

# The CHECKERBOARD Flyer

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## CHECKERBOARD R/C CLUB



### August Birthdays:

- Ray Carlson
- Don Gottlinger
- Anthony Manetti
- John Ricchio
- Noah Shales
- Howard Venable



### National Model Aviation Day:

Checkerboard RC Club will be celebrating and holding a fundraiser at the field for the AMA Model Aviation Day on **Saturday, August 12th from 10:00am to 4:00pm.** National Model Aviation Day was created to encourage clubs to celebrate the hobby and share it with the public. Chartered clubs have also been asked to

hold a fundraiser to provide assistance to a worthy cause. For this year all clubs have been asked to support the AMA Foundation. The AMA is devoted to inspiring the young and young-at-heart to pursue a hobby that will inspire creativity and advanced learning through the use of hands-on applications. The purpose of the Foundation is to support AMAs charitable and educational programs and services. The foundation's funds go toward the AMA Scholarship Fund, the Education Fund, and the Club Disaster Relief Fund. Last year Checkerboard RC Club raised over \$720 in support of DAV, Disabled American Veterans.

Lets try and exceed last year's donation. We will have food, snacks and beverages for sale. There will be prize raffles and split the pot. Pilot's flying / landing fee will be \$30. All donations are welcome. If you would like to donate food, utensils, or beverages, please contact:

John Ricchio  
(708)829-4388 or by email at [treasurer.secretary@checkerboardrc.club](mailto:treasurer.secretary@checkerboardrc.club)

### Show and Tell:

Howard Venable brought in his Hangar 9 Ultra Stick that he purchased from a club member. Powered with a 61 Thundertiger engine and an aftermarket receiver & satellite. Howard had a few issues with his first flight. The plane wanted to climb and veer to the right. He also had a thumping noise he could hear in flight. Apparently the leading edge of the wing was pulling the top of the fuselage up! Needless to say, all was corrected and reinforced. The Ultra Stick is a popular plane at the field. Highly maneuverable, but short on looks, the plane can perform some great aerobatics. Nice plane Howard!

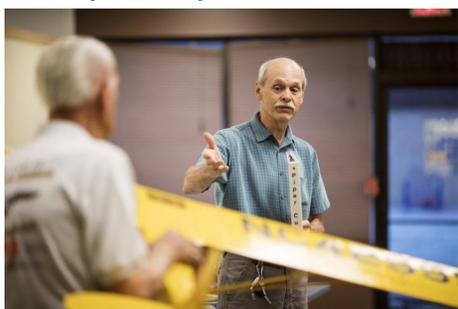




### Show and Tell continued:



Gary Parenti displayed his immaculate 1946 J3 Piper Cub. The cub is a heavily modified Top Flight kit that originally had a Saito twin, but then installed an Enya 53. The plane was covered in Sig Koverall and automotive polyurethane paint was applied. Details include a full cockpit, bungee gear, side opening doors, and a stellar realistic motor at the front, just like the real plane. A judge had complained that he was not to use photos of his model J3 Cub in his photo book. It was a great compliment, since the photos were of a real full scale J3 Cub ! Great job Gary!!



Dave Kucan brought in his AeroPlus Yak 55. A work still in progress, the plane is powered by a 4016KV motor and a 6 cell battery.



Specifications:  
WING SPAN:60"(1520mm)  
LENGTH:58.5"(1490mm)  
FLYING WEIGHT:  
5-5.5lbs(2300-2500g)  
ELECTRIC Brushless outrunner  
8oz PROP APC16x10E-17x8E  
LI-POLY 5-6S 3800-5000mAh  
GLOW .46-.52 2C .52-.82 4C  
RADIO 4CH  
5S or 4s 1ESC (70A)  
Its a great looking plane and we will be looking forward to hear how it flies!



