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## SAC Dates For December

- SAC Club Meeting  
Dec. 8 7:30 PM  
Tinley Park VFW  
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## A Word from the President

By: Ron Wegrzyn  
Your Friendly Undertaker



Well I've been doing this President thing for about 15 years now and it is time for a change. I've been mentioning that I'd like to step down and was hoping one of the younger guys might step up.

Well Greg Stevens, our VP for airplane safety has accepted the nomination. So I am declining my nomination for the 2012 SAC Presidency and we will let Greg have the position. I know he will do an outstanding job. I hope some of you younger members will jump on the band wagon and give him a hand.

I know Greg has many new and fresh ideas but will need some help along the way. I told him I will assist in any way I can, but new fresh ideas and help are needed. Good luck Greg. We are all behind you 100%

I want to thank all the people that have helped me through the years to make SAC what it is today. We have a beautiful field and an outstanding membership that has a lot to be proud of. The functions that go on behind the scenes take a lot of time and effort. I hope you will continue to give

your support and ideas to Greg. I hope some of you younger guys will become a CD and run some events. You just need to get your feet wet and DO IT. I know the Board is behind Greg and in the near future we will have to appoint a VP for airplane safety to fill his vacancy. Anyone interested might put a bug in Greg's ear. It's been great and again I want to thank you all for your support.

Well the year is going fast. Thanksgiving is next Thursday and Christmas will be here before you know it. The economy is still taking a beating but in time it will straighten itself out. I want to thank everyone again for your generous Thanksgiving donations to the food collection. **I hope you will be as generous at the December meeting for the Christmas food collection.**

Pete has advised me that he has just about got everything for the Christmas Raffle. We plan on spending about a \$750 dollars so be sure to come to the December meeting to get your share of raffle tickets and prizes. I've already seen about 6 planes that will be raffled off. Remember we will have a door prize for the SAC 2011 members. All 2011 members will get one free no charge ticket for a chance to win a **SAC Jacket and Hat.**

VP Pete will be at the door checking off names and passing out tickets. We will have a wide variety of things to raffle off so come on out.

Remember Dale and I will be at the December meeting early to start collecting the **2012 membership** dues. Ken and Vern will be there to take care of the Raffle. We're still working on a date and location for the ANNUAL SAC BANQUET. Flying has been a little rough with the cold, wind, and rain. The Turkey Shoot was no picnic with the wind blowing like it was. Remember in the winter months you might want to richen your mixture up just a little bit. Cold dry weather puts out the most power. Also just a little shot of WD -40 helps your engine pop off just a little quicker. If you're a one and run kinda guy you might fuel it up at home to not freeze your fingers. Use caution if you keep your airplane in the house and then bring it out in the cold sometimes they sweat and surfaces could freeze up. Remember bundle up, stay warm, and have fun. Oh yes, don't forget the Green Garden Dome. It is supposed to reopen sometime in January. So you electric guys will have some place close to home to go to.

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**Suburban Aero Club  
of Chicago  
Minutes of General Monthly  
Meeting  
November 10, 2011  
Held at the VFW club in  
Tinley Park, IL.**

Meeting called to order at: 7:34 pm, by President Ron Wegrzyn. There were 43 members present. 1 new member Chris Vandenberg joined.

**Reports by Committees or Officers:**

**Secretary Minutes:** By Sam Helmich. A motion to accept the minutes as read and then amended to add the decision and vote on moving the wind sock at the west end of the runway, was made by Joe the Cop and second by Tim Agee. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** By Dale Thome. A motion to accept the treasures report as read was made by Mike Sula and second by Bob Hass. Motion Carried.

**Safety Officers:**

**Planes:** By Greg Stevens. Looking for a Metal box to put at the Heli area, where we can put the medial kit and other items. Now that it's cold and not a lot of flyers, if out there alone be extra careful.

