

The CHECKERBOARD Flyer

Newsletter Editor: Paul Park

March 2018

March Birthdays:

Clifford Kotchka
Ed Pickart
Harry Salako
John Walts
Paul Park
Ricky Tighe
Sebastian Lira
Bill Bitautas

March Meeting:

Our March meeting is March 15 at 7PM and we will be holding the club auction. Bring items and cash. Items to donate and cash to buy stuff!

At the last meeting it was mentioned you can use PayPal to pay for auction winnings, so that is now an option - no checks or money orders.

John Eggum will take his role as auctioneer. Even if you don't bid on anything, John always guarantees us a good time.

Parking at the field:

There is to be no parking on the grass or the road leading up to the drop off area. Also do not leave your car at the drop off area. The Forest Preserve

is ticketing for both of these offenses. Drop off your things and go park in the parking lot and walk back up to the flying field.

Also pay your dues if you haven't already!

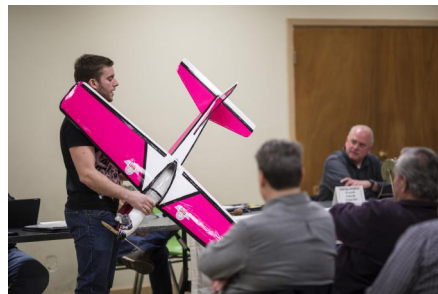
SHOW and TELL

First show and tell was David with his 2nd build which is a Kavalier. Took him 2 months to finish and he had some issues with the 1st build (A Cougar?) and dead sticks because of the fuel tank and CG. Club members offered up some sage advice.

He learned a lot from the first build and his 2nd was square and he enjoyed building it as much as flying it.

Alex brought in a couple planes. One of them from Phil's garage. He calls it a slow poke but it kind of looks like an electric Lazy Bee. It is elevator/rudder only and he said it was like flying a teeter totter in the air. It ended up being tail heavy and adding some nose weight helped calm it down. You know what they say.. nose heavy flies bad, tail heavy flies once! Alex calls it his "old man plane" :O !!

He also went to hobbytown to get an engine for a Mustang but happened to see a biplane hanging from the ceiling. He was able to walk out of the store with it for \$40. It was unfinished and needs rebuilding. With an OS 0.46 it should be good to go.





Show and Tell Cont'd



Spektrum ix12.

I went out and actually got one of these. You can import models from any gen2 spektrum radio (dx9, dx8 g2, etc). So far it's been great. I did have 2 issues that seemed major at the time they happened. 1st was a looping boot issue. Removing the battery and restarting did the trick but took about 15 minute to boot up. 2nd was where airware - which is an app that auto starts when android starts, and which controls your models - did not start. I had to uninstall and re-install it via the Android Play Store. Not a huge deal but I did have to re-bind all my models. Only about 7 quads. If that had happened after I had 100 models bound I would not have been happy.

And even though that 2nd issue happened while I was about to race some quads, I was still able to fly those aircraft because the radio was still functional. So as Horizon promised, even if the app/android crashes you will still have control of your aircraft - albeit the last one you had selected. Luckily I bind all my quads to a single model - something you can do when only using satellite receivers.

If you're on the fence I'd say consider the cost of a dx9 black vs the ix12. For about \$150 extra you are getting a smart phone processor, some memory, an Android OS, much more customization, and hopefully it is very future proof since any changes should not require hardware updates, only firmware/software.





Events:

3/31/2018 -- Wheaton, IL (E)
SWAP TIL YOU DROP. Site:
DuPage County Fairgrounds.
Hector Rivera CD PH:
630.439.6016 Email:
hector.r.rivera@comcast.net.
Visit:
suburbanrcbarnstormers.com/.
Set-up and check in 7:15 am,
Open 8 am to Noon. Pre-
registered tables \$20, or \$18
per table for 3 or more, \$25 at
the door, one admission with
each table. Admission \$5,
children under 12 are free. Mail
reservations to "Table
Reservations" 158 Raven Ln.,
Bloomington, IL 60108-1428
Sponsor: SUBURBAN RC
BARNSTORMERS INC