Bill Harlander donated a vintage plane to the July raffle. This plane was equipped with an early radio control Escapement system that utilized rubber bands. It's a flash back to what the early days of radio controlled flying was like years ago. Thank you Bill for the education on the system and for the generous donation to the club's raffle.





### Events:

August / IL  
8/10/2017 - 8/12/2017 --  
Monticello, IL (C) ILLINI  
SUPER JETS 2017. Site: Eli  
Field. Chris Puckett CD PH:  
Email: rcavi8ter@aol.com.  
Visit: elifield.com. Sanction  
#17/481. 800x50 paved runway  
w/ parallel grass runway.  
Onsite storage in hangar. Food  
and camping, no hookups.  
Canopy rental available by  
request 1 month prior to event.  
\$60 registration. Sponsor:  
MONTICELLO MODEL  
MASTERS

8/13/2017 -- Rolling Meadows,  
IL (C) BIG BIRD FLY IN. Site:  
Ned Brown Forest Preserve.  
Dana Berry CD PH: 847-772-  
5642 Email:  
vlnsn6@gmail.com. Visit:  
crcmyflyers.com. Sanction  
#17/1517. CRCM 24th annual  
event. IMAA Rules apply.  
Quater scale or 80" wingspan.  
Registration 8:30am, flying  
9am-2pm. Landing fee \$10.  
Prizes and refreshments.  
Sponsor: CHICAGOLAND RC  
MODELERS INC

8/19/2017 -- Matteson, IL (C)  
SAC HELI FUN FLY. Site:  
Tinley Creek Flying Field.  
Ronald Wegrzyn CD PH:  
708.478.8858 Email:  
ronwegrzyn@comcast.net.  
Visit: suburbanaeroclub.com.  
Sanction #17/1658. Location;  
19500 S Cicero Ave, Matteson,  
IL 60443. It's Showtime! Come

### Events:

fly with us. With special guest  
from GAUI USA. Team pilots;  
Mitch Marozas & Patric  
Hruswicki. \$15 Landing fee  
with lunch provided. 3D and  
FPV demonstration at 1pm.  
Sponsor: SUBURBAN  
AEROCLUB OF CHICAGO

8/20/2017 -- Riverdale, IL (C)  
BIG BIRD FLY-IN. Site:  
Kickapoo Woods Model  
Aircraft. John Spencer CD PH:  
708-403-7184 Email:  
pbs154@aol.com. Visit:  
chicagomodelmasters.org.  
Sanction #17/1391. Location;  
144th & Halsted. 9am-2pm.  
Registration begins at 9am,  
\$10 landing fee. Sponsor:  
CHICAGO MODEL MASTERS

8/26/2017 -- Blue Island, IL (C)  
OPERATION HONOR. Site:  
Memorial Park. Ronald  
Wegrzyn CD PH: 708.478.8858  
Email:  
ronwegrzyn@comcast.net  
Sanction #17/1746. Restricted  
event. Sponsor: SUBURBAN  
AEROCLUB OF CHICAGO

8/26/2017 - 8/27/2017 --  
Champaign, IL (C) BARN  
STORMERS OVER  
CHAMPAIGN. Bloomington  
Rd. Daniel Kemphues CD PH:  
217.359.9829 Email:  
phues@reagan.com. Visit:  
ccrcc.info. Sanction #17/456.  
2.5 Miles West of Mattis Ave on  
US 150. Sponsor: CHAMPAIGN  
COUNTY RC CLUB

### Events:

8/26/2017 -- Roscoe, IL (C)  
FLOAT FLY. Site: Chickery  
Ridge Lake. Orv Steinmetz CD  
PH: 815.885.1161 Email:  
skyhawker@mchsi.com. Visit:  
rockvalleyrcflyers.com.  
Sanction #17/980. We have  
access to a beautiful lake with  
gentle slipping banks. Bring your  
canopy and chair. Beverages  
for sale. Quick food places  
near by or brown bag it.  
Landing fee \$5. AMA required.  
Rain date is 9/2/2017.  
Sponsor: ROCK VALLEY RC  
FLYERS

