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Coming in April and May

April 14th, Member Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm, Member Model Display

April 19th, SRCB Swap Shop, Dupage Fairgrounds, Wheaton, 8:00am – 12:00pm

April 28th, Board Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

May 12th, Member Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

May 18th, Fun Fly #1, Pratt's Wayne Woods, Trim Flights 9:00am, Competition Begins 10:00am

May 25th, Members Only Fun Fly. Come Fly Warbirds of Any Size. Pratt's Wayne Woods, 9:00am

President's Corner

By Mike Maciejewski

Hi to all,

I hope all is well with you. I went to the Toledo RC show with two friends. One moved to Indianapolis and was in Toledo to visit his daughter. So he took care of two things at one time. We talked for a few minutes and then went our separate ways. There were other people there from our area that we ran into.

After the show we went out to dinner with 40 to 50 members of RC Scale Builders. This is an online group of airplane builders that like to build scale airplanes. There were vendors from the hobby there too. I had a couple of vendors sitting across the table from me. We talked about the products they sell, airplanes and other things. This was a nice group of people just looking to have a good meal and spend time with like-minded folks. Travel to some of the farther shows and join one of the online group and you may meet some interesting people. You don't know who you will run into at events like this.

How many of you have a computer transmitter. A radio that will allow you go to a page in the setup to fine tune the controls of your airplane. I am still working on my P-47 project. While setting up the flaps using my computer transmitter I found that both flap servos did not center in the same spot. To fix this I had to fine tune the mechanical linkage so both flaps were flush with the wing. This made me think of how many times I got lazy when setting up the controls. You look at the servo arm and it is not centered any more. Why because you used the high travel to move the servo to the right travel and then to make up for that the low travel had to be used. Trying to set up two servos on one channel has taught me to take a little more time and make sure I start with the controls set right. Yes it will take a little longer to set up your controls but it is worth it.

Remember to bring in that project you have been working on for the static contest at the April meeting.

Mike

Don't Forget! April Meeting – Static Model Display!

Notes of the Suburban RC Barnstormers Membership Meeting

March 10, 2014

ATTENDANCE

There were 35 members present and no visitors or guests. The meeting was held at the Itasca Library due to the Bloomingdale Library being unavailable.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Mike Maciejewski presided over the meeting.

Mike said there were some very good pod casts on the Internet to listen to. For example, Horizon Hobbies has a page. Check them out [here](#). Also, Mike mentioned that Hobby Lobby International was being renamed to Hobby Express.

Due to lack of availability, Mike said our meeting on June 9th would be back at the Itasca Library

Vice President: Steve Thill had a number of things for door prizes. These included a voltage measuring device, servo clips, and bag tags.

We still have the Tactic 6-channel radio with two receivers for our rollover. This is a great item to get in on.

Steve said he and **Bob Sarley** have been working on changes to the By-Laws. The changes have been presented to the Board for review.

Steve said **Paul Kramer** would be giving a presentation on model aircraft covering. This was carried over from last month due to the weather.

Treasurer: Bob Elsner said the club AMA Charter had been renewed and that the deposit for the Swap Shop at the Fairgrounds had been paid.

Secretary: Scott Taylor reminded members it was time to renew for 2014. However, the March newsletter would be the last for those that get a hard copy through the mail unless they renew.

Scott still has aircraft identification labels for sale. These are 30 cents each.

OTHER BUSINESS

April Model Display - Scott Taylor talked about the member model display event that takes place in April. Each year at the April meeting, we have our members bring in the planes they have been diligently working on during the winter months (and we had a lot of "winter months" this year!). Models

are organized by category, and then our members vote on their favorites. Those voted as favorites earn their owners a certificate of accomplishment and a framed photo of them and their creation.

This year will continue as we began last year with three categories that include ARF, Kit/Scratch Built, and Rotary Wing.

Get your favorite model (or models) ready and bring them to the next meeting. We love to see them all, so don't be shy!

Dome e-Niter – Bob Sarley reported on Dome activities. Bob said there would be a Fun-Fly held at the dome on Friday March 28th. This is a friendly competition that will include prizes and games. Don't miss it!

SRCB Swap Shop – Debbie Howe went over some activities associated with the Swap and the help that will be needed. Setup of tables and chairs for the event will be on Friday April 18th around 4pm. Let Debbie know if you can help, or just show up! The day of the event, things will get started around 6am. We always need volunteers to help the vendors unload, so please help if you can. If you don't feel you can physically help, rest assured there are tasks that can be done sitting down (such as ticket and raffle sales, and food sales or preparation). Debbie will circulate a volunteer signup sheet at the next meeting.

The Pet Shop will be held on the same day in the other building, so that often helps our traffic and food sales.

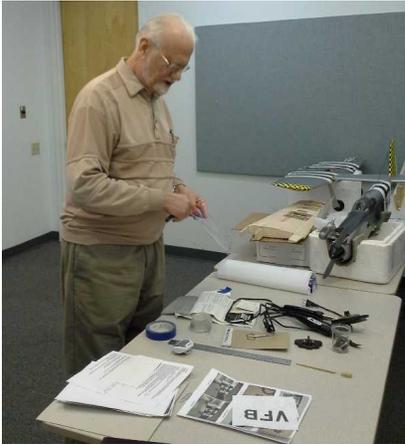
Fun Flies – Steve Merrill announced that the first fun fly of the summer season would be on May 18th. If you have any requests or ideas for events, please let him know.

