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Coming in January and February

January 1st, Frozen Finger Fun Fly, Pratt's Wayne Woods, Fly whenever, Group Photo at Noon

January 12th, Member Meeting, Poplar Creek Public Library, Streamwood, 7:00pm

January 26th, Board Meeting, TBD, 7:00pm

February 9th, Member Meeting, Poplar Creek Public Library, Streamwood, 7:00pm

February 23rd, Board Meeting, TBD, 7:00pm

New Meeting Location Next 4 Months!

Due to conflicts with other users of the Bloomingdale Library facility for the next several month, we will be moving our January through April

meetings to the Poplar Creek Public Library in Streamwood. The address of the library is 1405 S Park Ave, Streamwood, IL.

President's Corner

By Mike Steve Thill

As you may know, the Barnstormers officer / board elections occurred in November 2014 and was elected President for the 2015-2016 term. Thank you for your confidence and I will do my best to represent our club over the coming years. I would like to thank all of the outgoing board members and former officers for their many years of service. Your efforts supporting and growing the club are truly appreciated. On a personal level I appreciate your personal mentoring and guidance over the years. We are fortunate to have such a great group of folks in the club and I'm looking forward to working with the new officers, board and membership to help promote RC flying and our club.

New Year's Resolutions:

Throughout life I've found it important to set goals and nothing embodies goal setting quite like the New Years' resolution! This year why not try to set a few resolutions related to RC? Personally, I am using the club build of the Tower Hobbies Uproar to help with one of my resolutions, to get more involved in the building aspect of the hobby. Like many of you, ARFs allow me to fly more and build less but ARFs leave a void as I do enjoy working on planes. The club build will allow me to participate in a fairly straightforward

and inexpensive build with the support of club members if I run into issues. If you are like me and would like to resolve to build more why not participate in the club build? If you haven't signed up for the build there is still time to talk to Dave West about getting involved.

If you are looking to get more actively involved in the club this year why not set a New Year's resolution to share your talents? If you enjoy building, considering giving a talk on a building technique at a SRCB meeting. If you enjoy volunteering, why not volunteer for to help with the SRBC swap? If you enjoy flying, participate in or volunteer to run a fun fly event? If you enjoy writing, ask if you can write for the Transmitter? If you enjoy finding a great deal invite a neighbor or a friend to come to the SRCB swap with you? Whatever you do with the hobby just remember to stay positive and remember that this hobby should be as much about the people as it is about the planes.

Happy New Year's to you all and safe landings!

Steve

Regards

Notes of the Suburban RC Barnstormers Membership Meeting

December 8, 2014

ATTENDANCE

There were 39 members present at the Bloomingdale Library meeting.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Mike Maciejewski presided over the meeting.

Tonight's meeting was our annual Christmas give away and Mike wanted to give a big thanks to Hobby Town in St. Charles for giving us a great deal on gifts. The Board had made a decision to purchase higher values gifts this year so there would be fewer than usual.

Mike reminded members about the January 1st Frozen Finger Fun Fly. The Forest Preserve has been known to check permits, so don't forget to get your new one soon!

Vice President: Steve Thill said the Christmas Raffle was our "door prize" for the evening.

Treasurer: Bob Elsner said the deposit has been given to the Fair Grounds.

Secretary: Scott Taylor presented Art Peterson with his nametag.

OTHER BUSINESS

Swap Shop – Debbie Howe said our contract with the Dupage Fairgrounds had been lost for the second time but thanks goodness for copies. Eighteen tables have been reserved so far. Flyers have been printed so spread them around!

ENTERTAINMENT –

Club Group Airplane Build – Dave West discussed plans to have members to an airplane build as a group project. Dave has suggested building a Tower Hobbies UpRoar kit. The UpRoar kit is a 40-size kit that can also be powered by an electric motor in the 400-600 watt range. For electric power, Dave will provide a conversion kit to extend the nose for balance and provide room for the battery. At each meeting we will provide guidance and suggestions for building different

portions of the plane as well as reports on building progress. If you are interested in a kit please let Dave know. They can be purchase for \$35.

