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## COMING IN OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

- Oct. 2nd Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Bloomingdale Public Library
- Oct. 8th Fun-Fly #5, Pratts Wayne Woods
- Oct. 9th Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Bloomingdale Public Library
- Oct. 16th Entertainment Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Bloomingdale Public Library
- Nov. 6th Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Bloomingdale Public Library
- Nov. 13th Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Bloomingdale Public Library
- Nov. 20th Entertainment Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Bloomingdale Public Library

## NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS IN OCTOBER

Amazing as it may seem, the current officers and chairmen are coming to the end of their two year term in office.

October marks the time when you can nominate or volunteer for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Flight Instruction Chairman, Safety Chairman, Fun Fly Chairman or Board Member of the Suburban RC Barnstormers for 2001/2002.

In this issue is a copy of the Bylaws under which the club operates and defines the duties of each of these positions.

Take a look and think about who you'd like to see in each of these positions including yourself! Volunteers are always welcome!

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## GLIDERS -- THE MOST BASIC FORM OF R/C

The flyers in your club operate a wide variety of powered models - everything from basic top wing trainers up to high powered giant scale aircraft that scream through the sky and everything in between - beautiful scale planes, pattern ships and even the high mortality combat class.

One class of R/C craft that seems to be under-represented is gliders. For those whose fingers are a little slower or who prefer to avoid the noise and messiness of glow plug engines, another alternative is available. Gliders or sailplanes as they can be called, are slow, docile models that are relaxing to fly and certainly more forgiving than the average powered craft. For the beginning flyer, (remember, this is how the Wright brothers started) they present an easy introduction to the mysteries of right/left orientation when the model is flying toward you. Even experienced R/C'ers can find a challenge in hunting for thermals over a wide range of sky before "running out of air". Recall how John Prescott used to carry his glider aloft piggy-backed on his big Telemaster?

Gliders are usually just two-channel, rudder and elevator, with enough dihedral in the wing that ailerons are not needed. They can be hand launched for relatively short flights or, better still, can be shot up by a "High-Start" device which is mainly 100 feet of surgical rubber tubing. Some sailplane clubs even have a battery powered winch that will shoot planes up to 600-800 feet, AGL (above ground level).

Gliders are available in either kits or pre-built usually in 2-meter (78.5 inch) wingspan (and up) so they are easy to see in flight. It's a big sport in Europe. As with other aspects of our fine hobby, alternatives are available in the form of electric power, flaps, spoilers, etc. It is also possible to attach a power pod to the top of the wing with a small .049 glow engine which will gain you some altitude until the fuel runs out...then it's simply silent flight!

No self-respecting modeler's inventory is complete without a glider.  
Try it...you just might like it!

Winston Van Dame

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# WHAT HAPPENED IN SEPTEMBER?

NOTES OF BARNSTORMERS BUSINESS  
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2000

## OFFICER REPORTS

President: Jim Scahill called the meeting to order at 7:30. Thirteen members and visitor Greg Ostdick were present. Jim commented on the good turnout and great time had at Sunday's fun fly. We went straight to the fun fly chairman for a report.

Fun Fly: Jim Paroline announced the results of our annual fun fly with the Lisle club. The Barnstormers won for the fourth straight year - so the award plaque stays in our hands. We had 13 pilots and the Lisle club had 9. Jerry Polz had the best score. Jim Scahill did the grilling chores.

Secretary: Dave West passed around a sign-up sheet for Delta Dart volunteers. You may also sign-up at the October meetings. Dave will contact non-present members by email too. Dave also reminded everyone that monthly board meetings start this month and entertainment meetings start again in October.

Treasurer: Bob Elsner gave the current account balance - we are in good shape. He reminded us that elections for club officers are coming up and that he would be willing to serve again as treasurer. However, he would like someone else to volunteer to take over the newsletter.

Safety: Tom Lyons said that safety was generally good at the busy fun fly. He then hosted a good discussion among the members on the causes and cures of flutter.

