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Coming in October and November

October 9th, Club Meeting / Officer Nominations, 7:00pm, Bloomingdale Library

October 15th, Rescheduled Sept 10th Fun Fly, Pratt Wayne's Woods, 9am trim, 10am flights

October 23rd, Board of Directors, 7:00pm, Bloomingdale Library

November 13th, Club Meeting / Election, 7:00pm, Bloomingdale Library

November 16th, Dome Fun-Fly, White Pines Golf Dome, Bensenville

November 27th, Board of Directors, 7:00pm, Bloomingdale Library

Rollover Update

By Bob Elsner

Don't miss the October meeting. The Spektrum radio system will go to a lucky winner. Numbers will be drawn until we have a winner! Fly glitch-free without having to worry about who's on what channel. Fly anytime you want with this 2.4GHz system.

The final rollover for the year will be at the November meeting. The prize will be an E-Flight Blade CX electric helicopter. This is a complete and ready to fly indoor helicopter. Just insert the eight AA batteries in the transmitter and charge the Li-poly battery for the helicopter and you're

ready to fly and the perfect place to have fun with it is at the dome!



Inter-club Fun Fly Results

By Dave West

It's often said that the next best thing to playing and winning, is playing and losing – at least you get to play. Such was the case at our annual fun fly with the Propmasters club. Although we didn't win, we did come in a strong second.

Despite an "iffy" forecast, the weather turned out to be quite nice. The Propmasters came in force with ten pilots and several spectators. The Barnstormers had 12 pilots and enough additional

members to bring the total head count to about 40. An excellent turn out!



The event involved driving through a series of cones on the ground, taking off, dropping a “bomb” (washer) as close as possible to a target, landing, and passing through a finish line marked with cones – all within 5 minutes. The bomb distance was the determining factor with excess time or taxi mishaps adding penalty feet to the distance. The top five distances for each club were added for the final club score. We had a combined distance of 119 feet. The Propmasters had 97 feet. They will add a panel to the winner’s plaque and hold on to it for another year. (By the way,

they did an excellent job of updating and enlarging the plaque. This perennial award will last for many years to come.) We’ll have to win it back next year.



Our top five finishers were Steve Dietrich (10’4.5”), Jeff Peca (16’10”), Scott Stampfli (19’6.5”), John Howe (22’5”), and Jim Paroline (50’). Special thanks to Larry Dudkowski of the Propmasters for defining the event, Jim Scahill for cooking the weenies, and Ron Hilger for bringing watermelon. When playing is this much fun, maybe there are no losers after all.

October Fun Fly

By Dave West

Since our regular September fun fly was rained out, we have added an October event to the calendar. It is Sunday, October 15th at Pratt’s Wayne. As usual, the event starts at 10:00 am. Be there early to get in a trim flight.

The event will be the classic “Wiffle Ball Touch & Go”. A plastic ball will be tied to a 30 foot string and attached to your plane. The object is to make a low pass and have the ball touch down within an area marked on the field, without letting the plane touch the ground. Each pilot will make several

passes with points awarded for the ball touching within the box, anywhere on the field, and a spot landing. Complete details, as well as the balls and string, will be provided at the 10 am pilots meeting.

This is the last of the outdoor fun-flies for the year (in November we switch over to indoor events at the dome). Be sure to come out and enjoy the green grass, blue skies, and your fellow Barnstormers before the cold weather settles in. Food, soda, and door prizes will be provided.

Notes of the Barnstormers Meeting

September 11, 2006

ATTENDANCE

There were 39 members present along with one visitor. Visitor Daniel said he dabbled with RC when he was younger but was now interested in getting back into it.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Jim Scahill reminded everyone of the upcoming elections. Officer nominations would be held at the October meeting with elections in November.

Vice President: Orvil Fluharty said the Spektrum radio was still available in the rollover. The door prizes were a battery back donated by John Kubitz (Aero Flying Products) and two SPADfest hats.

Treasurer: Bob Elsner reported there was \$6826 in the treasury. Bob said two Spektrum radios have been purchased. One for the last rollover and one for the next. Also, Certificates of Insurance have been purchased for the dome. Bob said the Hobby Expo would be held on October 22nd.