8/26/2017 - 8/27/2017 --  
Sugargrove, IL (AA) 3RD  
ANNUAL WINDY CITY SPEED  
BASH. Site: Aurora Municipal  
Airport. William Hughes CD  
PH: 630/736-6036 Email:  
williamhughes4@att.net.  
Sanction #17/628. Events; 301-  
308, 310 (JSO). Nass Perk  
OTS, Nass C Speed and St  
Louis Fox 35 speed. No jet  
speed classes. Sponsor: TREE  
TOWN MODELAIRES

September  
IL

9/2/2017 -- Oak Forest, IL (C)  
SAC LABOR DAY FLOAT FLY.  
Site: Midlothian Reservoir  
Fpdcc. Ronald Wegrzyn CD  
PH: 708.478.8858 Email:  
ronwegrzyn@comcast.net.  
Visit: suburbanaeroclub.com.  
Sanction #17/953. Location;  
Twin Lakes 16700 S Cicero  
Ave. Get your airplane,



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**Events:**

helicopter, or boat for a relaxing day of water fun. Open to all current AMA members. \$10 Splash down fee. A rowboat will be available for retrieval. 8am-2pm. Sponsor: SUBURBAN AEROCLUB OF CHICAGO

9/3/2017 -- Palos, IL (C) PALOS GIANT SCALE. Site: Palos Rc Flying Club. Joseph Felonk CD PH: 708-839-1980 Email: skyboss100@att.net. Visit: palosrc.com. Sanction #17/1547. Come join the Palos flying club for a day of laid back fun, giant scale flying. Lunch will be provided for all event helpers and pilots. All participants will be entered into a prize raffle. So come early and stay late. Sponsor: PALOS RC FLYING CLUB

9/3/2017 -- Sugar Grove, IL (AAA) MIDWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS. Site: Aurora Municipal Airport. Patrick King CD PH: 708-921-6322 Email: patdk@aol.com. Sanction #17/651. Events; 509, 521, 526, 529. Sponsor: TREE TOWN MODELAIRES

9/7/2017 - 9/10/2017 -- Litchfield, IL (C) ROUTE 66 JETS. Site: Rt 66 Rc Club. Jerry Crow CD PH: 573/657-7313 Email: jcornking@aol.com. Visit: route66jets.com. Sanction #17/683. 12th Annual event! Turbine, ducted fan, electric

**Events:**

jets welcome. Pilot dinners, t-shirts, prizes, auction, trophies. RV overnight parking on site. Sponsor: ROUTE 66 RC CLUB

9/9/2017 -- Aurora, IL (C) CHITOWN WEST RC HELI FUN FLY. Site: Aurora West Forest Preserve. Jason Flowers CD PH: 630-865-5378 Email: techguy84@gmail.com. Visit: aurorabarnstormers.org. Sanction #17/1341. Keep RC Heli's alive! Come join the barnstormers for a day of helicopter fun. All skill levels welcome. Sponsor: AURORA BARNSTOMERS RC CLUB

9/9/2017 - 9/10/2017 -- Mclean, IL (A) SIRS FIELD OF DREAMS FALL CLASSIC PYLON RACING. Site: Sirs Club Field. Justin Worden CD PH: 309-531-2245 Email: justinworden@gmail.com. Sanction #17/1790. Events; 421, 424, 426 (O). Sponsor: SENTRAL ILLINOIS RADIO SOCIET

9/9/2017 -- Pittsfield, IL (C) 7TH ANNUAL PIKELAND SKY CHIEF FUN FLY. Site: Pittsfield City Lake. Charles Muller CD PH: 217-899-1772 Email: ccmuller@att.net. Sanction #17/1789. Current AMA membership required. Food and drink on site. Sponsor: PIKELAND SKY CHIEFS

