



# The SAC Dope Can



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## SAC March Minutes by Sam Helmich

### SAC Club Dates For April, 2009

- **SAC Club Meeting April 9th.**
- **First Float Fly, April 17th**
- Dope Can Articles Deadline April 20th.
- Dope Can Newsletter Published on April 25th.
- SAC Website: [www.sac-rc.org](http://www.sac-rc.org)

### Suburban Aero Club of Chicago (SAC)

### Minutes of General Monthly Meeting, Mar 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**Meeting called to order at:** 7:35pm, by President Ron Wegrzyn. There were 47 members present. There was one new member Anthony Batastini, Welcome Tony. Three visitors also came.

#### Reports by Committees or Officers:

**Secretary Minutes:** A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Rob Detrick and second by Joe the Cop. Motion carried.

#### Treasurer's Report:

A motion to accept the treasures report as read was made by Ron Trujillo second by Henry Rhea. Motion Carried.

**Safety Officer:** By Ken Hallberg. Nothing new to report.

**Field:** By Ron. It is wet but can fly. Some of the stumps in the pit area we trimmed down.

**New Field:** Nothing new to report.

**Past Events:** SAC Annual Banquet was great. All had fun and looking forward to next year.

**Future Events:** April 3-5 Toledo. April 11 Suburban R/C Barnstormers S "Swap till you Drop" at the DuPage Country Fair Grounds. Don't forget April 17<sup>th</sup> First SAC Float Fly.

**Unfinished Business:** VP Bob audited the treasures books and found everything to be in order. Events listed in Dope Can will be finalized, unless someone has objections.

#### Program:

Ed Bojan from DuBro gave an excellent presentation on some new and forth coming products. We want to thank him and DuBro for the donations and I'm sure we'll continue to use lotsa DuBro products.

#### Future Business:

**Gooney Bird:** Nick for forgetting to turn on the transmitter while attempting the bind a 2.4 transmitter and receiver.

**Show and Tell:** Only one item.

**Meeting Adjourned at: 9pm**

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### Now a word from the President...

**Ron Wegrzyn**

Your Friendly Undertaker



From the Prez. Well it's been a very cold nasty winter with a lot of snow but I think we have turned the corner and better days are ahead. We'll be spraying for weeds very shortly and mowing will begin in April. Remember the mowers come on Friday morning about 8:00 am. Please stop flying when they arrive. Let them do there job and they will be gone in about 1 hour.

Feel free to help them move tables to make their job easier and get done faster. Remember to stand behind the **PILOT STATION** signs when flying. This is where you should stand when flying, not in the taxi ways. Just stand behind the high grass and you'll be fine. Remember you can taxi **out of the PITS** but after you land and turn onto a taxiway **shut off you engine and carry your plane to your**

**parking spot. No taxing in the PIT AREA.** In the pin box are some incident forms, extra Dope Cans, and some membership applications as well as some new **SPECTRUM** pins for those flying with the new 2.4 radios. Remember where the Flying Field is **LOCATED** if you have to call 911.

**"We are located at the Flying Field at Flossmoor Road and Central Ave."**

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**March Raffle Results**

Congratulations to Bob Houchens for winning the **Hanger 9 P51 Mustang Electric RTF**. I'm sure Bob will enjoy this electric plane. It's really a nice electric RTF and flies very well.



**April Raffle**

For the April raffle VP Bob got a Hyperion EOS06061 AC/DC charger for the big side raffle. This charger does it all. Please remember we spend \$300.00 a month on raffle prizes and that's what we need to take in. We're not looking to make money on the Raffle we just need to break even so we can continue with the Raffle tradition (continued on pg. 5)



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**ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC**

June is just around the corner. It's time to start thinking about the picnic. If you never came before ask around. You'll find someone that's gone and I think you find everyone has a good time. As you can see by the menu, we're not cooking hot dogs. We have it catered by **Polonia Catering & Market**. Its excellent food and the wives get to see what we actually do at the flying field. People arrive whenever; the field is open for everyone to fly. Food is served at 12 noon. Then you can stay as long as you want. It's a lot of fun.

Hope to see you there.

**JUNE 7, 2009, AT OUR FIELD**

**First Crash**

Nobody has claimed the prize yet. The **FIRST CRASH** patch is still available. Any takers out there?