Secretary: Scott Taylor filled in for Ruth Egging in her absence.

COMMITTEES

Fun-Fly: Dave West talked about the recent fun flys. Unfortunately, the September 10th event was rained out. This was going to be a bomb drop practice for the inter club Fun Fly. But for the August 20th Fun Fly, the weather was great, and the turn-out was great. Although there were only about 12 pilots, there were almost 30 members that came out to help, watch, and enjoy the food for this event. This was a timed climb and glide. The last 15 seconds was with engine off. Scott Stampfli scored 105 points out of 110, Jeff Peca 104, and Mert and Jim tied. The most improved award went to Tom Lyons who went from 3 points in the first round to

86 points in the second round! Thanks to Bob and Mert for timing!

The plan is to reschedule the September fun fly for October 15th. More at the next meeting.

The next event will be the Barnstormer/Propmaster inter club fun fly. Mechanical bomb drops will be allowed but not required. Everyone should come out. Don't worry about pulling down the overall score, since only the 5 highest scores will be used to determine the winner. There will be food served and Jim Scahill volunteered to cook.

Flight Instruction: Jim Scahill thanked Skip Carino for donating a trainer airplane. Jim said the plane flies well and will be available for training. Jim plans to switch the radio to a Futaba to be compatible with the trainer boxes. The other club trainer plane, a Senior Falcon, is available but is a bit fast for first time fliers.

Safety: Tom Lyons reported that a plane recently crashed at the field because a battery pack became unplugged resulting in loss of control. The moral of the story was, check your planes carefully before each flight.

OLD BUSINESS

Willie gets his plaque! Scott Taylor presented **Willie Janisch** with the plaque he won in the April static contest.

We are still trying to get the plane workstation out to the field. Jim's van was up but is now back down. All that is needed is to get it to the field. Any volunteers?

Jim Scahill discussed the vandalism of the picnic tables at the field. Someone drilled holes in the tables (presumably for putting umbrellas in). We don't know who did this, but members are reminded that Forest

Preserve property must be treated with respect. Damage to FP property means damage to our relationship with the Forest Preserve and this risks our flying field.

NEW BUSINESS

The dome-flying season will begin soon.

Mert Mischnick had flyers announcing the opening of the dome and was looking for volunteers to help distribute them.

Thursday night is Barnstormer night and is free to members. Regular fee is \$10.

Flying begins Thursday November 2 for SRCB members and Friday November 3rd for everyone else. Saturday is free pizza night. Spectators are always free! We will be having dome fun flys each month on the Thursday following the regular SRCB membership meeting. You can also get a season pass for \$175. There are 72 nights you can fly, so if you fly often, you can work the numbers and realize the savings!

The first "All Night" dome fly will be held on December 2nd. On that night, don't bring your best. Mid-air and mid-grounds do happen!

ENTERTAINMENT

Mert Mischnick gave a short talk on a new device for finding a lost airplane. Mert said he has one of Dave West's "How High" devices, but he went TOO high! He lost sight of his plane and it disappeared. Communication Specialties makes some

small transmitters and a receiver that can be used to find a plane at a distance of up to a mile. The transmitters weight 9 grams, are about the size of a quarter, and will transmit for up to 6 weeks. These operate on 219 mhz and cost about \$50 each. The receiver costs about \$250 and comes with a directional antenna

PLANES

Carl Barshop showed his new Extreme Flight Extra. He says it is well built ARF. It is powered by a 3 cell Li-Po 2200ma battery and weights less than 2 pounds. Early models had a problem with weak elevators but they have since corrected the problem. Carl is flying his with an 11.5 x 5 prop.

Dan Naumowicz (True RC) showed off an electric conversion of a plane he picked up at a swap shop for \$5. This plane has an 85" wingspan and weights about 4 pounds. He is powering his plane with a 28420 brushless motor running a 4 cell Li-Po pack and controlled with a Spektrum radio. Dan has named his plane, "Was a Gasser!"

PRIZES

Turkey: David Klassman **Door Prizes:** Hats Mike Majeiwski and Jeff Mrachedk, Battery pack – Ray Rohde. **Rollover:** The rollover prize of a Spektrum radio was not won.

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