

The CHECKERBOARD Flyer

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November 2016

November Birthdays:

- Juan Alvarez
- Roberto Cortez
- Kim Kraft
- Bob Litman
- Henry Lisowski
- Joshua Nicholas

Club Events:

November Meeting: 11/17/16
 November Chili Fly: 11/19/16
 12:00pm - 5:00pm
 December Meeting: 12/15/16
 "Mothers Day"

Club Auction



Checkerboard RC Club will be hosting an auction fundraiser during the February meeting. We are looking to our members to donate and bring items such as kits, planes, motors, radio equip, building supplies etc... All proceeds raised will benefit the club. John Eggum, who has done a great job in years past, will return as our auctioneer.

Club T-Shirts:

Club shirts are available in limited quantities of Orange, White and Gray. Price: \$15.00



Annual Chili Fly 11-19-16

The club Chili Fly will be held on Saturday, November 19. Dust off those chili recipes and bring a pot of chili to share at the field. Rain or shine, or should I say, snow or shine, we will be at the field to fly and taste some chili. The sign up sheet will be available at our November club meeting.

CHECKERBOARD FIELD R/C CLUB

ANNUAL CHILI FLY

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2016
12PM - 5PM

ACTIVITIES	LOCATION
✈ CHILI	MILLER MEADOWS
✈ FLYING	FOREST PRESERVE
✈ BEVERAGES	FIRST AVE & CERMAK ROAD
	FOREST PARK, IL

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October Show & Tell:

George Grueber brought in and reviewed his plans built "4Charlie" plane. It's a low wing four channel nostalgic sport model. Plans can be purchased at the Balsabuilders website for \$16.00.

<https://www.balsabuilder.com/s-hop/4charlie-plans/>



Great job George! Looking forward to a flight review.

Gerardo Sulic reviewed his semi- scratch built Bell-47G helicopter. He constructed the tail boom frame and landing skids from materials purchased at the local Home Depot. The bubble was carved out of a plastic light fixture globe.





Show & Tell Cont'd:

The heli was modeled after a model kit he purchased and built several years ago. A real outstanding job! I witnessed Gerardo flying the Bell at the field. This chopper flies smooth and is a real looker. Excellent job Gerardo!

Jim Ansel brought in an "unknown" plane he picked up for \$15. It has a Saito 80 and a wingspan of 65". Great deal and find, Jim.



Anthony Manetti brought in his Parkzone SE5A he picked up at the Woodland Swap meet. It's a 4-channel control – throttle, elevator, aileron and rudder with a 960Kv 480 brushless outrunner motor installed.

It uses a 3S 1800mAh 15C Li-Po battery. Wingspan: 37.1 in



New Field Update

Contributor, Steve Janninck:

Anthony had the CC Forest Preserve clear all of the 3 foot tall weeds on the Eastern end of the field. They mowed down everything all the way to the tree line. To our surprise, grass was at the base! Its great to see the expanse of the field down on the East end! Big thanks to Anthony for making this happen. At the beginning of the month, two new windsock poles were installed. The first one was placed at the East side of the flight line at the safety barrier fence. At this position the windsock is clear of the tree line, and very easy to see from any flight station. The second one is placed at the northwest corner of the field near the entrance / parking area. The northwest windsock will get its mechanism from the old field, once the old field is closed. Big Thanks to Gerardo, Sebastian and Gustavo for all of the help!

This last weekend the Forest Preserve workers leveled some the split rail fence posts that sunk with the rains and settling. Also, if you look closely, the old split rail fence at the old field is being removed a section or two at a time. 50 feet of the old fence has met up with the new fence at the new field. Great way to reuse the old fence.

200 pounds of grass seed

were spread throughout the new field to include the pits area and runway zone. This late season seeding on top of cool damp November days will help things get rooted early for the 2017 spring grass growing season.

The sod roller has been moved back to the new field, and we will continue to roll the runway and pits areas until the snow comes. Both the new and the old field have been recently mowed, and we have been informed this will possibly be the last mowing of the year. Once again, just a reminder, as tempting as it might be, No Flying at the New Field!

Thank You Anythony Majdich & Ed Papartis



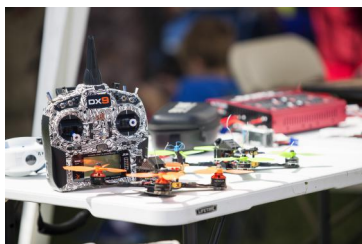
We would like to thank the outgoing club President Anthony Majdich and Vice President Ed Papartis. Your dedication, persistence, and motivation have breathed new life into the club. The years prior to you both taking office, and during your tenure, assisted the club to secure a newer larger and stellar flying field. On behalf of the club, we say thank you and job well done!



