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## **Coming in October and November**

Oct 12<sup>th</sup>, Interclub Fun Fly, Pratt's Wayne Woods, trim flights 9:00am, starts 10:00pm

Oct 13<sup>th</sup>, Member Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

Oct 27<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, Dome Opens for SRCB Members. White Pines Golf Course, Bensenville.

Nov 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>, Official Dome opening to public. White Pines Golf Course, Bensenville.

Nov 10<sup>th</sup>, Member Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

Nov 13<sup>th</sup>, Dome Fun Fly. White Pines Golf Course, Bensenville.

Nov 24<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

## **October 12th Prop Master/Barnstormer Interclub Fun Fly**

*By Scott Taylor*

One more time, for those that may have missed them, are the rules for the SRCB/PropMaster interclub fun fly. "Didn't we do that in September", you say? Unfortunately, the rains came and didn't stop! The field was flooded on the original September 14<sup>th</sup> date and the event had to be cancelled. After consulting with the PropMaster and with our membership, a new date was set for this year. That new date is **Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**. There is still time to practice!!

**Here's how it works.** The object of this event is to fly for exactly three minutes and perform a "Dead-Stick" spot landing. Each pilot starts out with 100 scoring points. Scoring points are deducted from this "perfect score" depending on the pilot's performance during the event. The judges will start the clock when the main gear leaves the ground on takeoff. When the pilot has determined that the three-minute time period has elapsed, he will shout "TIME or THREE MINUTES". At this point the judge's clock is stopped and pilot's time is recorded. When the

pilot shouts "TIME", he also must, in the case of 'wet' engines throttle back to idle; in the case of electrics he must stop his motor. The pilot then begins his spot landing approach. If at anytime after shouting "TIME" the pilot changes his throttle setting or restarts his motor, he is disqualified.

**Here are the rules.** One scoring point is deducted for every 5-seconds above or below the three minute time limit. Example less than five seconds no deduction, less than ten seconds one point, less than fifteen seconds two point deduction, etc. One scoring point is deducted for every whole foot the pilot lands away from the center spot. Landings will be scored by first touch of the main gear. Example, less than one foot, no points are deducted, less than two feet one point is deducted. Less than three feet results in a two-point deduction

Best five scores from each club will be totaled; highest team score is the winner.

# **Notes of the Suburban RC Barnstormers Membership Meeting**

September 8, 2008

## **ATTENDANCE**

There were 41 members present. Several people stopped in to see what our club was about. **Dick and Patricia Johnson** stopped by, as did **Mike Melon**. The Johnson's used to run boats but are now flying planes. Mike is a neighbor of Jeff Peca and has been racing cars but is expanding his hobby with planes.

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

**President: Mert Mischnick** presided over the meeting.

**Vice President: Steve Dietrich** said the door prize for the evening was a beautiful SRCB cap. The rollover prize was an electric twin fan F-15 from Hobby Town.

**Treasurer: Bob Elsner** reported the club balance.

**Secretary: Scott Taylor** said our District VI Vice President, **Charlie Bauer**, sent us a letter of endorsement for the upcoming AMA Executive Vice President election. Mr. Bauer said both candidates are qualified, but he "strongly feels" the better candidate is **Horace Cain**. This endorsement is a useful piece of information to consider as you are reviewing candidate backgrounds and making your decision.

## **COMMITTEES**

**Fun Fly – Scott Hurley** reported on the August 17<sup>th</sup> Fun Fly. There were about 30 members in attendance. This event was a practice for the Interclub fly against the Prop Masters. The event to be flown is a 3 minute timed flight with a dead stick spot landing.

Because we hadn't set a date for a 5<sup>th</sup> club fun fly this year, Scott asked if there was interest in having one more club fun fly. A motion was made to have a fun fly on September 21<sup>st</sup>. The motion was seconded and passed. Bob said he would get the permit!

**Mert** said there was some scoring controversy for the interclub fun fly over the points to be awarded for an engine running touch down. Because some pilots may prefer to stop their engines completely and others may have trouble keeping their idling engines running from altitude to touchdown, the engine-stopped penalty has been eliminated. Don't forget to practice!! The Interclub Fun Fly has been rescheduled for Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Safety – Tom Lyons** talked about taxiing aircraft from the "pit" area to the flight line. He said he continues to see aircraft taxi from the pits to flight line or vice versa, unrestrained. Many things can make this a dangerous practice; a radio or battery failure, accidental bump of the throttle or flight controls, or a distraction, can allow a model to hit a pilot or spectator. Tom said our safety guidelines require that aircraft be carried or hand-pushed through the buffer zone between the pits and flight line. Please observe this safety guideline.