**From the Prez. (continued from pg.1)**

Remember this is where we have fun flying and relaxing. We will be at this field for a good part of this year if not all year. So please take care of it. If you see some trash, pick it up and put it in the cans. If people see us picking up the trash, maybe they will follow and not make a mess. If you see people dumping garbage please get the license number and call the Forest Preserve. We are planning a lot of activities this year I hope you **ALL** will come out and participate in them. Come to the Float Flies and the other Flying events. If you don't want to fly ask the CDs if they could use some help

The SAC Annual Picnic (June 7<sup>th</sup>) is rapidly approaching. I will need a body count in May so start thinking about coming to the Picnic!!

That's it for now. Remember to check your equipment if it's been sitting all winter. Fly **SAFE**, use the **PIN BOX**, open **BOTH** sides, get an airplane holder, and most of all **HAVE FUN**.

Ron  
 (your friendly undertaker)

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## 2008 GRAND GOONEY

The Grand gooney has been resurrected by Mike Sula. What we've done is created a traveling trophy that will be handed down to the SAC member who accumulates the most Gooney Bird awards for the year. This year Charley Harrell was the winner! He was followed closely by Ron Wegrzyn and Mike Sula.

**Congratulations Charley!!!**



## MARCH DU-BRO PROGRAM

At the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, Ed Bojan from **DU-BRO** came to give us a short presentation on some new and soon coming **DU-BRO** products. Ed has been with **DU-BRO** for a long time and is well versed on the product line. He brought many new items to show us as well as some older ones that have been around for a long time. He was more than generous and donated many of the items he brought to spice up our monthly raffle. We thank him for that. After his presentation we took our break and he was busy the whole time answering questions about **DU-BRO** products. He was asked questions about giant scale as well as small electric stuff. **DU-BRO** has it all. If you should see Ed in Toledo make sure you stop by and say thanks.



## Emergency Care Locations

### South Suburban Hospital

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Hazel Crest

Phone No.: 708.799.8000

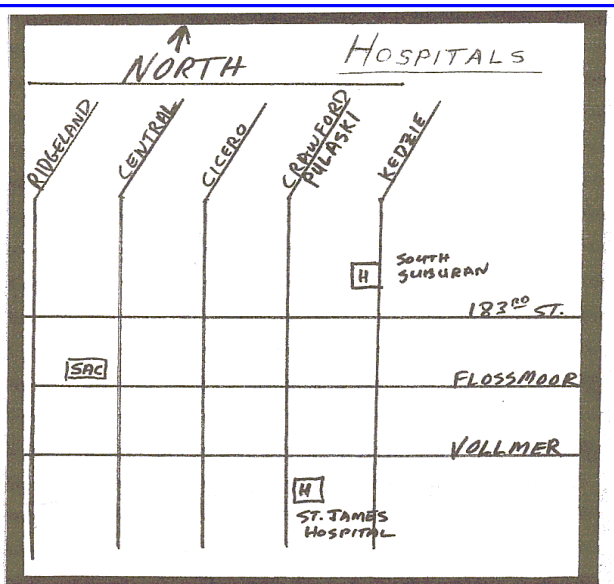
### St. James Hospital

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**Charley's Corner Returns in April**

**Charley's Corner** will resume in April. Anyone having anything they want to get rid of please donate it to **Charley's Corner**. There will be some new stuff as well as some left over stuff so come on over to **Charley's Corner** and check it out! Remember anything that is sold in **Charley's Corner** goes to SAC. This way we can build up a little reserve if we need to do something at the new field.

The three Amigos!!!!  
Ron, Mike and Bob.  
It's been a long, cold winter.



**April 2009 SAC Calendar**

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

# THE SAFETY PAGE

Ken Hallberg, Safety VP

Spring is finally here. Mother Natures birds are doing their thing and I'm sure those of us who hibernated over the winter will be getting our birds out of mothballs and prepping them for a season of flying. You know the drill; Check control surfaces, servos and linkage, engine and prop, radio and batteries, range check, etc, etc.

The first Float Fly of the year is April 17<sup>th</sup> and some rowboat safety guidelines are in order:

Never stand in a boat

Never sit on the side of a boat

Have lifejackets for boaters

Check the anchor and its line

Check the condition of the exterior and interior of the boat for any damage

Check the condition of the oars BEFORE YOU HEAD OUT



**REMEMBER - FLY SAFELY, INSIST YOUR FELLOW PILOTS DO THE SAME**

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## HYPERION EOS0606I AC/DC BALANCING CHARGER 6S, 6A, 50W

[HP-EOS606IAD]

Hyperion EOS 0606i 6S 6A max CHARGER AC/DC, with Integrated LBA balancer. LiPoly(3.7v), LiFePO4/A123(3.3v), Nicd, NiMH, and Lead-Acid charge modes. Dataport for PC software. 11v~15VDC and 100v~240V AC Inputs - Hyperion Balance Multi-Adapter included for 2S to 6S packs!

