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Coming in March and April

March 6th, Dome E-Nighter, White Pines Golf Dome, 11:00pm - 5:00am

March 8th, Membership Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

March 11th, Dome Fun Fly, White Pines Golf Dome, 11:00pm

March 22nd, Board Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

April 3rd, Swap Shop, Dupage County Fairgrounds, 8am – 12pm

April 19th, Membership Mtg – STATIC CONTEST (**Note date change**) Bloomingdale Library, 7:00pm

April 15th, Dome Fun Fly, White Pines Golf Dome, 11:00pm

April 26th, Board Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

Tee Shirts Are Here!

Many of the new members have asked, "Do you have tee shirts and hats?" Well, thanks to the efforts of Glenn LaRocco, we can now say, "The Tee Shirts are Here!" Glenn managed to cut us a great deal on an order of tee shirts sporting our new club logo.

available at our regular membership meetings starting with the March 8th meeting. Shirts will be sold for \$10 each. Show off your club spirit at the field or our next event. Get a tee shirt today!



Front



Back

The shirts are gray and available in a number of sizes. If you have been waiting for a tee shirt or are looking to replace you a well-worn one, now is your chance. The shirts will be

What about the hats, you say? Well, stay tuned, we are looking for a good source for hats. If you've got an idea, let us know!

Notes of the Suburban RC Barnstormers Membership Meeting

February 8, 2010

ATTENDANCE

There were 35 members present for the February meeting. Tom Littlejohn joined us as both a new and returning member.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Mert Mischnick presided over the meeting.

Mert reported on a recently introduced AMA program called "Take-Off And Grow" or TAG. There was some discussion of the format and benefits and the members were asked if they wanted to participate. Because of the number of other activities we currently sponsor, it was decided not to participate at this time.

Vice President: Mike Maciejewski said he had two door prizes. You can choose between some foam safe CA or one of 5 aircraft model plans, for the scratch builders. The rollover raffle is the electric Delta Twin ducted fan.

Treasurer: Bob Elsner reported we have roughly \$4500 after paying the evenings bills.

Secretary: Scott Taylor said there were still some outstanding nametag orders. Tag orders have been slow to fill, but we are looking into some alternative ways to create them.

Scott reminded members that membership cards are included with the newsletter. So, if you are waiting for yours, don't throw the hard copy away!

COMMITTEES

Safety – Tom Lyons thanked members for flying safe, but reminded them to beware of slippery conditions when winter flying.

Mert also reminded members that carbon fiber blades were not allowed on helicopters in the dome. Recently, a helicopter hit the wall of the dome, and had the blade been carbon, it may have cut the material.

Swap Shop – Debbie Howe said that the Fairgrounds had "lost" our contract for the Swap event and rented the buildings to a pet show. There are two other buildings available (Buildings 4 and 5), but neither is big enough for our event, and they are not connected. Debbie will be getting additional details on square footage and table

capacity before the next meeting. If anyone has ideas for other locations, please pass them on to Debbie or John.

Dome – Mert said he was looking for one or more volunteers to take over the coordination at the dome. He said his term would be over come this April!

OTHER BUSINESS

Dome eNiter – Stan Warden said there would be a volunteer meeting at the dome, at 9:00pm on Thursday before the member flying begins. Stan also said that we had a successful information table at the last event. One of the things on the table was old AMA magazines. If you've got old magazines to spare, bring them along to be adopted. For the latest information, visit <http://www.DomeE-Niter.com>

Dome Fun Fly – Ron Hilger said the tables would be turned at the next dome fun fly. All participants would be flying with 25-foot streamers, and this time, Scott Stampfli would be chasing your tails. The longest streamer wins! Once again, free pizza and pop for members.

PLANES

Mike Maciejewski showed the members a SIG Cadet Junior that he had modified. The original was a three-channel trainer, but Mike turned it into a sport flyer by removing the dihedral from the wing and adding ailerons.

Tom Littlejohn had a couple of planes to show the members. First was an eFlite Ultimate 300 that he was ready to test out. The kit comes with a motor combo that is equivalent to about a .10 size engine. The second was a Lazy Bee with a .70 four-stroke engine. It weights in at 6 pounds, 3 ounces, and was yellow and black, of course!

Mike Cannata loves the design of the Bugatti air racer and has built several model versions. He had a 3.5 pound version that uses coaxial counter rotating propellers and retracts, as did the real Bugatti. He also had a smaller foam version for flying in the dome.