Other reminders were, don't forget to impound your radio and use frequency pins with your name and AMA number on them, and to observe the flight stations set up on the field. If not already setup and when more than one pilot is flying, flight stations can set up using the safety cones in the flight stand.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Dome Opening – Mert** said the official opening of the Dome would be Friday and Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> and everyone flies for FREE. But being Barnstormer members, you get an even better deal! On Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, you and only you can fly FREE at the dome. Don't miss it!

Pricing has been changed a bit this year. Instead of \$10 per night the fee has been raised to \$15 per night. But if you purchase a "Dome Club" pass for a one-time fee of \$10,

then you only pay \$10 per night. Also, the "Season Pass" is still being offered for the same price, \$175. Clearly the best deal for the frequent flyer.

**Club Swap** – Next meeting will be a swap for members only. Bring your cash and bring the items you are willing to part with! Also at the swap, will be many items donated by Skip Carrino. Don't miss it!!

**Club Tee Shirts – Dave West** showed off the new club tee shirt. Dave had gotten input from members at meetings and fun flies and came up with a great design in the color of gray. Dave had ordered 100 tee shirts and the pricing and funding was still a question. If the price were set at \$6 per shirt (a great bargain), an additional \$21.60 would be needed to recover the cost of the shirts, to come from the club funds. A motion was made to set the cost at \$6 and for the club to cover the shortfall of \$21.60. The motion was seconded and passed by the members.

**Hints and Tips – Steve Dietrich** had some tips for finding a plane lost in the weeds.

Carefully observe landmarks that will create a "line" on which your plane would lay. Follow this line to find your plane. It is also helpful to have another pilot remain on the flight line that can direct you left or right to keep you on this line. Of course, another option is to get yourself an "RC Reporter"!

Mert provided some advice on fishing long servo wires through wings and small spaces. Use some dental floss or fishing line tied around the connector, but the secret is to wrap some masking tape around the end in a tapered fashion to prevent the connector from hanging up on the edges of the ribs and such.

### **PLANES**

**Scott Barrie** showed off several different sized MS Composite kits to the members. One was a flying wing, which sells for \$85.

### **PRIZES**

**Arthur Wojda** was the winner of the Thanksgiving Turkey. **Tom McAvoy** won the door prize, the SRCB Cap. The rollover prize was taken home by **Hector Rivera**.

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## **September 21<sup>st</sup> Fun Fly Report**

*By Scott Taylor*

For our last fun fly of the year, we decided to try something different. This was what we would call a "non-competitive" event. No rules, no judges, no timers, and no spot landings, just flying for fun!

The weather was great and we had the best turnout of the year, despite being a last

minute event. About 35 members showed up for the fun. Open flying was event for the day. Then around Noon, the sliced roast beef sandwiches were served and the prizes distributed.

Once again, a great event with great participation!

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## **NEXT MEETING – Club Holds Member Swap at Library!**

At our next club meeting, we are going to try something new, a member Swap! Anyone who is looking to buy or looking to sell RC model related items must make it to this meeting! For the "old timers", this will be a chance to clean out your basement. For the newer members of the club, this may just be a great chance to get a deal on something you need or a model that is finished, tried, and true.

So don't forget to make a stop at the ATM before you arrive or bring something for trade. This should be a great meeting!

# September 28<sup>th</sup> Giant Scale Report

By Glenn LaRocco

## GIANT SCALE LIVES!!

For those of you that missed our Giant Scale event on the 28th, what can I say; you missed an awesome turn out. We ended up with 34 pilots and a whole mess of airplanes from Warbirds to aerobatics. And to top it off, Rocco Vino's Pizza for lunch at the end of the day.

There were no accidents or crashes...Outstanding!! This is one of the best events we had in a long time. Someone even reported a Jerry Polz sighting!

Next year the date will be set around the same time so get those giant scale planes

ready. It's easy to get into it because most manufactures now make ARF's, which is an easy way to get Giant Scale. And by going to gas, you will probably not want to go back to glow, so give it a try!

Special thanks to Dennis LaRocco for getting the pizza delivered on time!

Jean Summerville for her professional photography, which hopefully we can get into the newsletter and on the web site. Also, Scott Hurley for his photography.

See you there next year!!!

**BIG IS BETTER !!!!**



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