

The CHECKERBOARD Flyer

Newsletter Editor: John Ricchio

February 2017

February Birthdays:

- Bryan Gardner
- Matt Goethe
- Greg Meyer
- Scott Thompson

Club Events:

- * February Meeting: 2/16/17
"Auction" 7:00pm
- * March Meeting: 3/16/17
- * March HONR Fair: TBD
- * April Meeting: 4/20/17

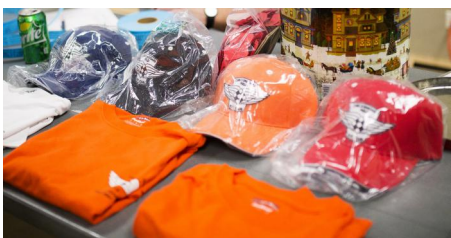
Club T-Shirts:

Club shirts are available in limited quantities of orange, white and gray. Price: \$15.00



Club Hats:

We are looking for interest in producing a club hat and we are taking orders. Purchase a hat in the color of your choice. Email us with your color preference. Price: \$15.00



Board Elections:

Results of the board election held at the January meeting:
 President: Anthony Majdich
 Vice President: Steve Janninck
 Treasurer: John Ricchio
 Safety: Kim Kraft
 Welcome to the board Steve!
 And welcome back Anthony, John, and Kim!

Club Auction: February Mtg.



Reminder: The Club will be hosting an auction fundraiser during the February 16th meeting. We are looking to our members to bring and donate items such as kits, planes, motors, radio equip, building supplies, etc. All proceeds raised will benefit the club. John Eggum will return as our auctioneer. Please, no checks or money orders. Cash only!

January Show & Tell:

Jim Ansel brought in and reviewed his Sportsman Aviation "Victa Airtourer" that he picked up at a swap meet. Engine size is a 90-120 4 stroke with a 67" wingspan. Hope to see this plane at the new field in the spring!



Henry Lisowski brought in his Hitec P2GO Weekender Zipper Park Flyer. The ARF comes receiver ready and has a 23.6" wingspan, A great value at \$50. Check it out at Tower Hobbies.





Show & Tell Cont'd:

Steve Janninck reviewed his HobbyKing "Hall Cherokee" Glider. It has a 1700mm wingspan with at ducted fan pod. The actual Hall Cherokee is a high-wing, single seat glider that was designed by American Stan Hall in 1956 for amateur builders. Its simple design and construction methods, together with its flying qualities, led to it becoming one of the most popular and produced home-built gliders in the United States. The HobbyKing Cherokee can be bungee launched and equipped with a servo operated tow release mechanism. It can also be towed aloft behind an appropriately sized model such as the Duraflly Tundra.



Steve also brought in his Dynam "Primo". This "plug and play" EPO RC trainer has a 1450mm Wingspan.

The Primo comes with flaps, servos, ESC, and a powerful BM3720A-KV650 brushless outrunner motor. It also comes with the large "Bill tundra tires". It's an easy model to assemble and maintain. The Primo is currently only available in China and not in the US. Steve was able to aquire his Primo with the help of a friend that was visiting China. Steve had his friend scope out a local hobby store and bring the Primo back to the United States.



Stock Photo



At close observation and personal opinion, the Primo looks very similar to a Multiplex Fun Cub. Just saying. Hmmmmm.....



FAA, SkyPan Settle Charges: Contributor: Steve Janninck



January 17, 2017

The FAA and Chicago-based SkyPan International have reached a "comprehensive settlement" of alleged improper drone flights that calls for the company to pay a \$200,000 fine and assist the agency with its public outreach campaign on drone regulations.

Announced on Tuesday, the fine is the largest monetary penalty the FAA has collected for operations involving unmanned aircraft systems. The FAA announced enforcement action against SkyPan in October 2015 to punish the company for drone flights over Chicago and New York City between 2012 and 2014, proposing a \$1.9 million fine—the largest such civil penalty. "While neither admitting nor contesting the allegations that these commercial operations were contrary to FAA regulations, SkyPan wishes to resolve this matter without any further expense or delay of business," the company said. "In exchange, the FAA makes no finding of violation." SkyPan agreed to pay an additional \$150,000 if it violates FAA regulations in the next year, and \$150,000 more if it fails to comply with thecont'd



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the terms of the three-year agreement.