## BUSINESS

The current club officer's two year terms expire in December. Nominations will be held at the October meeting for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Fun-fly Chairman, Safety Officer, Head Flight Instructor, and board positions. Check the enclosed copy of the bylaws for more information. The election will be at the November meeting.

Thanks to Charlie Baxa, we uncovered a number of official Barnstormer hats. They are available in yellow or black and are \$6.50 each. Some members expressed an interest in having shirts made.

Lou MacDonald indicated that he has a copier that can be used for club copies.

A picture of the F7F Tigercat that Dave West built as a club project appears in the October issue of Model Airplane News (pg. 26).

## DOOR PRIZES / ROLL OVER RAFFLE

John Janninck won Epoxy as the door prize. The roll-over prize was a \$50 gift certificate (from Al's); there was no winner.

## Suburban RC Barnstormers, Inc.

### BYLAWS

Original	10/01/80
1st Revision	09/30/81
2nd Revision	01/27/82
3rd Revision	12/01/83
4th Revision	10/24/84
5th Revision	12/14/89
6th Revision	10/15/92
7th Revision	04/03/95
8th Revision	04/03/00

#### Article 1 (General)

This Club has been formed to promote radio controlled model airplane flying for the enjoyment and recreation of its members. It is a non-profit organization and all dues and monies received will be used to provide a flying site or to promote club activities.

#### Article 1A

Club meetings will be held on a regular basis, at least once a month.

#### Article 2 (Club Offices and Elections)

The club members will elect club officers consisting of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. It shall be the responsibility of the outgoing club officers to thoroughly indoctrinate the newly elected officers in the performance and requirements of their respective offices. There will be an election of club officers minimally every two years or more frequently if necessary. The Board of Directors shall always remain the ultimate governing body of the club. Decisions reached at the Board/officers meetings will be presented to the members at club meetings for a vote. Questions from the floor will be accepted for discussion.

The Board of Directors shall consist of twelve members, consisting of the current club officers, the prior years officers, the Fun Fly Chairman, the Flight Instruction Chairman, and the Safety Chairman. The balance of the board is to be elected from the membership of the club. The Chairman of the Board is to be elected by the Board members.

The only way a Board member can be relieved of this position is as follows:

- (1) Resignation from the Board due to personal matters.
- (2) Should a Board member become incompetent in the exclusion and fulfillment of his responsibilities, he shall be so notified by the Chairman of the Board. After (2) such notices, the Director will be notified that he is temporarily relieved of his position until the Board members vote on his disposition and a course of action. A majority vote will be required for the disposition. In the event

of a tie vote, the Chairman will have the power of an extra vote to break any deadlock. A new Board member will then be elected to the Board of Directors, if so deemed.

In accordance with (2) above, any club member or elected officer not performing to the satisfaction of the Board of Directors, whether it is incompetence in the fulfillment of duties, unsportsmanlike conduct, conduct not in the best interest of the members or the club as a whole, will be subject to the disciplinary action deemed just and necessary by the Board of Directors.

Any officer can succeed himself in his present office or another office if so elected by the club on a majority vote.

#### Article 2A

Qualification for nomination to club Office and Board of Directors are as follows:

- (1) Minimum age 21.
- (2) Member in good standing for minimum of six(6) months.
- (3) Be in attendance a minimum of 2/3 of total meetings.

#### Article 2B

Club nominations and elections will be held at a minimum of every two years on a majority vote basis by club members. Nomination will be held at the October club meeting of the election year, and elections will be held at the November club meeting of the election year. Officer terms will be for two years, with the elections held in the 'even' years. Special elections may be held if an officer chooses not to continue as provided for in Article C. The new officers will assume their duties and responsibilities immediately thereafter the November meeting. The required number of Board members will also be elected at the November meeting.

#### Article 2C

In the event of a club officer or Board member leaving office, replacement candidates are nominated and elected by the club membership within sixty (60) days.