**Events:**

9/9/2017 - 9/10/2017 -- Rockford, IL (C) ROCK VALLEY WARBIRDS & CLASSICS. Site: Rock Valley Rc Flyers. Dave Brandt CD PH: 815-520-2817 Email: dabrandt22@hotmail.com. Visit: rockvalleyrcflyers.com. Sanction #17/1260. Location; 3215 Harrison Rd, Rockford IL 61101. \$25 Pilot fee w/ Sat lunch, AMA required, 2 large sunshades and secure enclosed hangar. Primitive camping. Sat event day, Sun rain date. Contact CD by phone. Sponsor: ROCK VALLEY RC FLYERS

9/9/2017 -- St Charles, IL (C) FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT. Site: Fox Valley Aero Club Field. Paul Jacobs CD PH: 630.778.1184 Email: pauljacobs1010@comcast.net. Visit: foxvalleyaero.com. Sanction #17/862. No landing fee, flying 9am-dusk. All types and sizes of RC aircraft. Close up plane viewing and airshow at noon. RC candy drop for the kids. This is our 12th annual event and we are located at 3821 Karl Madsen Dr. 800' Paved runway plus grass. Sponsor: FOX VALLEY AERO CLUB

9/10/2017 -- Sugar Grove, IL (C) THIS IS ONLY A HOBBY 1/2A CONTEST. Site: Aurora Airport. James Renkar CD PH: 630-897-2941



**Events:**

Email: jimmyymb@comcast.net.  
Sanction #17/1021. Contact CD for PDF of rules. Sponsor: TREE TOWN MODELAIRES

9/14/2017 - 9/16/2017 -- Monticello, IL (C) GIANT WARBIRDS AND CLASSICS OVER MONTICELLO. Site: Eli Field. Chris Puckett CD PH: Email: rcavi8ter@aol.com. Visit: elifield.com. Sanction #17/257. 80" Monoplane, 60" Biplane. Paved and grass runways. Model storage and electric on site. Primitive camping, no hook ups. \$30 landing fee. Sponsor: MONTICELLO MODEL MASTERS

9/16/2017 - 9/17/2017 -- Ina, IL (C) WARBIRDS OVER REND LAKE ANNUAL MILITARY FLY IN. Site: Rend Lake College. Philip Bean CD PH: Email: rendlakerclub@yahoo.com. Visit: rendlakerclub.com. Sanction #17/262. Location; Exit 83 on I-57, 1 miles South of exit. This is a two day event, Saturday registration at 10am and is open flying any aircraft. Sunday registration at 8am and pilots meeting at 9am with flying till 4pm, Sunday is Warbird flying only. Awards for Sunday flying only. Rain dates 9/23-9/24/2017. Sponsor: REND LAKE RC CLUB INC

9/16/2017 -- Morrison, IL (C) MMAFRC FLY N SWAP. Site: Rockwood State Park. James Lench CD PH: 815.622.3630 Email: lench@frontier.com

**Events:**

Visit: mmafrc.org. Sanction #17/1099. Need some cash for the winters project? Come join us for our 15th Annual fly in and Swap meet. Open flying and selling all day. Food available on site. Registration at 9am, \$10 landing/selling fee. Rain date 9/17. Sponsor: MORRISON MODEL AIRCRAFT FLYERS

9/16/2017 -- Sugar Grove, IL (C) 7TH LOLLAPALOOZA C/L FUN FLY. Site: Aurora Municipal Airport. Frederick Krueger CD PH: 630.897.2941 Email: fpkpampa9@att.net. Sanction #17/1203. Join us for another fun filled day of Control Line (CL) aircraft. Sponsor: TREE TOWN MODELAIRES

9/17/2017 -- Pekin, IL (C) BIG BIRD FLY IN. Site: Dirkson Park. Wayne Hood CD PH: 309-347-1166 Email: whbhhood@gmail.com. Sanction #17/1453. Flying 9am-? Lunch meal available. \$10 landing fee. Registration at 8am. Sponsor: PEKIN RC CLUB INC