**Helicopter:** By Bob Stroz – Nothing to report.

**Field:** Ron Wegrzyn. We cancelled a meeting with the CCFPD because the rep. had another commitment. We

plan on meeting again on November 17th to discuss the removal of the rock pathway, cutting down 300 feet of trees at the heli area, doing some dirt work in the spectator area where water collects, and the installation of some trees for shade.

**Past Events:** Oct 27th SAC auction was great success, lots of people and things auctioned off. SAC Turkey shoot had 6 flyers and several others, had lots of fun in quite a bit of wind.

**Future Events:** Annual Christmas Raffle is at the next SAC meeting. All 2011 SAC members will be eligible to win a SAC Jacket and Hat. Plus we always have a lot of nice prizes to give away. Again at the December meeting we are asking for food donations. This goes to the St. Damian Food Pantry and is desperately needed. Jan 1st possibly starts Dome Flying at Green Gardens. Jan 1st SAC "First Flight" competition, official sunrise is at 7:18. Need to come up with a Banquet date. Feb. 15 Jon Marlatt is looking for assistance to hold an Aviation Day at Prairie State College he is looking for help.

**Unfinished Business:** Start thinking about dates for next year events. As per the by laws at this time of the year we are required to ask for any volunteers for Committees. Banquet, Fun Flys, Contest, Program, Auction, Picnic, and Food Drives. No volun-

teers

**New Business:** Phil Arnold brought up questions of the web site and the members area, and if we wanted to simplify the sign in and only have one common user id and password. After much discussion it will be set up this way with the provision that members can opt out of having any of their specific information posted on the web.

Nominations for President, Joe the Cop nominated Greg Stevens aka Mustang Boy, and Bob Stroz seconded, Bob Hanus nominated Ron Wegrzyn for President and Pete Dennis seconded. . Bob Hanus moved and Bob Stroz seconded a motion to close nominations for President, motion carried. Bob Haas nominated Sam Helmich for Secretary and Tim Agee seconded. George Kuehn moved to close the nominations and Bob Stroz seconded. Motion carried. Nominations for Heli Safety VP, Joe the Cop nominated Bob Stroz and Bob Hanus seconded. George Kuehn moved to close the nominations and Bob Hanus seconded motion. Motion Carried.

**Gooney Bird:** No applicants.

**Show and Tell:** Some items brought for display.

**Meeting Adjourned** at: 9:20pm

## NO SHOW AND TELL IN DECEMBER

The December meeting will be busy with voting, membership renewals, food collection, banquet sign-ups, and selling raffle tickets.

Show and Tell will resume as usual in January.

## Turkey Shooters Brave Wind



Turkey Shoot Winners in order of finish from left to right are Tim Hladik , Al Myers , Ron Wegrzyn, Dan Presek, Peter Martinaitis, and Greg Stevens

Six SAC flyers, undeterred by a blustery Sunday morning with 10 to 15 mph winds, took to the air on November 6 to compete in the annual Turkey Shoot. In total, 19 members turned out to participate in or witness the occasion.

The contestants were challenged by three flight events: 1. three rolls and three flights in minimum time from takeoff to

landing, 2. attempt at exactly 60 seconds elapsed time from takeoff to landing, and 3. minimum elapsed time with takeoff and landings in the same direction.

Our plane safety officer, suffered the primary casualty of the day, his plane flipped by the wind while attempting takeoff. Only other damage was Peter's broken gear on final landing. Parts result-

ing from these occurrences are visible in above photo.

All entrants ended up as winners of checks from the club. Sam Helmich performed as official timer for the contest, while Ron Wegrzyn assisted flyers in tracking their elapsed time. Altogether a "cool" morning at the field!

## Many Winners at Annual Auction By: Ron Wegrzyn

October 27 saw the VFW hall packed with people and sale items for another great SAC auction this year. A lot of stuff was sold. I'd just like to thank those that came early to help. We were lucky they had some kind of Bridle thing and had all the round tables put away with some of the long tables out. We just got the rest of the long tables out and then just needed to set up the chairs.