#### Article 3 (Officer Duties)

The President shall preside over all meetings and conduct them in a responsible parliamentary manner. It shall be his express responsibility to check on all club activities and records to make certain that everything is being handled in the best interest of the club. It shall be his further responsibility to assign specific duties to club officers and members, as the need arises, to enhance and promote member interest. The President shall call an officers meeting as required, prior to regularly scheduled meetings, to plan the format for the next club meeting. He shall be required to conduct the meetings from a written

agenda so that the business portion of the meeting is conducted efficiently and in the shortest possible time. No officer of the club can assign duties to club officers or members other than the President or Acting President. The President must familiarize himself with the AMA rules and regulations.

#### Article 3A

The Vice President shall take over the duties of the President at the regularly scheduled club meetings in the absence of the President. In this instance, the President is to provide the Vice President with a written agenda so that the business portion of the club meeting can be handled in an efficient manner. The Vice President shall have the following responsibilities:

- (1) Become thoroughly familiar with the AMA rules and requirements of our club and our club members.
- (2) Be responsible for all committee activities and report to the President and club members.
- (3) Obtain club raffle tickets and conduct the club raffles at the regularly scheduled club meetings.
- (4) Report on the raffle treasury at each club Meeting.
- (5) Obtain gift certificates and donations from hobby shops.
- (6) Provide direction to the Contest Director of the club. Make sure the Contest Director prepares a yearly contest format and obtains permits from the Forest Preserve for contest dates.
- (7) Arrange for trophies and ribbons for club contests.
- (8) Plan entertainment for club meeting such as movies, visitor talks, etc.
- (9) Present plans for annual club picnic and Christmas Party.

#### Article 3B

The Secretary shall have the following responsibilities:

- (1) Maintain a Club Roster.
- (2) Take attendance at each club meeting and keep a record of attendance.
- (3) Take the minutes at each Board, officer and club meetings.
- (4) If requested, read the minutes of the previous meeting.
- (5) Update the roster at least once every six (6) months or as necessary.
- (6) The club roster shall include member name, address, phone number and AMA number.
- (7) Type the club bylaws and roster for distribution to new members.
- (8) Provide updated club by-laws to all club members once a year and club roster to all members every six months, or as necessary.
- (9) Provide Club Membership Cards to members.
- (10) Provide minutes and roster information for publishing the newsletter.

## Article 3C

The Treasurer shall collect all monies and keep a record of same. He shall give a report at each meeting of all receipts and expenditures. He shall collect dues and maintain a bank account in the club name and arrange for transfer of same to the succeeding Treasurer.

All Checks will require two (2) signatures and will be signed by any two (2) of the club's current officers.

## Article 3D

The Fun Fly Chairman shall have the following responsibilities:

(1) Arrange with the Board of Directors:

- the number of fun fly's that will be held,
- the dates of the fun fly's.
- the number of events that will have food,
- any unusual requirements.

(2) Work with the club members to:

- recruiting a fun fly director for each event,
- assist in determining the events held,
- assist in recruiting help for events,
- ensure arrangements for food and drink,
- ensure arrangements for a cook and equipment,
- arrange the Lisle vs. Barnstormers Fun Fly,
- ensure adequate notice is provided the club
- encourage the membership to participate.

(3) At the Fun Fly (if attending):

- ensure the event is conducted responsibly,
- if necessary act as a backup for:  
the director, the cook, or a helper.
- keep everyone happy.

## Article 3E

The Flight Instruction Chairman shall have the following responsibilities:

(1) Arrange with the Board of Directors to:

- develop a plan for instruction programs,
- maintain a list of active/qualified instructors,
- ensure available instructors to members.

(2) Work with the club members to:

- determine the members needs,
- distribute the list of active instructors,
- award solo certificates,
- recruit/train new instructors.

(3) Work with the instructors to:

- ensure they are READY, WILLING, ABLE!
- develop an 'at the field' program for ID,
- institute an award program for instructors.