The aerial photography company will work with the FAA on three public service announcements over the next year to encourage proper drone operations and compliance with regulations. Founded in 1988, SkyPan provides aerial panoramic photography for the real estate and construction industries using a system hosted on an Align T Rex 700E model helicopter.

Great Planes RealFlight-X



For some of us that find it hard to brave the elements during the dog days of winter, a computer based flight simulator can be a source of relief. Flight sims not only help us hone in on our skills, but they allow us to attempt and practice a maneuver we may not dare attempt at the field. Enter the latest upgrade to the long running Great Planes flight sim, RealFlight-X. In this latest release, graphics and physics have been enhanced to bring the most realistic flight experience possible. It's design is to look and feel like real flying for you to get the most out of a flying session.

The upgraded graphics are driven by UNIGINE, which render the world in an unprecedented level of detail. Aircraft are detailed down to the panel lines and rivets. If you are into drones, your flying skills can be honed with the most advanced simulations ever offered by RealFlight. There are intricate drone race courses that have been detailed like being at an actual field. This detail can help pilots hone in on their FPV flying skills. Many fan-favorite flying sites have been remastered such as Joe's Garage that bring nostalgic locales to new life. You can fly without boundaries in the Sierra Nevada with 8 million acres of soaring. New international flying sites like Wasserkuppe in Germany, and Calahorra Castle in Spain. RealFlight-X offers a tier-system with game-like challenges which are available to help refine your flying skills.



RealFlight-X comes with over 60 aircraft, helicopters, and quads as well as 12 flying sites. You can purchase RealFlight-X with software and the InterLink-X Controller or just the software by itself. If you opt to purchase just the software, you can use

your own InterLink Controller, a compatible SLT transmitter or your own field transmitter, via a Wireless or Wired Interface that can be purchased separately.



Minimum Recommended System:

- Windows 7, Windows 8 or Windows 10. 64bit
- Local administrator access required.
- Quad-core processor
- AMD FX-4300 or equivalent
- DirectX 11 Mid-Range Video Card with 2 GB of video memory
- GTX 460 or better
- Integrated video cards not recommended
- 30 GB Hard Drive Space
- 4 GB RAM
- DVD Drive

Optimal System:

- I7-6700 Processor or equivalent
- nVidia GTX 1060, Radeon RX 480, or equivalent
- 32 GB RAM
- SSD Hard Drive
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- Online Activation Required

For more info and pricing, Visit Tower Hobbies at <http://www.towerhobbies.com>

Events:

February

2/4/2017 -- Effingham, IL (E)
THE GREAT MID AMERICA RC
SWAP MEET. Site: 1325 Outer
Belt West. Richard Jorn CD PH:
217-240-0338 Email:

rich.jorn@gmail.com. Visit:
esfly.com. 8am Selling load in.
Public 9am-1pm. Raffle & door
prizes. Food available. Indoor
flying available. Admission \$5
for buyers and sellers. 12 &
under free! Tables \$10 in
advance, \$20 at the door.
Sponsor: EFFINGHAM SPORT
FLYERS

2/4/2017 -- Wheaton, IL (E)
TRI-VILLAGE RCERS SWAP
SHOP. Site: Dupage County
Fair Grounds. Brian
Eltherington CD PH: 847-567-
7125 Email:
flybri@comcast.net.
Visit: trivillagerc.com. Sanction
#17/32. Vendor check in 7am.
\$20 per table, \$18 for 3 or
more. General admission \$5.
Open to public at 9am. Send
payment to CD at 5143
Chambers Dr, Barrington IL
60010 or call after 6pm.
Sponsor: TRI VILLAGE RCERS

2/18/2017 -- St Charles, IL (E)
FOX VALLEY AERO CLUB
SWAP. Site: Kane Co
Fairgrounds. John Turner CD
PH: 630-443-7807 Email:
jtgrassroots@yahoo.com. Visit:
foxvalleyaero.com. Sanction
#17/27. Location; 525 Randall
Rd. Table set up at 8am, Swap
meet 9am-1pm. Table rental: 1-
\$22, or 2 or more- \$20. After
2/1, all tables \$25 ea. \$5 entry

per person, children under 12
free. Food and beverage
available. Checks payable to
Fox Valley Aero Club-PO box
837, St Charles, IL 60174.
Sponsor: FOX VALLEY AERO
CLUB

