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WHAT'S NEXT

July Field Meeting

Our July Field Meeting will be held on Wednesday July 28, at PRATT WAYNE Forest Preserve, starting at approximately 6:00 PM (or whenever you can get there).

Remember, there is no meeting at the Library for the 28 th. A number of our Flight Instructors should be there to give any beginner or anyone else a hand. In the event of bad weather, call one of your Officers to see if the meeting will be held.

FUN FLY (RESCHEDULED)

As most of you know, our July 11 th Fun Fly was postponed due to bad weather. This Fun Fly has been rescheduled and will now be held on Sunday, August 1 st. The Fun Fly starts at 10:00 AM. Get there early.

The Fun Fly will be the Duration Event that was scheduled for the July 11 outing. However, a few changes will be made. First, each plane will be allowed only 30 seconds of full power once his plane leaves the ground. Second, after the 30 seconds of full power, the pilot must kill his engine, and remain in the air as long as he can. Whoever stays in the air the longest wins the contest. Beginners may have a Flight Instructor take their plane off and land it. Further information on the event will be given at the field before the contest. Six prizes will be awarded. Food (hot dogs)

and soft drinks will be furnished.

WEATHER NOTE: If the weather appears to be threatening, call one of the Club Officers to find out about the status of the Fun Fly. If cancelled, the Fun Fly will not be rescheduled.

August Field Meeting

Our August Field Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 11, at PRATT WAYNE Forest Preserve, starting at approximately 6:00 PM. This will be our last Field Meeting of the Summer. Remember, there will be no meeting at the Library on August 11 th. Starting in September our twice a month (2 nd and 4 th Wednesdays) meetings will be held at the Library.

August Fun Fly

Sunday, August 15, our third scheduled Fun Fly of the season will be held. The Fun Fly will be an Aircraft Carrier Landing type of event. The Fun Fly will start at 10:00 AM. Try to get there early if you can to help lay out the field. Whoever comes closest to the designated spot on the carrier deck wins the contest. Again 6 prizes will be awarded. Food (hot dogs) and soft drinks will be furnished. WEATHER NOTE: See above

Field Maintenance

John Fahr reported that the lawn mower used by the Forest Preserve Ranger to cut our field has broken down a number of times and may not make it through the rest of the summer. However, the good news is that the DuPage County Park District has new mowing equipment that could be used to cut our field as early as August. John will keep us posted and take whatever steps are necessary to keep our field in good condition. This may mean doing some work ourselves until the Park District takes over. With help from members like Mike Kukovec and others, we should make it through the summer. If we need your help, we will call you. Please be patient.

Beginners Flight Instruction

Don Richels tells us that a number of new members have come to him or one of his Flight Instructors for help this summer. He still has time for other beginners, so come to one of the Field Meetings with your plane and look Don up. All you have to do is to ask Don or any other Flight Instructor. They will be glad to do whatever they can to get you in the air and earn your wings.

Frequency Flags

Our Chief Flight Instructor, Don Richels reports that some of the frequency flags on the impound stand are so worn and faded that he can't tell the difference between violet and blue, red and orange, etc. And to make matters worse, some of our members are color blind which really causes problems. Don asks that you replace your old worn flags with new ones and also print your name and frequency on the flags. This is for everyone's safety and will help avoid unnecessary crashes due to two transmitters being on at the same time.

July Fun Fly

Low clouds and gusty winds forced us to cancel our July 11 th Fun Fly. Due to the nature of this particular contest better flying conditions are required. The contest has been rescheduled for August 1 st.

Field Vandalism

As reported in the minutes, it seems we have been plagued by a rash of senseless destruction at our flying field. This type of behavior, sad as it is, will probably be around for the rest of man's existence on earth. More alarming than the destruction of field equipment is the deliberate jamming of our radio signals while planes are in the air. Several members of another

club that flies over in Lombard reported that in one afternoon 5 planes all on different frequencies met with interference causing their planes to crash. It was reported that two people were observed to be acting in a suspicious manner several hundred yards from the flying field. After the last plane went in, these two people were seen speeding away in a gold colored Dodge Charger. If they were directly involved in the crashes of these 5 planes, then some sort of jamming device must have been used. In fact, one of these two people was observed holding what appeared to be a box of some type with a short antenna on it while the other person had a pair of binoculars. This type of behavior not only causes physical damage but can also cause personal injury as well. When your out at the field and you observe someone or something suspicious, try to get the license number of the car or truck and notify the Park District Ranger or call one of your Club Officers at once. Remember that safe flying is everyone's concern.

July 14 th Meeting Minutes

Our July 14 th business meeting got underway at 7:30 PM with 13 members and 2 guests present. It was announced that our July 11 Fun Fly was cancelled and will be rescheduled for August 1. John Fahr informed us that our field is plague with vandalism this year. Our flight line cones provided by Mike Kukovec were stolen. The impound stand has been attacked on 2 separate occasions. First, one of the Field Regulation boards was broken off, and then a 4-wheel green truck was seen picking up our flight stand and throwing it off into the weeds. All members are asked to report any thing suspicious to the Park Ranger, one of your Officers or to John Fahr. John also reports that the field conditions could be in question for sometime until the new Park District equipment is ready to go. In the meantime, John Fahr, Mike Kukovec and Bob Denbleburg are doing a super job keeping the field in shape. Don Richels and John Fahr also suggested that we replace those faded transmitter flags and put your name and frequency on the flags. John also suggested that you put your name and phone number on your transmitter in case you leave it out at the field. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

SEE YOU AT THE FUN FLYS !