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Coming in February and March

February 8th, Membership Meeting, Itasca Public Library, 7:00pm

February 29th, Board Meeting, Itasca Public Library, 7:00pm – *NOTE: Date Change*

March 14th, Membership Meeting, Itasca Public Library, 7:00pm

March 28th, Board Meeting, Itasca Public Library, 7:00pm

Weekly Dome Flying, Friday/Saturday, White Pines Golf Course Dome, 9:00pm to 11:00pm

Notes of the Suburban RC Barnstormers Membership Meeting

January 11, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Due to the weather there were 16 members present at the Itasca Public Library meeting. Next meeting at Itasca Public Library 500 W. Irving Pk Rd. Itasca, IL 60143

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Hector Rivera Thank you all for coming despite the weather. Any new members at this time (no). Next meeting will be on February 8th, 2016. In the back of the room I put copies of the swaps that are going to be around and if any of you are going to any of these could you please take our flyers and pass them around. If you are going please let me know and I will pay for your entrance fee. We are also looking for a Fun Fly committee person. Scott also mentioned that the person that takes over will not have to do it all by him/her self. He/Her could have co-coordinators to help with the task.

Vice President: Keith Egging raffles are micro balloons, volt meter and some books for

\$2.00 each great reads. He also mentions that you will be receiving the letter with the tickets and if you throw \$5 more you will get 10 more tickets.

Scott Taylor: Mentioned it is January 2016 and if you have not renewed is good to do that now. He also has stickers for your airplanes so if they are found people hopefully will return them.

Treasurer: Bob Elsner absent

Secretary: Ofelia Rivera nothing at this time

Bob Vance: Mentioned that the display in the Itasca Library was getting remodeled and that everything was given back in a box. He also said that we need to come together has a club to make a nice display and more exciting.

ENTERTAINMENT

Had two show and tell's one was Jeff Mrachek with his cool disco plane very nice has a jet engine sound.



Paul Kramer with his nice batteries tester. Graphs showed how low or high the AMPS are. By having this done it tells you how old or how fast you would have to replace your batteries. He only does this once a year. And don't forget to check on your batteries.



Great presentations by both thank you.

COMMITTEES

Dome Flying: Ofelia Rivera LoL it has not changed since last time. We have not had any problems, accidents or holes at the Dome. Still on Fridays and Saturdays only 9PM-1100PM \$10 to come out to fly but you still have to have an AMA card. People are still coming in some days are better than others but still great.

Fun Fly Director– absent

Flight Instruction–absent

Safety Officer-Tom Lyons

Swap Shop – Marty Schrader not in, Hector said he will drop by his house to pick the tickets up when there behold Marty comes walking in. Marty said got lots of printing done and he can't figure out labels for vendors. All members will receive their letters with tickets.

Old Business- Need another person to help make coffee just in case Offie can't and you all know Hector is not allowed to make it. Ruth is the person. HOORAY!!!

New Business- For the good of the club we have to do something to get new member to come in because we are getting smaller has we keep going. Bob Vance also had an idea to host a get together like an activity in making planes instead of sitting in a boring room. Keith also mentioned delta kits and Scott might have some left. The ideas are great

RAFFLES

Door Prizes and Rollover-rollover no done door prizes went well and the Turkey goes to Frances Crowe

Care of NiCd and NiMh Batteries

By Paul Kramer

NiCd (nickel cadmium) and NiMh (nickel metal hydride) batteries need to be tested for capacity periodically. A great time to test them is at the beginning of the flying season. Even if you fly Electric with a BEC for the receiver, don't neglect the transmitter batteries. To test battery capacity, put a load on the battery and time how long the battery takes to discharge to 1.1 V per cell. A digital voltmeter is needed to measure the voltage. Then compare the actual capacity found by testing (load in milliamps times time in hours) to the nominal rating capacity of the battery. For example, a 4 cell

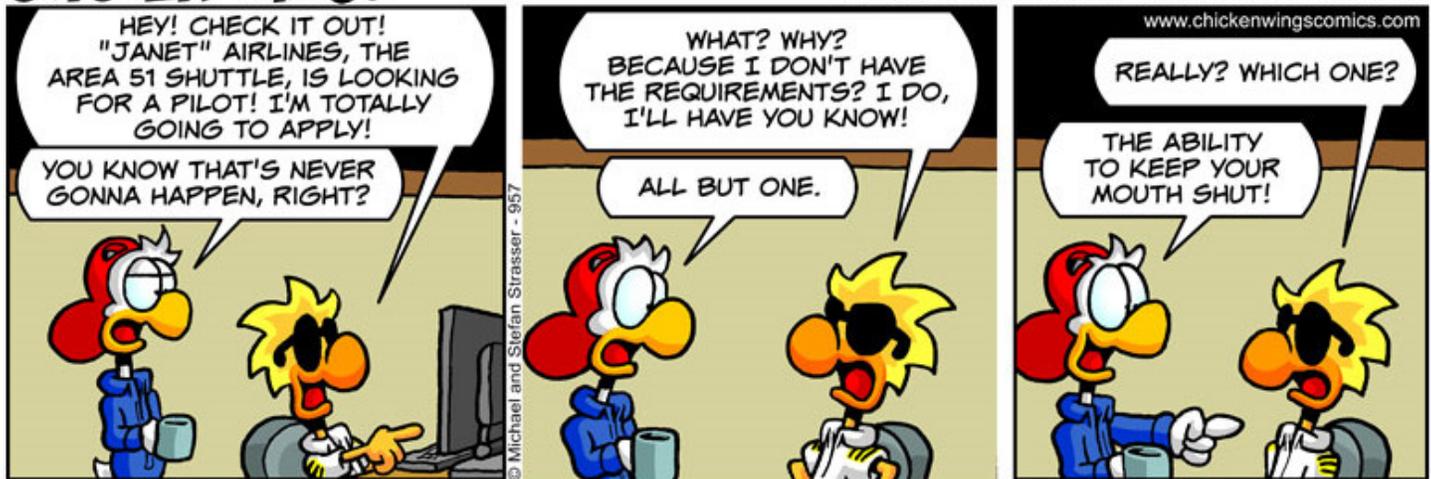
2000mAh battery with a 500 mA load should last about 4 hours until the voltage drops to 4.4 V. If your test gives you < 80% (~3 ¼ hours), replace the batteries. You might consider .85% (~3 ½ hours) as a more conservative limit.

Use a voltmeter to check batteries at the end of each flight. If you get less than 1.2 V per cell, recharge your batteries.

If there is interest battery testing, I could discuss battery testing methods in more detail.

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