

Please bring you membership form to February's meeting, or mail to:
Pat Dillon, 335 Rossford Lane, New Lenox, IL 60451

THE SAFETY PAGE

Ken Hallberg, Safety VP

Safety is an important issue facing all RC Flying Clubs. We can get new airplanes, new radios, make new friends and even get new flying fields, but we can't replace a life, an eye, or a finger.

We are all AMA members and as such we are all Safety Officers like it or not. If we don't take it seriously, we could suffer the loss of fellow modelers, loss of fields, loss of insurance or even the loss of the AMA due to some horrendous law suits because of unsafe actions by a few folks.

Anytime we observe something wrong it is our responsibility to correct it. If we don't we are allowing a new and lower safety standard to exist.

Politely reminding a fellow flyer of an unsafe act may prevent a serious injury.

REMEMBER – FLY SAFELY, INSIST YOUR FELLOW PILOTS DO THE SAME

Field Update
(Ron Wegrzyn)

On July 30, 2008 I attended the annual Cook County Forest Preserve District (CCFPD) Budget meeting. There were 3 meetings this year all attended by the users of the CCFPD. The representatives were from Bicycle Federations, Canoe groups, Bird people, Fish & Wild Life, Field Museum, Model Airplane Groups... You get the idea, all the users of the CCFPD. As for Model Airplane Clubs I believe only Model Masters and SAC attend the meetings. At these meetings people ask for all kinds of stuff. More land, log removal, more paths, just all kinds of things. This year I asked for nothing except that they keep their promise and assist us in relocating to a new site before taking the old flying field. Again I was assured this would be the case. In fact on August 12th I met with Joe Mollica (from Planning and Development) at the proposed new location at Flossmoor Rd. and Cicero Ave. We walked the new location and he felt it was a good location and didn't see too many problems. The CCFPD has the planned layout of the new field as you saw at the August meeting. Again they saw no problems with the layout. Money has been appropriated to hire a consulting firm to survey and look for possible problems so hopefully I should hear from them soon and work should start.

The only real problem area that everyone was looking at was access off Cicero. But Dave Kircher the Chief Landscape Architect is working with IDOT to get an entrance and exit worked out. He didn't feel this would be a problem as long as we just had a south bound entrance and a south bound exit.

As I am updated you will get the info as fast as I can get it out. I also talked with Joe Roth from Corlands and as the trees start to lose their leaves they should start removing the trees to the east of the field. We discussed our flying everyday and he felt there should be no problem. Removing trees to the east would only make it easier to land from that direction.

Float Fly

AUGUST 30th 2008

8am -2pm

Twin Lakes- Oak Forest, IL.
167th & Cicero Ave.



Runway is limited to water

All aircraft will require flotation devices.

AMA (AMA 08-1420) sanctioned event sponsored by

SAC

Suburban Aero Club of Chicago

Bring family, friends, and floats
\$5.00 landing fee
Big planes, small planes, boats, or helicopters
Hamburgers / hotdogs and pop will be available
AMA membership required to fly

No charge for spectators

Come on out and have some fun

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John Kallend	Helicopters	708.798.7242
Larry Simeur	Planes	815.468.3864

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Presentation: Bob Stolz put on an electric presentation. He discussed batteries, ESC's, BEC's chargers, electric motors, do's and don'ts with charging and discharging. He had handouts and some on hands with the equipment he brought. A very enlightening demo. We may have him do it again in a month or so after we put some of his suggestions to use.

New Business: Ron requested people start thinking about dates for next year. For events and the Banquet, we have requested to second Thursday for our meetings and hope to have a confirmation soon.

Gooney Bird: Charley Harrell for tipping the boat over while retrieving a plane at the Float Fly.

Show and Tell: Many items shown.

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:20pm