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## Tip of the Month

### ***BUILDING WITH MAGAZINES***

Magazine back issues make great spacers to hold model components level for building and repairs. Tuck identical stacks under each wingtip to hold the wing level while you mount the fuselage or align the tail surfaces. Use taller stacks to support the stabilizer, or use one or two magazines to shim up a too-short support block.

*Courtesy of Fly RC  
 June 2009 issue*

## 2009 SAC EVENTS

These dates should all be good. We may add a few more. Chris Baker Is thinking about a WARBURG Day. He's looking for a date in August. I've also heard some people talking about some electric fun flies. If you want to run something please jump in there. If you want to become a **CD** just ask and we will help you.

### April

Toledo 3, 4, 5, 2009  
 SAC Meeting 9<sup>th</sup>  
 April 17<sup>th</sup>, SAC Float Fly

### May

May 1<sup>st</sup>, SAC Float Fly  
 SAC Meeting 14<sup>h</sup>  
 May 15<sup>th</sup>, SAC Float Fly  
 May 17<sup>th</sup>, SAC Combat, Woody, CD  
 May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Annual Memorial Day Float Fly, Vern Leets, CD

### June

June 5<sup>th</sup>, SAC Float Fly  
 June 7<sup>th</sup>, Picnic (Ron Wegrzyn)  
 June 8<sup>th</sup>, Manteno Air Show (Evan Roberts)  
 SAC Meeting 11<sup>th</sup>  
 June 19<sup>th</sup>, SAC Float Fly

### July

July 3<sup>rd</sup>, SAC Float Fly  
 SAC Meeting 9<sup>th</sup>  
 July 17<sup>th</sup>, SAC Float Fly  
 July 19<sup>th</sup>, CUB FLY-IN CD Ron  
 July 26<sup>th</sup>, Giant Scale

### August

August 7<sup>th</sup>, SAC Float Fly  
 SAC Meeting 13<sup>th</sup>  
 August 21<sup>st</sup>, SAC Float Fly

### September

Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, Labor Day Float Fly  
 SAC Meeting 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, Last SAC Float Fly of 2009

### October

SAC Meeting 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Auction 22<sup>nd</sup>, Ron

### November

Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, Turkey Shoot, Ron McCormack CD.  
 SAC Meeting 12<sup>th</sup>

### December

SAC Meeting 10<sup>th</sup>

## Membership Drive 2009

Thanks to all that joined at the February meeting. Our membership has renewed nicely. We are getting good turnouts at the meetings. We are meeting our expenses. We are getting some new members; it looks like a 2009 will be a good year for SAC. Remember, joining early helps Pat plan the 2009 budget. So remember it is important to renew your SAC membership. The application is again in the Dope Can so please fill out the application and either mail it in to Pat or give it to Pat Dillon at the March meeting. If you should forget your application at home please see us at the March meeting, we will have extra copies. Some members are concerned about our field location. The field will not be a problem. The work that is being done at our present location will not affect us. If anything it makes landing from the east easiest. The government moves slowly and there is a possibility of getting the new location completed this year so we'll just see what happens. We have a place to fly and it will be maintained in the same manner we have for years so the field should not be a concern. WE have some good events planed for this year and I've heard there may be some electric events coming. So keep an eye out for what's happening. I'm sure the mowing expense will go up a little this year so it is important that all flyers be asked to join SAC and help maintain the field. For all renewals we need at least your Name, your E-Mail address, and your AMA number, thanks, Ron.



### 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 2009

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

## Fuel Orders

Let's get those fuel orders in so the Hobby Shops know what to order. Remember they must order in quantity to get a better deal to pass on to you the flyer. I know The Gentle Jungle wants to place an order on March 27<sup>th</sup>. You might call the others to see when they are ordering so you don't miss out on this special!

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G & G	(219) 924-6686
Gentle Jungle	(708) 597-4197
Hobby Town	(708) 349-8697

## March 2009 Show & Tell Projects

by Ken Hallberg

Do you have trouble with your pants?  
Do they twist and turn and look funny?  
Do your fellow pilots point at them and make nasty remarks?  
Are you worried they could fall off?

Pete Dennis has the solution.

Drop by your local building supply store and pick up a roll of double sided tape. Apply a piece of the tape between the pants and the mounting hardware and say goodbye to your pants problems.



Everybody has a bad day now and then

# SAC SAFETY & FLYING FIELD ETIQUETTE

The official AMA Safety Code and all Safety Rules contained in the AMA official Model Aircraft Regulations shall be applicable to all flying at the field.