Those that I saw running around were Frank and his son Nick. Nick was all over. He helped set up, take down, he helped Christine at the door and he was even bringing stuff up to auction off. Vern and Petty were busy, Bob VanHuis was collecting money. Electric Bob was bringing stuff up to me. Sam was a great spotter. It's hard to hear with all the commotion. Pat Habel was there bring-

ing stuff up and a special thanks to all those that stayed to put the tables away. It went very quickly. Remember that's how we get the room rent free for the auction. We set up and clean up. Phil was taking pictures and just a lot of work by a lot of people. And a special thanks to Mike's wife Christine who manned the door all night!

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH



Photos show two of many items offered at the annual SAC auction



## NOVEMBER RAFFLE WINNER

Congratulations to Dan Pesek who won the PC-6 Pilatus Porter. This ARF is a semi-scale, 50 size, model of the actual aircraft flown in some of the most inhospitable regions in the world. It's known for its unique Short Take-Off and Landing (STOL) capabilities, reliability and versatility in all weather and terrain conditions. It is fully capable of operating from unprepared, rough and short airstrips, in remote areas, at high altitudes, and in all climates. Strap on some skis, this plane sounds great for flying in the Chicago winters.



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December	2	9	16
2012			
January		13	27
February	3	10	17
March	2	9	16 23
April	6	13	20 27

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## DECEMBER 2011 SAC Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1	2 Bell Road	3
4	5	6	7	8 SAC Meeting	9 Bell Road	10
11	12		14	15	16 Bell Road	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## SHOW AND TELL PROJECTS

By Greg Stevens

There were five show and tells this month. The first was by John Melton who showed us a really strange contraption known as a quad-flyer. Manufactured by Gaudi of Taiwan, it's part helicopter, part plane, and part UFO. Bob Stroz demonstrated how the aircraft hovers and flies. Its four electric Scorpion motors power blades that rotate (vector) independently to produce the turning movements. This aircraft exhibits superb lifting capabilities and is ideal for mounting cameras and video equipment for filming.

The quad-flyer was outfitted with a series of colored LED light strips that produced a dramatic light show when the room was darkened. If nothing else when the aircraft isn't flying it will make a great Christmas tree ornament!!



Quad-Flyer with Bob Stroz's Added Lights



Dan Presek's Multi-Colored Protender

The second show and tell was by Dan Presek who brought in his beautifully-prepared Protender. This model, designed by SAC member Al Myers, is the original, first run kit for this model. It is powered by an Evolution 52, glow motor. Wow, another outstanding pilot who flies with Evolution! (A little inside joke there since those of you who know me know I fly mostly Evo.) The plane exhibits a 56" wingspan, 51" body length and weighs in at approximately 5.25 pounds. Constructed from all wood components and covered with Monokote and Ultra coat, it exhibits a yellow-black-green, red, white and blue color scheme. Dan says that the quality of the kit is great and is an all around great airplane to fly.

Next up was Chris VanDenburgh who showed us his Midwest Products, Extra 300XS, purchased at our SAC auction this year. It was originally built and flown by Pete Frankenthal and is a beautiful plane, as were most of Pete's planes. It is an all wood airframe and is covered with plastic film. This Extra uses a Zenoah G45 gas engine, and flies using 6 JR servos, an 1800 mAh battery pack and JR radio.



Chris VaDenburgh's Recently Purchased Extra 300XS



Chris Baker's Electrified F1500 Racer

The next show and tell was Chris Baker's F1500 Pylon Racer. The model was originally built as a .15 size glow engine and was converted by Chris into an electric pylon racer using a Turnigy 1200 KV outrunner motor. It has a 41" wing span with a body length of 27 inches and weighs a mere 21 ounces. The plane flies using 4 servos with a Futaba radio. It is all-wood construction and is covered with white Ultracoat plastic film with neon high vision covering on the bottom to be able to tell when it's inverted. I can't wait to see this bad boy haul some @#\*!!! at the field.

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**Food Drive  
 December  
 Meeting  
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**First Flight of 2012**

For Brave Souls Only!

