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## Coming in December & January

December 10<sup>th</sup> November Meeting & Christmas Raffle, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library  
December 17<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, 7:30, Bloomingdale Library

January 1<sup>st</sup> New Year's Day Fun Fly 2002, 12:00, Pratt's Wayne Woods Flying Site  
January 14<sup>th</sup> January Meeting, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Wish Tree Raffle

Once Again the Suburban R/C Barnstormers will be helping the Bloomingdale Sharing Wish Tree. On December 10th (Christmas Meeting) we will be having our regular club give away for members and we will be having the charity raffle.

How this raffle works is over the past 2 months Debbie Howe has been contacting companies that produce or sell R/C products. We have been asking these companies for product they can donate that will then be brought to the December meeting and broken out into groups of prizes. Cups will be placed next to each

group. Tickets will be sold for \$1 each. Tickets can then be put into any of the prize cups, in order to try to win that prize. Drawing will be that night. There is no limit to how many times you can enter any given prize cup and there is no limit as to how many times a person can win. The more tickets, the better chance to win.

Last year our club was able to sponsor ten families plus 5 individual children. This year we would like to sponsor 12 families. So please bring yourself, your holiday spirit and your money to the December 10<sup>th</sup> Christmas Meeting. Enjoy, Good Luck!

**Merry Christmas,  
Debbie Howe**

# What Happened in November?

## NOTES OF BARNSTORMERS MEETING OF November 12, 2001

### ATTENDANCE

There were 37 members and 5 guest present. Mike Bargman, Frank Orlita, Ken Sikorsky, and Reeve Wallis are all relatively new to the hobby. Glenn LaRocco was present and rejoined for 2002. He took his place in the last row, of course!

### OFFICER REPORTS

**President:** John Howe presided over the meeting and had the guests introduce themselves.

**Treasurer:** Bob Elsner asked anyone with outstanding bills for 2001 to turn them in so we have accurate numbers to base the 2002 budget on. We currently have \$2446 in the bank. We plan on spending between \$800 and \$1200 for the Christmas raffle.

**Vice President:** John Janninck said he had two door prizes to give away. The first is a covering trimmer and the second is an ignition set of wrenches donated by John Krygier.

**Secretary:** Scott Taylor was speechless after last months meeting.

### COMMITTEES

**Fun Fly:** Jim Paroline said the last fun fly of the season was literally "washed out." Heavy rains flooded the parking lot and walkway to the field. Some brave soles in waders made it to the dry field and did some flying.

**Flight Instruction:** Jim Paroline spent many hours giving flight instruction this year. He is to be commended for his dedication and hard work. Jim could be

heard mumbling, "Instruction season is over, instruction season is over, instruction season is over!"

**Safety:** When asked about safety at the field, Charlie Baxa replied, "Well, no one hit me!" But on a serious note, he thanked everyone for their efforts in making the flying season safe.

### OTHER BUSINESS

**Swap Shop:** John Howe said we were moving forward with plans for a 2002 swap shop. Traditionally, we would hold the event the Saturday before Easter, but because the Toledo show is the following week, we are looking into alternate dates. The event will be at the Dupage Fairgrounds in the Annex and Home Economics buildings.

**Upcoming Events:** "The Big One" swap will be held at the Dupage Fairground on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Lou MacDonald** said he would have an informal swap at his warehouse on Saturday December 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. His warehouse is located at 1500 Arthur Avenue in Elk Grove Village. Bring your own tables!

**Oshkosh Trip:** Steve Dietrich offered to organize a trip to Oshkosh, Wisconsin to visit the EAA Aviation Museum. The plan is to hire a bus, visit the museum and return the same day. The club would pick up part of the cost of transportation. The trip would take place sometime in the early spring. He will have more details later.

**Bloomington Wish Tree Raffle:** Debbie Howe has been busy calling vendors and hobby stores to collect items for a special raffle at the December meeting. About

\$1000 worth of prizes will split into about 8 groups. Members (and non-members) can then buy tickets for \$1 each. Place your tickets in the cups next to the prizes your interested in. The more you buy the better your chances. Proceeds will help feed 10-12 families for the holidays.

### ENTERTAINMENT

**Turkey Raffle:** A dozen frozen turkeys entertained us as about one third of the members present came up to the front to collect their prize poultry.

Winners were Gerald Hurley, Jim Paroline, Wilhelm Janisch, Kevin Conner, Paul Hurley, Greg Ostdick, Tom Lyons, Cal Defenbau, Tom Krygier, Jim Elsner, and Drew Oswald.

### DOOR PRIZES/ROLLOVER

Curt Oswald took home the trimmer and Lou MacDonald won the wrenches.

The rollover raffle was not held.

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## He's Moved (But He Left A Forwarding Address!)

Dave West has been a major contributor, both to our club, and to the hobby, in general. Dave's focus in the hobby has been on electric flight, combat, and scale, but has always been the source of many interesting facts and building hints. Where might you find such things along with plans for quick build scale combat models, as

well? His web site, of course! However, Dave has moved. If you have never visited his web site before, now's the time to check in at [www.wingedshadow.com](http://www.wingedshadow.com). Would you like to contact Dave? You can find him at [dwest@wingedshadow.com](mailto:dwest@wingedshadow.com).

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## Oshkosh Anyone?

Yes, it's still a bit early for the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Convention (Airventure), but did you know that Wittman field in Oshkosh, Wisconsin is also home to the a class aviation museum? EAA's Airventure museum is one of the finest in the midwest. It houses an impressive collection of antique and classic aircraft (Wright Flyer, Molt Taylor Aerocar, Gee Bee, Spirit of St Louis, Folker Triplane, Super Stearman, and many more), Warbirds (Boeing B-17, Mitchel B-25, North American P-51A, DeHavland Mesquito, TBM Avenger, just for starters), experimental aircraft (Pitts, worlds smallest manned plane, parts of Burt Rutan's Voyager), and on and on. Films on flight throughout the day and an awesome flight simulator. Were talking sit in the cockpit at the controls with full 360 degree motion in

pitch and roll. Want to know more? Take a virtual tour of the museum at <http://museum.eaa.org/>.

So now your asking, how do I get there? Well, Steve Dietrich has been busy making arrangements for a busload of us to go. The bus can hold 57, so invite your friends and relative. Tentative date for the trip is Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. The cost for the bus is \$850 and admission to the museum is \$6.50. If there is enough interest, the club will subsidize the trip to keep costs in the \$20 to \$30 per person range.

Be prepared to sign-up at the next meeting. If you would like get your name at the top of the list, call Steve at 630-272-0005.

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