4/22/2018 -- Columbia, IL (E)
SWAP MEET. Site: 211 E
Cherry St. Cameron Cook CD
PH: 618-281-7243 Email:
triplesea@gmail.com. Visit:
columbia-rc.net. Location;
Turner Hall. Admission \$5,
tables \$10. Open 8am. No
reserved tables, first come-first
served. Call Cameron or Jeff
(314-814-7818) for driving
directions. Sponsor:
COLUMBIA R/C FLYING CLUB
INC

FLYING Events:

4/7/2018 - 4/8/2018 --
Rockford, IL (C) WW I
ELECTRIC WAR BIRD FUN
FLY. Site: Midway Village
Museum. Orv Steinmetz CD
PH: 815.708-8042 Email:
skyhawker6@gmail.com. Visit:
rockvalleyrcflyers.com.
Sanction #18/594. WW I
Electric War Bird Fun Fly. To
schedule flying, contact CD
Sponsor: ROCK VALLEY RC
FLYERS

5/26/2018 -- Oak Forest, IL (C)
SAC MEMORIAL DAY FLOAT
FLY. Site: Midlothian Reservoir
FPDCC. Ronald Wegrzyn CD
PH: 708.478.8858 Email:
ronwegrzyn@comcast.net.
Visit: suburbanaeroclub.com.
Sanction #18/582. Location;
Twin Lakes, 16700 S Cicero
Ave. Get your sailplane,
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

5/27/2018 -- Pontoon Beach,
IL (C-Restricted) 6TH ANNUAL
WARBIRD & CLASSICS. Site:
Club Field. Ryan Mowery CD
PH: 618.451.0541 Email:
rccardriver2@gmail.com. Visit:
midwestairwingrc.com/.
Sanction #18/748. Registration
starts at 9am. Flying 10am-
5pm. AMA Membership
Required. Primitive R/V
parking. Hotel/Lodging close
by. Sponsor: MIDWEST AIR
WING R/C CLUB



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2018 Calendar and Events:

January 18	Club Mtg. 7:00pm
February 15	Club Mtg. 7:00pm
March 15	Club Mtg. 7:00pm
April 19	Club Mtg. 7:00pm
May 17	Club Mtg. 7:00pm
May TBD	Fun Fly: TBD
June 21	Club Mtg. 7:00pm
June TBD	Fun Fly: TBD
July 19	Club Mtg. 7:00pm
July TBD	Fun Fly: TBD
August 16	Club Mtg. 7:00pm
August TBD	Fun Fly: TBD
September 20	Club Mtg. 7:00pm
September 23	Picnic 12:00pm
October 18	Club Mtg. 7:00pm
November 15	Club Mtg. 7:00pm
November 18	Chili Fly 12:00pm
December 20	Mtg @ Mothers day

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45th Anniversary Gift:

Have you received your 45th Club anniversary gift? The identification clip-on reel are free and are available at all club meetings and club functions. See John Ricchio at the next meeting or event. One per member. There are some available



Visit & Contact us at:

Official Club 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: Bill Harlander for sale:

- DYNAM BF-109 ARF \$100
 - General Hobby AT-6 Aeroshell ARF\$150
 - Power Line Hobby Fokker Dr.1 ARF \$180
 - Fly Zone Micro Fokker Dr.1 Needs Transmitter \$50
 - Phoenix T6-A Texan ARF \$170
 - Sig Kougur "Flying" \$175
 - Kyosho Spitfire 50 "Flying" \$175
- Contact John at: (708)829-4388
herkybird@aol.com

- Top Flight 60" P51
- Carl Goldberg 69" Sr Falcon
- Balsa Products 85" Eindecker
- f-25 Ranger Fairchild
- Wig Mfg 80 and 1/2 HP 200
- Mr G's g-11 84" wing span 14lb (for Quadro 35)

\$75 EACH

708 485 6069

Hats & Shirts:

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

Shirts, we have a few left.

Contact:

treasurer.secretary@checkerboardrc.club



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, Dave Kucan	safety.coordinator@checkerboardrc.club

Mailing Address:

CHECKERBOARD RADIO CONTROL CLUB INC.
P.O. BOX 391
Forest Park, IL 60130

Meeting Location:

FOREST PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
7640 JACKSON BLVD.
FOREST PARK, IL 60130

*Meetings are the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm

Flying Field Location:

MILLER MEADOWS
2175 S 1ST AVE
FOREST PARK, IL 60130

*Access at "1st Ave cut off Road" South side of Miller Meadow