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COMING IN SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

September 10th September Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Bloomingdale Public Library

September 16th Lisle Club Fun Fly, Springbrook Field, Naperville

September 17th September Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Bloomingdale Public Library

October 8th October Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Bloomingdale Public Library

October 14th Fun Fly #5, Pratt's Wayne Woods, 10:00am

October 15th October Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Bloomingdale Public Library

RCHTA Show – September 8-9, 2001

The Suburban RC Barnstormers were contacted once again this year, to provide help running the airplane make and take at the 2001 RC Hobby Trade Association (RCHTA) show. Unfortunately, because the show date has been moved up and very little time is left before the show, we were unable to ensure we would have enough manpower to support the event. We had also contacted the Lisle club for

help. They had already meet for the month of August and would not meet again until after the RCHTA show, so they too, were unable to provide a significant amount of manpower. The end result is we will not be helping this year. This is unfortunate, because the show will attempt to find another Chicago area club. If they are successful, it is not likely we will be asked to help next year.

What Happened in August?

**NOTES OF BARNSTORMERS MEETING
OF August 13, 2001**

ATTENDANCE

There were 24 members present.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: John Howe asked visitors and new members to introduce themselves. None did!

Treasurer: Bob Elsner was absent.

Vice President: John Janninck said we were looking for entertainment in September. Ron Meyer volunteered to give a presentation on aerodynamics.

Secretary: Scott Taylor said a reporter that writes a "Good Neighbors" column for the Bloomingdale paper recently contacted him. She was interested in writing an article about the Barnstormers. She was put in contact with two members that are also Bloomingdale residence for their perspectives. If anyone sees the article, please bring it in!

COMMITTEES

Fun Fly: Jim Paroline said that Fun Fly #4 is scheduled for August 19th. The wiffle ball touch and go was planned. We will probably fly 5 passes. Food will be served. For those unfamiliar, this event involves a ball on a string that you must touch on a target painted on the field. This is the same event we will fly against Lisle in September. Come out and get some practice!

Safety: Charlie Baxa reported on a recent accident at the Busse Preserve. A giant scale pilot lost several fingers on an APC prop when his unrestrained plane was restarted after a dead stick landing at full throttle. Fortunately, his fingers could be reattached.

David West said a plane hanging from the ceiling at Venture Hobbies recently fell when the string broke. No one was hurt,

but the same can't be said for the plane. Dave suggested we check the plane we have hanging in the library. (**Note:** after the meeting the plane was inspected. The attachments are metal and well secured and the string heavy and secure)

Flight Instruction: Jim Paroline said three pilots have soloed since the last meeting. Drew Oswald, John Janninck's nephew, and Willie Janisch (Yes, it's true!). Congratulations to all!

Giant Scale Event: Jeff Peca reported on the recent giant scale event at our field. About 15 pilots participated. One van and one plane were casualties at the event. Both belonging to the same person. He shall remain nameless.

BUSINESS

Flight Stand Repair: There seems to be no shortage of parts for the flight stand. Jerry Polz has some aluminum rails for the transmitters. If you recall, Jim Scahill offered some wood ones at the last meeting. Parts are not a problem, transportation is. If anyone can move the flight stand from the field to Jerry's shop, he will repair it. Any volunteers? (**Note:** Since the last meeting, Jerry took the stand to his shop and replaced the exterior with all aluminum components. This should last a long time. Thanks, Jerry)

Field Storage Box: Ruth and Keith Egging have a large, lockable, metal storage box they would be willing to donate to the club. A suggestion was made that the club purchase a 10x10 pop-up canopy to keep at the field and store in the box. It was concluded the canopy would be too big to fit in the box and the box itself was too easy to be stolen from the field.

RCHTA Delta Darts: Hugo said he had been contacted by the RCHTA show staff to find out if our club would be able to man

the airplane “make and take” this year. One surprise was the fact that the show had been moved from the end of October to September 8th and 9th this year. This means there is very little time and no more regular meetings to solicit help. Scott, John, and Hugo will contact the Lisle club to see if help would be available from them and determine if we will be able to man the show this year. (**Note:** As of this writing, the Lisle club was unable to find more than a few volunteers. Hugo was contacted by RCHTA and they told him they are attempting to find another Chicago area club.)

Health and Welfare: It was mentioned that Dick Steffey had been in the hospital and was not well due to the effects of his cancer. He would welcome contact from club members. (**Note:** Since the last meeting Dick has passed away.)

ENTERTAINMENT

John Howe provided this evenings entertainment by sharing some of the hints and tips he has learned over the years. Some of these included how to make “bombs” for your giant scale war birds from water bottles, using “ziplock” bags filled with sand to provide pressure for sheeting wings, “helping hands” clips on the end of wires attached to a board, and metal magnetic ashtrays that can be used to keep small parts from getting away.

John also brought in a plane and challenged the members to find the problems with installation and setup.

Thanks for the info Johnny!

DOOR PRIZES/ROLLOVER

Jim Paroline took home the door prize combination of a glow driver caddy, after run oil, and carburetor covers. There was no rollover raffle winner.

Barnstormers Challenge Lisle Aero on September 16th

About this time each year, the Suburban RC Barnstormers become locked in battle with the Lisle Aero club. Why? Because its fun! Fun Fly that is. The Barnstormers and the Lisle Aero club have, for many years, held an annual fun fly competition. The event tests the skills of each club’s members. This year the event will be held at the Lisle Aero flying field which is at the Springbrook Prairie forest preserve in Naperville. The competition will be the wiffle ball touch and go. This event tests the ability of the pilot to touch a ball attached to the plane by a 25 foot string, on a marked area of the field. Hitting the mark is worth a higher point value than the

rest of the field. Missing the field scores no points. A fixed number of passes is given each pilot and the score total for all passes. At the end of the day, one club will be the winner. What’s it all for? A piece of walnut with a name on it. We have a running plaque and each year, the winning clubs name is added to it. Have you seen it? It is kept in the club showcase at the Bloomingdale Library. Will it stay there? That depends. The Barnstormers have kept this plaque for many years. Maybe this will be the year Lisle Aero takes possession. Of course, we need your help to keep it. So, get out there and practice, and be there on September 16th!

Advance Notice! – September 2001 Inter-Club Fun Fly Event

by Merlin Mathesius for the Fun Fly Committee

Mark your calendars: the annual inter-club fun fly event is scheduled for September 16th. The event will be hosted at the Lisle Aero field this year, which means the Barnstormers have gotten to select the event with which to torment us. And they have chosen... the dreaded Wiffle Ball Drop!

In past years, the contest has worked something like this... A wiffle ball will be attached to each participant's plane with a long string, and each pilot will get 4 passes at a box marked off on the runway. On each pass, 3 contest points will be earned for touching the ball inside the box, 2

points for touching elsewhere on the runway, and 1 point for touching anywhere else on the field. A spot landing will wrap things up earning 3 points for initially touching down with the wheels in the box, 2 points for a touchdown elsewhere on the field, and 1 point for landing anywhere else on the field—with a bonus point if the engine is still running. (If you've been paying attention, there's 16 possible contest points for a perfect run!) But, of course, the Barnstormers may decide to score things a little bit differently—and some creative tallying of individual scores will determine the winning club.



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