Marty Schrader had a couple of versions of his "Smart Dart" that were modified versions of the AMA Delta Dart. He had problems with wings breaking due to stress in the stiff foam version, but

switching to 9mm EP foam gave him a very durable, but slower flying plane.

RAFFLES

Tom Lyons was the lucky winner of this month's turkey. **Keith Egging** took home the CA, and **Jeff Peca** grabbed one of the plans. There was no rollover winner.

Times Up! This May Be Your Last Newsletter!

By Scott Taylor

Has your time run out? Hmm, does your wallet feel a bit lighter? Do you have a membership card that says 2010. If you answered "No", your membership may not be current.

If you have not yet renewed and you receive The Transmitter via mail, this will be your last hard copy. Although we make an effort to continue delivering newsletters via email, you will still be losing out on the other benefits the club has to offer.

As a reminder, you must be a member to participate in our club events. This includes the dome fun flies, the outdoor fun flies, the static competition in April, the interclub fun fly, monthly meeting door prizes, turkey drawing, and Christmas and event raffles. See the great example below.

We guarantee your club membership will give you better returns than the stock market! So don't delay, renew today!

February / March Fun Fly

By Ron Hilger

February – With only twenty-two Barnstormers in attendance there was plenty of food and pop to go around. Twelve pilots were brave enough to attach ribbons and take to the air for the revenge of the mouse challenge. It did not take very long for the aggressive mouse Scott Stampfli to shorten a couple of ribbons but unfortunately one ribbon got tangled around his motor which shortened his flying time to about ten minutes. It was a lot of fun to watch and I will call it a draw. The helicopter hopscotch event was won by Scott Stampfli with a blazing forty second run.

March-For this one you will need a plane with wheels or if you're good enough and brave enough to do loops with a helicopter it may also be used. This will be a timed event to see how quickly you can do the following maneuvers, (1.) Take off (2) three loops (3) touch and go (4) spot landing. If you hit the square on your touch and go and or make the spot landing ten seconds will be deducted for

each from your score. As always free pizza pop and raffle prizes for all that attend.

Gambler Raffle Option - Spectrum transmitter and receiver

Mystery Prizes

- Spectrum receiver
- Three spectrum servos
- Three other hobby related items

General drawing

- Flatana
- RC universe bi plane
- GWS slow stick
- GWS lite stick- donated by Mert
- Delta -donated by Ron
- Two rolls of monocote
- Sealing iron
- Fat corsair
- And lots of other good stuff

Annual Static Aircraft Contest at the April Meeting

By Scott Taylor

We once again continue our long-time April tradition, by holding the Barnstormers Annual Static Aircraft contest.

HOWEVER, PLEASE NOTE OUR APRIL MEETING WILL NOT BE ON THE NORMAL SECOND MONDAY. DUE TO A SCHEDULING CONFLICT WITH THE LIBRARY, OUR APRIL MEETING WILL BE THE THIRD MONDAY IN APRIL, THE 19th!!

If you are new to the hobby and our club, you might just be scratching your head and saying “exactly what is a ‘static aircraft’?” “Will I get a shock if I touch it?” Of course, the answer is “No”, and you won’t get hit by one flying around the room either. That’s because they are just standing still, there for you to admire and get a close look.

We are also going to change how winners are scored and the types of winners. In each of the two categories there will be a Grand Champion winner and 5 Reserve Champion winners and we will not be distinguishing the Reserve Champions from one another. This greatly simplifies scoring which will be based on a simple count of the number of votes. You will vote for six of your favorite planes in each category and the plane with the greatest number of votes is the Grand Champion while the five with the next highest vote count will be Reserve Champions. Certificates will be awarded that evening and winners will have their pictures taken with the planes and receive a framed reminder of their participation.



2009 ARF/RTF Winners



2009 Kit/Scratch Built Winners

I have always enjoyed this event because everyone has their own idea what is fun and great looking in this hobby. You will get to see a wide variety aircraft of different kinds and different finishes.

Okay, now I probably have you thinking, “just where do all the aircraft come from?” The answer to that one is you! Everyone is invited to bring one or more of their favorite aircraft to be entered in the contest. This year we are changing the categories to better reflect modeling changes the past few years. We are only going to have two categories this year, **ARF/RTF** and **Kit/Scratch Built**.

There are a few simple rules.

1. Your aircraft should not have won First Place in any previous SRCB static contests.
2. Your entry must be radio controlled (or infrared).
3. If not an ARF or RTF, then you should have completed 51% of the model yourself.

That’s it, everyone qualifies! So bring in your entries and enjoy the evening! There will be a prize drawing for participants only.

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