Official sunrise is 7:18 am on January 1, 2012, but takeoff can be any time after midnight as long as you have a witness that will vouch for you. Gate will be open at 6:00am

**RULES**

1. No lights on aircraft.
2. You must takeoff from **SAC's runways**, grass or black top.
3. You must takeoff from the **ground** (wheels, skis, skids, etc) no hand launches.
4. You must fly for **two minutes**. Your assistant will vouch for you.
5. You can land (or crash) anywhere you want as long as you complied with the two minutes flight time.

**PRIZE**

Winner will receive a First Flight Patch.  
 And possibly a First Crash Patch

**ANNUAL SAC BANQUET  
 February XXXX, 2012**

It's that time of the year for the SAC Annual Banquet.

**We need to find a place to have the Annual Banquet.**

Besides gifts for the guys we will also normally have two \$50.00 gift certificates for the ladies.

You don't have to buy raffle tickets. Everyone that comes will get a raffle ticket.

**HELP WANTED FOR COLLEGE DEMO AND EXHIBIT****THE IDEA**

By: Jon Marlatt

A year ago I had an idea for the college where I work. I was trying to put it together and ran into a lot of problems. Then after telling one of the club members at a meeting about my "THE IDEA" the very next day at the 9:00 am I received a phone call to put "the idea" into play. So he helped get the ball rolling very fast. That is to put on a RC Indoor Flying Demonstration with Static Display for viewing from

12:00 noon to 3:00 pm on  
 February 15, 2012

All flyers (up to 15) will receive free lunch (I hope to increase that number by another 10 for people working the side lines)

Next semester the theme *happens* to be **AVIATION**.

Should have a flying simulator (possibly two) that will be projected onto a BIG screen display for the students and faculty to try. (And us to)

**Looking for participants to assist.**

Will be having sign up cards at the next meeting. Looking for 3D, heli, park flyers, vapors and any odd flying aircraft. Here is your chance to advance our hobby, and at the same time help build someone's future, provide direction for a career field, help build their self-confidence and just plane fun.

# DON'T MISS THE MONSTER RAFFLE OF THE YEAR **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DECEMBER 8**

***PETE'S GOT US GREAT STUFF !***  
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Tinley Park VFW.  
Immediately following the regular SAC Meeting  
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one free ticket

**Plus a bunch of other stuff on the smaller side**  
**Oodles and oodles of prizes!!**



Tim Hladik's Expertly Detailed SE5A



Cockpit Detail

The last show and tell of the evening came from Tim Hladik showing off his highly detailed SE5A scale WWI biplane. The SE5A was considered by many pilots to be the best British single-seat fighter of WWI. Designed at the Royal Aircraft Factory at Farnborough, the first production aircraft had the 150hp Hispano-Suiza fitted and were designated SE5. The later SE5a had the 200 or 220hp Hispano-Suiza or 200hp Wolseley Viper engine. It was used by twenty-four squadrons of the Royal Flying Corps and Royal Air Force in France, Palestine, Macedonia, Mesopotamia and the United Kingdom, and equipped one squadron of the Australian Flying Corps and two of the United States Air Service on the Western Front.

Tim's model is powered by a Super Tigre 3000 engine and has a 86" wing span with a body length of 65" and weighs in at 26 pounds. The model is constructed totally of wood and is covered in Super Coverite painted to match the dark green and cream bottom of the original plane. The plane sports extraordinary detailing throughout, all hand crafted by Tim, including the fully detailed cockpit. The only item Tim says that wasn't scratch built by him is the Vickers machine gun. Excellent work and we can't wait to see it fly at the next Warbird Day.