MultiGP Drone Nationals: Contributor: Paul Park



Drone Nationals was held this year over the Labor Day weekend on Saturday and Sunday in Muncie, IN at AMA headquarters. To get to the nationals one had to qualify in any number of ways. The rules for qualification are quite complex but the 2 easiest ways were to compete at a regional event on a standardized regional course and place in the top 9, or create one of several standardized Time Trial tracks and have video proof of completing a single lap in under X seconds depending on the track.



Depending on your placement of the regional course nationally you may have qualified automatically for Sunday's race. We had 2 people in IL from this category. If not, then you had to compete on the same regional course Saturday. I was in this category and had to 'place' on Saturday to compete on Sunday.

Spoiler alert: I missed by 1 lap on Saturday so I did not get to race on Sunday.

When I arrived on Saturday at 7am there was a check-in process where your aircraft was checked for frequency power and failsafe. Frequency was limited to 25mw because there were 3 fields used concurrently and anything greater would knock someone out at another field.

Even though the morning started late, all qualifying was completed on Saturday albeit ending about 2 hours later than planned. For the very first truly organized national event, everything was well planned and thought out. Safety was the top priority and there was netting in place for everyone racing or viewing. There were food vendors, generators, batteries you could borrow. Some vendors were giving out the best video antennas, video transmitters, and flight controllers.

There was an experiment to get 18 pilots in the air on analogue video and it was successful! To give you perspective, typically we have 5, MAYBE 6 pilots in the air at any local race. This limitation is due to video interference among the 5.8Ghz frequency. All other races at nationals had 8 pilots at any 1 time.

The championship course.. was incredible. And incredibly hard. There was a "Sky Bridge"

where you had to climb through 3 increasingly tall gates and then descend through a similar gate on the other end.



Many pilots crashed here. By the end of Sunday, a pilot who goes by NytFury - AKA Shaun Taylor - had won. Only through hours and hours of practice can anyone fly at his level. Racing aside, the camaraderie among pilots is reason alone to be at the event. I met complete strangers and we were discussing what we love doing as though we had been friends for years. If someone's quad burned electronics or broke, people were offering them their backups. Tools, parts, and advice was given and asked for freely.



Hats off to the organizers and the folks at AMA headquarters. Even if I don't race next year I will be going to just simply enjoy the event and fellowship.



Field Safety:

If you have been out to the flying field in the last few months, you may have noticed a presence of the Cook County Forest Preserve Police. They are out patrolling and have been educated as it relates to safety at the flying field. Reminder, we are not to fly over people, walking paths, the parking lot, or the dog park. If you are caught doing so, a ticket will be issued for "Reckless Endangerment" with a fine of \$75.00 per instance. They are checking for your AMA & FAA identification cards. You are to have your FAA I.D. number visible on or easily accessible in or on your aircraft over 0.5 lbs.

BE SAFE, FLY SAFE !

Event Calendar 2016

November 17 Club Meeting
November 19 Chili Fly Saturday
12:00pm to 5:00pm
 December 15 Club Meeting at
 "Mother's Day" Restaurant
 Meetings begin @ 7:00 PM
 Visitors are welcome.



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Executive Board Elections:



We are taking nominations for club President, Vice President and Treasurer. This is your opportunity to step up into a leadership role and or cast your vote to continue to move the club forward into 2017. Submit your nominations prior to our next club meeting held on Thursday 11-17-16. Nominations will be presented and taken to vote at the November club meeting.

Board Members

President **TBD**
 Vice Pres. **TBD**
 Treasurer John Ricchio
 Field Mrshl. Kim Kraft



Fly Market:

John Ricchio items for sale:

CMP P-51D Mustang 50 ARF
 ws 53" Engine: 2c/40,46
 4c/52,63 Asking \$160
Jeff Troys F-22 ARC
 ws 53.5" L 44" Engine: 2c/40,60
 4c/53,80 Asking \$80
 Contact: (708)829-4388
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Ed Papartis items for sale:

Kyosho Spacewalker
 (red and yellow) ws 62.4"
 L 43.4" Engine: 2 stroke 40
 4 stroke .56. Asking \$200
Global DVII
 Engines: 2stroke .46 four
 stroke .52 Asking \$225
Hyperion Cap 232 Elec Arf
 Ws 36.6" Lt 33" Asking \$125
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