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Coming in October and November

October 8th, Club Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm
October 22nd, Board Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

November, 8th, Dome Grand Opening, White Pines Golf Dome, 11:00pm
November 12th, Club Meeting/Election, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm
November 15th, Dome Fun Fly, White Pines Golf Dome, 11:00pm
November 26th, Board Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

October Meetings Return to the Library

We have been informed the remodeling of the conference rooms was nearly complete and

that our meetings would resume in October at the Bloomingdale Public Library.

Dome Flying Season Opens Soon

By Scott Taylor

What do golf balls and small electric model airplanes have in common during the winter months? Why, they both fly through the air in a giant inflatable dome. November marks the official opening of the winter electric flying season at the White Pines Golf Course golf dome. Setup of the dome will begin in late October and should be completed by the first week in November.

Thursday November 8th is opening night and is for the Barnstormers, only. The flying fee for pilots will remain the same as last year at \$10. However, during the opening week, admission will be FREE! That means Thursday, Friday, and Saturday! But wait, there's more! On Thursday pizza will be served!

The dome will be open starting in November and remain open through the end of April 2008. The regular schedule for the dome will be; Barnstormers only on Thursday nights, and open flying both Friday and Saturday night.

The flying times are from 11:00pm until 1:00am and the pilot fee is \$10. Spectators are always welcome and free!

We have had great success with our Dome e-Niter events during the past couple of seasons and we will continue the tradition this year with an event scheduled for December 8th. The Dome e-Niter will run from 11:00pm Saturday through 5:00am Sunday. Pilot fees for the event will be \$15, and spectators will be charged \$5. But that includes free coffee, soda, and food during the event. Vendors will be on hand to display and sell their products, and special demonstrations and events will be held throughout the evening.

Barnstormers who help at the e-Niter event can fly for free. So, if you are interested in helping or just have questions about the event, please contact [Mert Mischnick](#), [Jeff Peca](#), or [Scott Hurley](#).

Suburban RC Barnstormers Membership Meeting Notes

September 10, 2007

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ATTENDANCE

Our meeting was held at Pratt's Wayne Wood Forest Preserve (flying field) due to the renovations at the library. It was a cool and rainy night, but we managed to attract 23 of our regular members and one spouse (Barb Cacciatore).

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Mert Mischnick presided over the proceedings of the meeting. Mert mentioned that His & Hers Hobbies had closed. We will be removing them from our newsletter.

Vice President: Steve Dietrich said the door prize for the evening was a Hobbico Quick Field Charger, a \$50 value!

Treasurer: Bob Elsner was absent.

Secretary: Scott Taylor showed the members his black fleece lined jacket with logo. This was another example of clothing that could be purchased. Mert has a catalog with hundreds of items.

COMMITTEES

Fun Fly – Scott Hurley briefly reported the results of the September 9th fun fly. This event was a wiffle ball touch and go combined with a carrier landing. The winner was...Jeff Peca! Scott extended his gratitude to Tom Shue and Jim Scahill for the lunch they prepared for the 32 members that were present. The fun fly turnouts have been great and we would love to see that continue.

Barstormer/Propmaster Interclub Fun Fly – Scott Hurley discussed the upcoming interclub fun fly. He said we are usually greatly outnumbered, so please plan to participate. The event would be a wiffle ball touch and go with a spot landing. The top

scoring 3 or 4 pilots from each club during the preliminary flights would then have a fly-off for the final scores. Pilots would need to stay at the flight line while flying. The Springbrook field opens at 9:00am and first competitive flights would begin at 10:00am. Lunch will be served courtesy of the Propmaster and Jeff Peca added that the Barnstormer pilots traditionally meet at the McDonalds near the field for breakfast around 8:00am.

Safety – Jeff Peca reminded members that they shouldn't be afraid to let pilots at the field know if they are not flying by the rules posted at the field. The rules are designed to help keep other pilots and spectator safe and should not be taken lightly. However, we often have new pilots at our field, so remember they may be unfamiliar with the rules and should be informed in a friendly manner.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Barstormer Logo Stickers – Mert said the new batch of Barnstormer labels had arrived. Now they are actually yellow, and look great. Members were invited to take some home.