While on the field, all flyers must have in their possession their current AMA License, Club Membership Card, and FCC License (if required). Student pilots must be accompanied by a licensed pilot until they have obtained their AMA license.

Any club member may sponsor a guest flyer(s). Open events involving fliers sponsored by the Club, and guest fliers must have in their possession their current AMA and FCC License (if required) and must comply with all Safety & Field Use Rules.

Spectators are only allowed in the pit area or on the flying field when escorted by a Club Member. Children shall be allowed in the pit area only if closely supervised. Children shall not be allowed on or near the runway at anytime, unless they are trained and qualified fliers. Do not allow children to wander unescorted at anytime.

Animals must be restrained.

No flying of any sort shall be performed from, into or over the hazard area. The hazard area includes the pit, heliport, spectator, and parking areas. **Deliberate flight over the pit, spectator, or parking area is prohibited.**

The proper flying position is behind the high grass (south side). **Do not stand in the taxi ways!**

For an additional margin of safety, east/west take offs, landings and flying should be done 25 feet north of the high grass barrier. Pattern flying – Most pilots don't want any restrictions. The only pattern requested is to take off and land into the wind. Once above 50 feet you're on your own. On busy days it is advisable to fly with a Spotter.

A supervised transmitter impound shall be employed during contest activity or other activity when so designated by the Contest Director.

Glider/sailplane launching devices may be utilized only in full cooperation and full cognizance of all flyers at the field.

During periods of field maintenance, every consideration for safety must be given. All flying must be terminated and equipment must be relocated away from areas being worked on. Grass cutting shall have priority.

Do not litter the field. Pick up ALL crash debris and place in provided barrels.

Cutting down forest preserve trees to retrieve aircraft is strictly forbidden.

## **PIN BOX:**

Under no condition shall a transmitter be turned on before you have taken the frequency pin and replaced it with your membership or AMA card.

Place the clip on your transmitter. Your transmitter should also display its frequency flag.

When you are finished for the day return the pin and retrieve your card.

When frequency sharing is necessary, flyers exchange the pin and cards are exchanged in the pin box.

## **FLYING (GLO / GAS / Electric Models):**

All airplanes should be physically restrained when the engine is running while the airplane is in the pit area before taxiing to the runway. Taxiing onto the runway is allowed forward from the pit area. When retrieving an airplane from the runway, the engine shall be stopped in the taxiway or before returning to the pit area.

Do not stand in line with a spinning propeller.

Prolonged ground running of engines, e.g., break-in, will be conducted away from the pit area.

Engines started and/or operated in the pit area must be positioned to prevent exhaust, oil, dust and dirt from being blown on spectators, other models, or equipment.

All runway activities including takeoff, landing, touch-and-goes and model retrieval shall be clearly and loudly announced to the other pilots on the pilot's line. (i.e. "on runway", "runway clear", etc.)

When an approaching model appears to be potentially hazardous to flyers or spectators, any observer(s) will loudly and clearly warn others of the danger.

The flyer of a "dead stick" model shall loudly and clearly warn other persons of the situation.

When a model experiences trouble, the pilot, or his/her helper, shall loudly and clearly warn other flyers of the situation. **Landing priority shall be given immediately to the flyer/model experiencing the difficulty.**

All gasoline powered aircraft should have a properly rated fire extinguisher in the pit area. A fire extinguisher can be found in the south portion of the pin box stand.

Airplanes should not be flown over the helipad

## **Helicopters:**

Helicopters practicing hovering and low speed maneuvers should use the HELIPAD at the east end of the pit area.

To prevent mid-air collisions good judgment should be used when hovering over the runway when regular aircraft are airborne.

## **Rockets:**

**NAR** Model Rocket Safety Code should be followed.

The launch site must be in a cleared area free of brown grass, dry weeds, or other easy-to-burn materials.

All persons in the launch area must be aware of the pending rocket launch and able to see the launch before beginning the audible countdown.

All launches must be conducted in a manner that insures the safety of people or property.

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## **Nominations For Vice President Treasurer and Safety Officer**

Nominations for the offices of Vice President, Treasurer, and Safety Officer will take place at the May meeting. We will solicit nominations from the floor at the May meeting unless someone wants to form a nominations committee, for the offices of Vice President, Treasurer, and Safety Officer. The election for those offices will be held at the June meeting. Bob Hanus, Pat Dillon, and Ken Hallberg presently hold these offices.

Tom Lustig doin' his thing