Christmas Wish Tree Raffle – John Howe explained the Wish Tree Raffle. Members buy tickets for \$1 each and then put half of the ticket in the bucket next to the prize they would like to win. All of the money collected for this raffle is donated to the Bloomingdale Wishtree to help less fortunate members of the community. Many of the prizes for the raffle were donated by SRCB members and we extend them a Great Big Thank You!!

Christmas Door Prizes – Scott and Steve called numbers for the Christmas give away. About half of the members went home with some very nice gifts. Also, many thanks for the food brought by members!



Barnstormers 2015 Group Airplane Build

by Dave West



BUILDING SEASON

For R/C modelers this time of year was once called "building season". If you wanted to fly a model you first had to build a model. And this was the time to do it -- when it's cold outside. Building was a necessary part of the hobby. For a few, it was a necessary evil. But for most, it was enjoyable. And for some, it was the best part of the hobby.

Of course, today, with ARFs and Ready-to-Fly models, building is no longer a necessity -- it's more an option. Maybe even a lost art.

"Why build?" you might ask. "After all, you can have someone in China do it for you."

Sure, but you do lose a little something in the process. You no longer have the opportunity to create a flying plane from a mere box of balsa; to customize it like no other; to take pride in your own work. You lose the simple joy of making something with your hands, and the chance to invest something other than just money into your aircraft. Sure it takes time and effort -- but that's what makes it so much more rewarding. Besides, you'll learn skills. Skills you can use to repair your models, build other kits, build from plans, or even build from scratch. You will no longer be limited to off-the-shelf models.

"I don't have time to build", you might be thinking.

Yes, building a plane takes time -- hours and hours. But you've got months until Spring. It might mean a little less TV time. But for most of us, a little less TV watching is probably a good thing. And unlike watching TV, in the end you'll have something to show for your effort. (Of course, you could set up a TV in your work area and do both).

"I just don't like building", you say.

Fair enough. Maybe building your own planes is not your thing. But a lot of people who say that haven't really tried building. Now's your chance to

give it a try -- at a reasonable cost and with the support that only a group can provide.

UPROAR KIT

The project plane is the Tower Hobbies UPROAR. It's a 40-size sport plane, with a 48" wing span. A mid-sized plane perfect everyday flying and club fun-fly events. It is a traditional balsa kit with step-by-step photo-illustrated instructions. It is designed for a .40 glow engine, but with minor mods, can work with a 4-6 cell electric. I've made instructions and pre-cut part kits for the electric conversion.

Each builder will be building his or her plane at home. At each meeting we will discuss some aspect of the build, have a demonstration, and set building goals for the next month. You can build at your own pace (as fast or as slow as you wish), but if you follow the club pace, you will have a nice new plane ready to fly by Spring.

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Meeting Topic</u>	<u>Goal for Next Month</u>
January	Tools & methods, glues, stick framing	Frame up tail parts and ailerons
February	Construction issues & tips. Power system choices	Build wing and fuselage
March	Covering MonoKote Demonstration	Cover aircraft
April	Final Assembly, radio, motor/engine installation	Finish Model
May	Static Contest -- Show off your new plane!	

If you signed up for the \$35 group buy at the December meeting, I'll have your kits at the January meeting. If you didn't sign up, you can still join in by purchasing a kit directly from Tower Hobbies (www.towerhobbies.com). Search for "Uproar kit". They are currently on sale for about \$40.

EMAIL GROUP

I have set up a Google email group so we can share ideas and ask questions. Join the group at: <http://groups.google.com/group/UproarBuild> Or send me an email and I'll add you to the group. dwest@wingedshadow.com

Come on, let's build! You will have plenty of company (we already have 20 Barnstormers participating) and there will be plenty of help available. Whether you are an experienced builder or have never built a kit before, this is a great opportunity to experience the fun of building season.

Frozen Finger Fun Fly 2015

The first of the year brought with it sunny skies, temperatures in the low 20s, and a stiff breeze. Several pilots braved the weather to get their planes in the air. Others arrived before Noon for the official photo. But as it often the case for our Frozen Finger Fun Fly, several voices could be heard saying, "It's Noon and I'm cold, let's get this picture taken!"



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