## Article 3F

The Safety Chairman shall have the following responsibilities:

(1) Arrange with the Board of Directors to:

- develop a plan for safe field operations,
- develop club literature/awareness program,

- ensure we comply with current AMA requirements.

(2) Work with the club members to:

- determine the members needs,
- create awareness of known hazards,
- develop a safety program that:
  - concentrates on awareness
  - does not penalize or evict
  - solves safety problems
  - involves the club membership
- develop safety awareness in novice pilots.

(3) At the field:

- ensure our safety code is adhered too,
- work out problems diplomatically,
- resolve conflict rather than create it,
- identify safety issuers
- work with Flight Instruction and Fun Fly chairmen in safety.
- make safety our # 1 priority.

## Article 4 (AMA Membership)

All flying members participating in any flying event must have a current AMA license.

## Article 5 (Dues)

Yearly dues will be determined by the Board of Directors. An open member will pay full dues. A junior member (under 16) will pay half the open member rate. A family plan is also available. Dues for the family plan will be open dues plus 25% of open membership dues for each family member (Family members include immediate family who reside at the same address). Note: Exceptions will be handled on an individual basis by the current officers.

Fiscal year for the club shall be from January 1st through December 31st. Club dues are due by January 1st. Current officers will be granted a free membership during their term of office. Life members will also be granted free membership.

## Article 5A

All members will be responsible for the payment of any assessments approved by the Board of Directors, and voted on by the membership at large.

## Article 5B

All members joining the club will be charged full dues from January 1st through July 31st. From August 1st through December 31st, 50% dues will be collected. Dues reduction only applies to those who have not been members in the past three years.

## Article 5C

Senior citizens age 65 and over will pay half the open member rate.

## Article 6 (New Members)

Subscription to the club must be done on a formal basis. The prospective member must

fill out an application for membership which identifies the date application was made, as well as the name, address, phone number and AMA number.

## Article 7 (Responsibility)

All members shall be responsible for damages caused by them to persons and property and shall satisfy said responsibility before resumption of flying.

## Article 8 (Flying Guests)

All guests shall be allowed flying privileges at club events only if he/she has a current AMA license (except "buddy-box" flights as permitted by AMA insurance).

## Article 9 (Budget)

Prior to the January meeting, the officers shall publish a proposed annual operating budget. Once affirmed by a majority vote of the members present at the January meeting, the officers shall be empowered to execute the approved budget. All additional items in excess of \$100 shall require the approval of the majority of the members present at any business meetings.

## Article 10 (Voting)

All issues subject to membership vote (excluding elections) must be passed by a two-thirds majority of all members present. Each member shall have one vote.

## Article 11 (Life Members)

A Life Member is a club member who has performed outstanding service to the club over a period of 10 years. In addition, the original four (4) founding and charter officers (the original 4 officers) of the Suburban RC Barnstormers, Inc., will also be granted lifetime membership provided (in their opinion of the Board of Directors) they remain active in at least 50% of annual club activities.

## Article 12 (Bylaw Changes)

Additions or revisions of the bylaws are subject to a majority approval of the Board of Directors of the club prior to being submitted to a membership vote.

# Suburban R/C Barnstormers

## Membership Application/Renewal

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

AMA Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Channels you operate on: \_\_\_\_\_

Skill Level: Beginner \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced \_\_\_\_\_

I have included an additional \$3.00 for a name badge \_\_\_\_\_

Annual dues are \$30.00 for the primary member and \$7.50 for every additional member under the family plan; senior citizens, age 65 and over, are \$15.00; junior members, under age 17, are \$15.00. Full dues are charged from Jan. 1st to July 31st. After Aug. 1st dues are 1/2 the annual rate for new members.

I agree to accept and abide by the AMA and the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County rules and regulations concerning the handling and flying of my model airplanes.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Membership applications can be brought to a club meeting  
or mailed to the club at the following address:

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