2/26/2017 -- Bloomington, IN
(E) MCRCC ANNUAL SWAP
MEET. Site: 5700 W Airport Rd.
Timothy Mellott CD PH: 812-
821-6137 Email:
warbird1@sbcglobal.net. Visit:
monroecountyrccclub.org.
Vendor set-up @ 8am, shop
9am-2pm. Admission; \$5 (12
and under free). Tables; \$12
advance, \$17 at the door.
Location; Monroe County
Fairgrounds - from SR37, follow
SR45 Southbound for 1.8 mile,
then turn right on Airport Rd.
Sponsor: MONROE COUNTY
RC CLUB

March
3/4/2017 -- Shiloh, IL (E)
13TH ANNUAL SWAP MEET.
Site: 100 Eagles Dr. Charles
Fannin CD PH: 618.401.2451
Email: mfannin@charter.net.
Visit: bellevillercflyers.com.
Location; Eagles Lodge #545.
Vendors enter @ 7:30am.
General admission @ 8am. Fee
\$5, under age 12-free. Vendors:
3 tables @ \$5ea, additional
tables\$10. RC model raffle. See
website for details and map.
Additional contact info Darwin
@ 618-205-3340. Sponsor:
BELLEVILLE RC FLYERS

3/5/2017 -- Appleton, WI (E)
33RD ANNUAL R/C SHOW &
AUCTION. Site: 2311 W
Spencer St. Tim Stadler CD PH:
920.475-3998 Email:
flyvam60@gmail.com. Visit:
flyvam.com. Location; Monarch
Gardens. Opens @ 8am. 120+
free tables. Commercial Vendor
tables \$20. Admission \$5. Food
& drinks available, large raffle,
auction, bring models for static
model display. Flight simulators
and more! Sponsor: VALLEY
AERO MODELERS, INC

3/11/2017 -- Angola, IN (E)
7TH ANNUAL TRI-STATE
SWAP MEET. Site: 904 N
Williams St. Richard Altekruise
CD PH: 260-577-0060 Email:
raltekruise47@gmail.com. Visit:
[https://www.facebook.com/smak
lub](https://www.facebook.com/smaklub). Location; Indiana National
Guard Armory. 9am to noon.
Admission \$5. Table rental \$12
in advance. Free admission
with rental of two tables. Wives
& children under 12 are free.
Prizes & 50/50 raffle. Vendors
with aplanes, boats and cars
are welcome. Refreshments
available. Sponsor: STEUBEN
MODEL AIRCRAFT KLUB

3/11/2017 -- Columbus, IN (E)
SWAP MEET. Site: 750 W 200
S. Dennis Runge CD PH: 317-
840-4158 Email:
dcrunge@yahoo.com. Visit:
jcrfc.org. Tables \$12 in advance
\$15 at the door. General
admission \$5, kids free.
Refreshments available.
Sponsor: JOHNSON COUNTY
RC FLYERS



Field Safety:

The Cook County Forest Preserve Police 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, parkings, 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 !



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Website:

www.checkerboardrc.club

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/checkerboardrc

General Email:

info@checkerboardrc.club

Newsletter Email:

newsletter@checkerboardrc.club



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Broadview, IL 60155

New Flying Field Update:

New signs are in production for our new flying field. Based on the info from the Cook County Forest Preserve, it is looking like we will move to the new field either in March or April. We will keep you posted on the official move date. We are not authorized or properly insured to fly at the new field. As a reminder, resist the temptation. No Flying at the new field.



Board Members:

President:	Anthony Majdich	president@checkerboardrc.club
Vice-President:	Steve Janninck	vice.president@checkerboardrc.club
Treasurer:	John Ricchio	treasurer.secretary@checkerboardrc.club
Safety:	Kim Kraft	safety.coordinator@checkerboardrc.club



Fly Market:



Ed Papartis items for sale:

Ultrafly Spear Composite Delta Wing EDF \$110
Great Planes FW-190 \$180
Kyosho SQS Spitfire \$170

Contact: (708)203-1419
redfrogfish66@yahoo.com

John Ricchio items for sale:

VQ Fiat G.55 ARF \$150
GCMP P-51D Mustang ARF \$150
Thundertiger F8F Bearcat ARF \$300
Phoenix Stuka ARF \$250
Parkzone Micro J3 Cub RTF \$50
Flyzone Mico B-25 RTF \$70

Contact: (708)829-4388
herkybird@aol.com