**Hats:**

We are producing another run of club hats. They are selling fast, so if you have a color you want to reserve, let us know. treasurer.secretary@checkerboardrc.club



**Flying Field Parking:**



The Club is still working with the Forest Preserves of Cook County to remedy the limited parking issue. As a reminder and refresher to all, the designated parking lot is at the west end of the field. The loading zone at the centerline is in fact just that, a loading and unloading zone. It is clearly marked / signed accordingly. There is "No Parking" allowed at the centerline. Even if you are the sole flyer, you are not to park in this area. When the parking lot is full, we have been allowed to park along the path to the centerline. When we are allowed to park along the path, be sure to leave two wheels on the path and allow for cars to pass on the path. Do not park in this area when it is wet from rain. Parking when wet will create ruts and the potential for your vehicle to slide off into the adjacent ravine. Also, there is no parking beyond the path in the spectator area or on the grass. Please be respectful to the rules and to your fellow club members. If you see someone parking in the "NO PARKING" areas, be respectful and educate them on the approved parking locations. Your assistance on this matter is appreciated.



## Checkerboard RC Club

### 2017 Calendar and Events:

January 19	Club Mtg. 7:00pm
February 16	Club Mtg. 7:00pm
March 16	Club Mtg. 7:00pm
April 20	Club Mtg. 7:00pm
May 18	Club Mtg. 7:00pm
<b>May TBD</b>	<b>Fun Fly: ROOPS</b>
June 15	Club Mtg. 7:00pm
<b>June TBD</b>	<b>Fun Fly: Bomb Drop</b>
<b>July 8</b>	<b>New Field Grand Opening Ceremony</b>
July 20	Club Mtg. 7:00pm
<b>July TBD</b>	<b>Fun Fly: Carrier Landing</b>
<b>August 12</b>	<b>Model Aviation Day</b>
August 17	Club Mtg. 7:00pm
<b>August TBD</b>	<b>Fun Fly: Limbo</b>
September 21	Club Mtg. 7:00pm
<b>September 24</b>	<b>Picnic 12:00pm</b>
October 19	Club Mtg. 7:00pm
November 16	Club Mtg. 7:00pm
<b>November 19</b>	<b>Chili Fly 12:00pm</b>
December 21	Mtg @ Mothers day

## Checkerboard RC Club

### 45th Anniversary Gift:

Have you recieved your 45th Club anniversary gift? The identification clip-on reel are free and are available at all club meetigns and club functions. See John Ricchio at the next meeting or event. One per member. There are some available for sale. Cost, \$5.00



### Visit & Contact us at:

#### Website:

www.checkerboardrc.club

#### Facebook:

www.facebook.com/checkerboardrc

#### General Email:

info@checkerboardrc.club

#### Newsletter Email:

newsletter@checkerboardrc.club

## Fly Market

### John Ricchio planes for sale:

CMP P-51D Mustsng 50

52" wingspan

Fiberglass fuselage,

balsa wing.

\$130

Contact John at: (708)829-4388

herkybird@aol.com



### Bill Harlander Garage Sale:

Bill is having another day of sale on Saturday August 19th from 10:00AM to 3:00PM

Planes, engine, radios and building materials

Address: 9108 26th Place  
Brookfield, IL 60513

### Ed Papartis planes for sale:

Carl Golberg Wild Stick

120 size ARF

Specs are:

Wing Span 71"

Fuselage length 44"

Wing Area 1315sq in

Weight 9-9.5lbs

Engine .91-1.60 2 stroke

.91-1.80 4 stroke

Radio 4 channel min

8 servos

\$500

Contact Ed at: (708)203-1419

redfrogfish66@yahoo.com



CHECKERBOARD  
FIELD



R/C CLUB

### Board Members:

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