## 2012 SAC Calendar

### January

Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> FIRST FLIGHT  
Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> SAC Meeting

### February

Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> SAC Meeting  
Feb 15<sup>th</sup> Prairie State  
SAC 2011 Banquet

### March

Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> SAC Meeting

### April

Apr. 12<sup>th</sup> SAC Meeting  
Apr. 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, TOLEDO SHOW  
Apr. 20<sup>th</sup> First SAC Float Fly of 2012

### May

May 4<sup>th</sup> SAC Float Fly  
May 10<sup>th</sup> SAC Meeting  
May 18<sup>th</sup> SAC Float Fly  
May 26<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Float Fly

### June

June 1<sup>st</sup> SAC Float Fly  
June 14<sup>th</sup> SAC Meeting  
June 15<sup>th</sup> SAC Float Fly  
June PICNIC

### July

July 6<sup>th</sup> SAC Float Fly  
July 12<sup>th</sup> SAC Meeting  
July 20<sup>th</sup> SAC Float Fly

### August

Aug 7<sup>th</sup> SAC Float Fly  
Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> SAC Meeting  
Aug 21<sup>st</sup> SAC Float Fly

### September

Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> Labor Day Float Fly  
Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> SAC Float Fly  
Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> SAC Meeting  
Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> Last Float Fly for 2012

### October

Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> SAC Meeting  
Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> SAC Auction

### November

Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> SAC Meeting

### December

Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> SAC Meeting

**OFFICIAL SAC ELECTION BALLOT**

For President: \_\_\_\_\_ Greg Stevens                      \_\_\_\_\_ Write In \_\_\_\_\_  
 For Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_ Sam Helmich                      \_\_\_\_\_ Write In \_\_\_\_\_  
 For V P for Helicopter Safety: \_\_\_\_\_ Robert Stroz                      \_\_\_\_\_ Write In \_\_\_\_\_

Please bring your ballot to the December meeting, or mail to: Dale Thome, 21440 S, 78<sup>th</sup> Ave., Frankfort, IL. 60423

**2012 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

**Please renew you SAC membership at the December meeting.**

Dale and Ron will be there about 6:30 to start taking membership applications. Dale, as treasurer, would like to get an idea of what his working budget for 2012 will be, so let's all try and sign up at the December meeting. Please fill out the application below and bring it to Dale. If you should forget to bring your application, Dale and Ron will have extras available. Don't forget minimum requirement for renewal is your **name, AMA number, phone number, and, e-mail address**, if you have one. If you will not be at the meeting please mail your renewal to Dale as indicated on the form. On your application, **please also indicate any items you want omitted from the members-only area of our website.**

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2012**

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Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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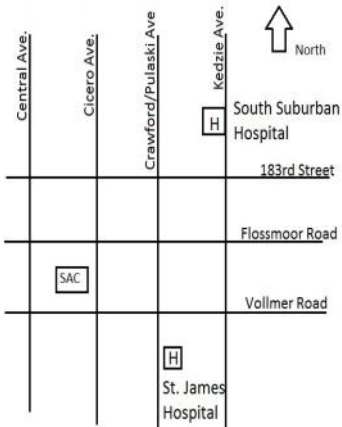
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**SAC MONTHLY MEETINGS**

**2nd THURSDAY EACH MONTH 7:30 PM**

**TINLEY PARK VFW 172<sup>nd</sup> and OAK PARK AVE. TINLEY PARK, IL**

**NEXT MEETING December 8 7:30 PM**

**2011 Annual Christmas Food Drive**

Our **Annual Food Collection** for **Thanksgiving** went very well, you were most generous. **THANK YOU!** The Food was given to the St. Damian Food Pantry for distribution to local families. Let's repeat the process with an even larger donation at the **December Meeting!** We are an **AMA Leader Club** so let's keep up the good work and give a little back. We're asking for everyone to bring non perishable items to the **December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.** We are giving away a lot of very nice items for the Raffle I think it would be nice if we all brought in a few cans or something non perishable to help make the Christmas for the less fortunate a little nicer. There will be containers at the door of the VFW for your convenience. Remember we will have a lot of stuff to raffle off at the December meeting and each 2011 SAC member **PRESENT** will be given one ticket to win a **SAC JACKET** and **HAT.** You can't buy any more tickets for the jacket or hat. One ticket will be given to each 2011 SAC member. Of course you can buy as many tickets as you want for the other things being raffled off. **THANKS in advance.**

Ron