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Coming in August and September

August 7th, Barnstormer/Prop Master Interclub Fun Fly, SpringBrook, 9:00am trims, 10:00am first off

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

August 14th, Fun Fly # 4, Pratt's Wayne Field, 9:00am trim flights, 10:00am first pilot off

August 28th, Open House, Woodland Aero Modelers, Waterfall Glen, Lemont

September 12th, Membership Meeting, Streamwood Public Library, 7:00pm

September 18th, Fun Fly # 5, Pratt's Wayne Field, 9:00am trim flights, 10:00am first pilot off

September 24th, Woodland Aero Modelers, Swap Shop, Trinity Church, German Church Rd, Burr Ridge

September 25th, Giant Scale Fun Fly, Pratt's Wayne Field

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

Library Elevator Will Be Out of Service For August Meeting

By Bob Elsner

The library notified me that the elevator would be out of service for the first three weeks of August for renovation. The unit is 30 years old and due for major maintenance, which the library has estimated, will take about three weeks.

If you need the elevator to get down to the lower level for our meetings, there is an alternative. There is a ramp on the backside of the building, which leads to a security door in Youth Services. This door is alarm protected and I will have to let them know if we need access via this door so they can open it for those needing to enter there. Since this door is not a public access entrance/exit, they would appreciate it if we could coordinate the arrival of those needing access.

There is no parking in the back of the building so you would have to either park in the regular lot and walk to the back of the building or park on the side street next to the library in a designated parking place.

If you are planning on attending the August meeting and will need to use the ramp, please let me know so I can coordinate this with the library staff.

The library apologizes for the inconvenience but performing the needed maintenance on the elevator is for the safety of anyone using it.

Thank you.

Bob Elsner
Treasurer

Notes of the Suburban RC Barnstormers Membership Meeting

July 11, 2011

ATTENDANCE

Due to the unavailability of the Library, our meeting was held at Pratt's Wayne Woods. There were 29 members in attendance. We had one new member, **Barry McConnell** attending. Barry said he has no experience and will be flying a Falcon he got from Leno. **Mark Spencer** from the Forest Preserve was also present.



OFFICER REPORTS

President: Mike Maciejewski presided over the meeting.

Mike asked if anyone knew Ruth's status. Mike Cannata reported she is home but weak.

Vice President: Dave West said that as a result of our meeting location tonight, the door prize was a bottle of insect repellent! There was no entertainment due to the location.

Dave added that the field box was out of applications, but he created an update 2011 version, printed copies and added them to the file box in the stand.

Treasurer: Bob Elsner was absent

Secretary: Scott Taylor reviewed some of the upcoming events from the Woodland Aeromodelers. There is an Open House on August 28th and a Swap on September 24th.

COMMITTEES

Fun Fly's – Mike Maciejewski provided details on the interclub fun fly that would be held on Sunday, August 7th. If you want to find parking at the field he suggested getting there early. There is an overflow parking lot a little further south.

The event is a 60 second timed flight with a spot landing. No timers will be allowed. Two maneuvers must be performed during the flight. It might be 1 roll and 1 loop, or can be 2 loops or 2 rolls. Each pilot starts with 100 points and then the number of seconds over or under 60 seconds is subtracted from the score. The spot landing is worth 5 points. The Springbrook flying field is located just south of 75th on Naperville/Plainfield Road (becomes Rickert north of 75th). Come on out to the event even if you're not flying to support the club pilots!

Dome eNiter – Ivan Phipps and Alex Sowa said they had a date in mind and were working on plans for the event. They will provide the club with an update soon.

OTHER BUSINESS

September Meeting Room – Dave West reported that Bloomingdale Library would be unavailable for the September meeting. He solicited suggestions, but also said he had checked on the availability of the meeting room at the Streamwood Library. The room would be free and the Library is about 7 miles northwest of the Bloomingdale Library. A motion was made to go ahead and reserve the room. A vote was taken and the motion passed with about a 3 to 1 margin.

Wind Sock – Bob Sarley mentioned our windsock was getting a bit tattered and suggested we purchase a new one. After some discussion, it was decided the full size AMA windsock would be best. A motion was made to purchase the AMA windsock, which cost about \$50. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Hard Surface Runway – Mike Cannata raised a question about putting in a hard surface runway at our field. Mark Spencer from the Forest Preserve was able to answer some questions. He said a runway could probably be added assuming approval, but that it would be at the club's expense. There were a lot of unknowns regarding the expense (which would be based on the size and type of surface) so it was decided to begin to gather these details before proceeding with the discussion.

Donations – Ron Hilger had a couple of gel cell batteries free for the taking. **Mike Skrysak** also brought a flight box. **Marty Schrader** said thank

you very much for the batteries, and **Hector Rivera** said the same about the flight box!

PLANES

Hector Rivera showed the club his new AT-6 model.



Ivan Phipps talked about his new Blade MCX helicopter. He says it is a great flyer indoors and out.



Marty Schrader brought in his new PinkStar Rev 2 foam electric flyer. It uses a combination of blue and pink foam. It is powered by a 2200 KV motor on 3 cells. It weighs about 160 grams. It's "Tons of Fun"!



RAFFLES

Mike Maciejewski was the winner of the turkey. **Nancy Gazdziak** and **Ed Jorgensen** both won Deep Woods Off. There was no rollover raffle.

Thanks and Well Wishes

By Dave West

Ed Wonnacott generously donated a new windsock to the club -- which is now up and flying. Not so for Ed. He is in the hospital with a blood clot in his leg. He recently had surgery to address this and other issues. Thanks Ed for the donation and you have all our wishes for a speedy recovery.



Fun Fly #3 Results

By Scott Taylor

Let's see, was it Fun Fly #3 or really Fun Fly #1. The weather has been tough on Fun Fly's this year, but we finally caught a break for the July 17th event. The skies were clear, the temperature rising, and the pilots eager. Fifteen pilots participated in the event which was a practice run for the upcoming Interclub Fun Fly. Eighteen members were present.

The goal was to take-off, perform two maneuvers (1 roll/1 loop or 2 rolls or loops), without a timing device, fly as close to sixty seconds as possible, and then do a spot landing. Pilots start out with 100 points, are given 5 points for landing in the spot, and then a point subtracted for every second over or under 60 seconds. A score of 105 is the maximum a pilot can get. We flew two rounds and totaled the two scores to determine the winners.

Several pilots flew close to the maximum possible. Jeff Peca took the top spot with a score of 202 points. The next top 4 were Scott Stampfli (201 pts), Scott Taylor (195 pts), Lino DiDonna (193 pts), and Ivan Phipps (192 pts).

After the flying the fun continued at the picnic tables as everyone was treated to Wendy's burgers and chicken sandwiches.

One recent clarification to the rules that pilots should be aware of. The event is for fixed wing aircraft only. No helicopters will be allowed.

The interclub results will be based on the top 5 scores, so the more pilots we have the better our chances. Please plan to be there on Sunday August 7th. The event will be at Springbrook Forest Preserve in Naperville. Event starts at 10 but practice flights can begin at 9.



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