Dome Flying Season – Mert reported that the dome would be set up early this year and the indoor flying season would definitely start on time. The opening will be the first week of November. Admission during the first week would be free. So, the "Barnstormers only" night, Thursday November 1st would be free and include pizza. The general admission nights, Friday and Saturday November 2nd and 3rd would also be free. Regular admission will remain \$10 and a season pass will be available again.

Mert also mentioned that if you come early to "hit a few balls" at the dome, you will get a \$2 discount on your flying fee for the evening.

RC Modeling Documentary – Film Maker Thomas Roberts briefly addressed the

members with his interest in producing a short film on RC Modeling. To do this, he would like to interview and film members of our club over the next couple of months to collect enough material for his film. Thomas felt this was an interesting topic that viewers would be interested in.

“Day at the Slope” – Scott Hurley

suggested organizing a day of slope flying at the Green Valley site before it closes in October. More to come?

PLANES AND HINTS

Mike Bargman showed the club his new 42% Dalton Extra 260. The plane was powered by a DA-150 engine and equipped with Hitec servos and JR radio. The weight of the plane is 38-1/2 pounds and burns about 50 ounces

of fuel in 12 minutes. Mike said he would be flying his plane at the Tucson Shootout October 2nd through the 13th. You can read more about the event at <http://www.flyinggiants.com/>.

Mert Mischnick shared a few building hints with the members. These will be published in the newsletter.

PRIZES

Mike Bargman was the winner of a Thanksgiving turkey. **John Krygier** took home the Hobbico Charger door prize. There was no rollover raffle due to the Forest Preserve rules about exchanging money.

Building Tips

By Mert Mischnick

1. Have you ever worked with carbon fiber? It's great and incredibly strong stuff. But like fiberglass, the fibers can get stuck in your skin. You should protect your hands and skin by wearing gloves when possible, but if you do get a fiber imbedded in your skin, here's what you can do. Put a couple of drops of vinegar on the spot with the fiber. In a few days, your body will react by attacking the fiber and pushing it out. Without the vinegar, the fiber is too inert to cause your body to react.
2. If you want your Lithium Polymer batteries to last longer, break them in! How do you do that, you ask? Just make sure you do not fully charge or fully drain your packs for the first few flights.
3. Ever go to use that open bottle of CA and found the tip was plugged? Once that happens it's tough to open up. As they say, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure! You can prevent the tips from getting clogged by making sure they are clear after you have finished your gluing work. Start by holding the bottle upright and tapping on the tip to get most of the glue back into the bottle. Then, with a rag or paper towel over the tip, squeeze the bottle. The air will force the remaining drops out. Wipe the tip clean, replace the cap, and you will be all set for next time.

Barstomer/Propmaster Fun Fly

At the time of this printing, I didn't have any details or photos from the interclub fun fly, but the one piece of information I did have was, we lost. :-(

You're Addicted to RC, When...

1. You read nothing but transmitter and model manuals in the bathroom.
2. You have converted a mobile home to have room for all your airplanes with just space enough to sleep.
3. Your RC insurance costs more than your car's.
4. You have something RC within a radius of 5 feet from you at all times.
5. You've heard, "Hey that looks just like the airplane I tossed in the bin after crashing last week," more than once at your flight field.
6. A full-scale airplane passes overhead and you move your thumbs to match its movements.
7. If you plan to go outside for any reason and it's windy, you go back inside again and find out when it's due to be calm next.
8. When the power steering goes, you tell the people at the garage to change the servo.
9. If you worked feverishly in all your free time, it would take three years to clear up your backlog of kits.
10. You host a fun-fly when it's so cold that one of the events is starting your engine.
11. You accept a crash as an opportunity to start a great new kit.
12. Every time you pass a garage sale, you look for wings.
13. If you spend more money at the local hobby shop in one hour than you make in a month.
14. You keep your old van just to transport airplanes in.
15. When you go to Home Depot and the PVC pipe and fittings section gives you ideas for new wing racks instead of plumbing projects.
16. The smooth tarmac bike trail at your local park has funny airport markings sprayed on it.
17. Your car has a ski box on its roof, yet you never go skiing.
18. You have a "special room" for your airplanes.
19. You have a gallon drum of adhesive in your shed.
20. You have at least three different heating irons.
21. Your neck shows a white strip that is the same width as your transmitter strap.

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