Phone Tree – When our meeting was cancelled in January, we had very little notice and no reliable way to let members know. **Debbie Howe** suggested we consider organizing a phone tree, so if something happens again where members need to be notified quickly, we will be able to do it.

ENTERTAINMENT

Paul Kramer gave a great presentation on covering techniques for model aircraft. We are very grateful to Paul for his volunteering to do this

presentation. Paul had lots of great ideas that included things like using cooking parchment paper for making patterns and templates. It is easy to trace and can be flipped over for mirror images.



Paul suggested getting a good quality trim iron as temperatures can be critical and poor quality irons do not regulate well. Don't be tempted to use an old clothing iron! Cuticle scissors are great for cutting detailed trim pieces.

It is good to know that covering material can both shrink and stretch with heat. Bubbles over solid parts can be popped/vented with a fine needle and is rarely noticeable.

Paul had lots of other great ideas, as well. **Keith Egging** added to the presentation by showing a tool he had designed for cutting monocoat.

PLANES

Keith Egging showed off his new quad copter. Unfortunately I didn't catch the name and brand.



Marty Schrader showed the club a new version of a Smarty Pants. He likes this design because of the ease with which he can make design changes and incorporate new ideas.



RAFFLES

Door Prizes – **John Gazdziak** was the winner of the servo clips, **Lynda Peca** grabbed the bag tags, and **Chuck Weibler** took the voltmeter. **Bob Elsner** won the turkey. There was no winner in the rollover.

April Entertainment

Static Model Display

The April meeting is the annual Static Model Display. Bring your favorite model (or models) to share with our members. There are three categories this year, ARF/RTF, Scratch/Kit Built, and Rotary Wing. Vote on your favorite models and maybe win the adoration of your fellow

members! The rules are simple. Your model must be an aircraft, it must be remotely controlled, and it cannot have previously won first. See you there!

Scott

Fun Fly Season is upon us once again!

By Steve Merrill – Fun Fly Chairman
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Yes folks, it's finally time to start flying outside again! I know some of you "Crazy uh pilots" fly outside year round, well not this one. Winter is building season for me, but we are getting close to our fun flies, so here's this year's schedule:

Fun Fly #1 (May 18th) - "Loop the Loop" We start out with an easy one. Take off, wait for the timer to say go, then do as many loops as you can in one minute. 1/2 loops do not count. Pilot with most loops wins.

Fun Fly #2 (June 15th) "Juicy Loop" Styro cup is attached to the top of the plane at the CG (Important!!!) 25 beans will be placed in the cup. Pilot takes off flies one loop, lands. Most beans left in the cup wins. Will add a spot landing to this for bonus points. Cups can be held on with rubber bands or velcro.

Fun Fly #3 (July 20th) - I will be on vacation, so someone else will need to run this. (I've got plenty of ideas for the event if someone needs ideas)

Fun Fly #4 (Aug. 17th) "ETA" Draw times from a hat. Pilot removes watch, turns off timer on TX. Estimate time in your head and land. Closest to actual time wins.

Fun Fly #5 (Sept. 14th) "Can Can" Use the wiffle balls currently at the field, or use empty soda cans (1 or 2). use 50' of fishing line (I have plenty) tied to the tail-wheel, or around the tail. Lay out a 50' circle on the field. Pilot tries to hit the circle with the object. 3 tries allowed. Highest score wins and lowest time is used for tie breakers. This one should separate the men from the boys!

So please come out and have some fun. We will be serving lunch at all fun flies. If anyone feels like hauling out a charcoal grill, let me know, that's always fun to do out at the field. We will even be having some raffles, and you could win some \$\$ to help pay for any broken props!

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Schedule Of Events For 2014

January 1st - Frozen Fingers Fun-Fly At Noon
January 6th - Club Meeting
January 27th - Board Meeting - Cancelled
February 17th - Club Meeting
February 25th - Board Meeting - Cancelled
March 10th - Club Meeting – **Itasca Public Library**
March 24th - Board Meeting
April 14th - Club Meeting – Static Contest
April 18th - Swap Shop Setup
April 19th - Swap Shop
April 28th - Board Meeting
May 12th - Club Meeting
May 18th - Fun Fly #1
May 25th - Members Only. Come Fly Warbirds of Any Size.
June 9th - Club Meeting – **Itasca Public Library**
June 15th - Fun Fly # 2
June 22nd - Interclub Fun Fly (Our Field) To be confirmed
July 14th - Club Meeting
July 20th - Fun Fly # 3
August 11th -- Club Meeting

August 17th Fun Fly # 4
September 8th - Club Meeting
September 14th - Fun Fly # 5
September 21st - Giant Scale Fun Fly
September 22nd - Board Meeting
October 13th - Club Meeting
October 27th - Board Meeting
November 10th - Club Meeting
November 24th - Board Meeting
December 8th - Christmas Meeting
December 15th - Board Meeting

**All meetings start at 7:00 p.m. at the
Bloomington Public Library except where noted.**

**Bensonville Golf Dome Flying Nov-April
Fri. & Sat. 11:00pm to 1:00am**

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