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Coming in February & March

- February 11th February Meeting, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library
February 16th Fox Valley Aero Swap Shop, Pottawatomie, St Charles, 9am-2pm
February 18th February Board Meeting, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library
- March 11th Member Meeting, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library
March 23rd Bus Trip to Oshkosh Museum, meet at Library, 8:00am – 8:00 pm
March 25th Board Meeting, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library

Bus Trip Planned to Oshkosh Museum

Here's the deal, March 23rd is fast approaching, and so far we have thirty-six people signed up to go, however, it's time to pay up so we can determine the seating on the "Highway Cruiser".

For the uninitiated, we have chartered a Bluebird bus to haul the Barnstormers to Oshkosh, Wisconsin to visit the EAA Airventure Museum (<http://museum.eaa.org/>) for a day of fellowship and gawking at some pretty amazing aircraft and displays. If you've been there, you will want to go, if you haven't, you have to go.

The bus leaves the Bloomingdale Library at eight a.m. on Saturday, March 23 and heads to Oshkosh. We should arrive on or before 11a.m. We will stay at the Museum until five p.m. and arrive back at the Library by eight p.m.

The bus is a comfortable 49 passenger with toilet facilities on board . If we get more than 49 for the trip, we can upgrade to a 57-passenger bus. There is storage on the bus for an electric cart if you need one to get around for the day.

I talked to Kate Phillips at the Museum and she has arranged a special admission rate, which includes a tour. She also recommended that you bring five dollars to ride the F-16 simulator, which has 360 degrees of pitch, and roll (not yaw, however, so flat spins are probably out.) The Museum has no cafeteria, so pack a lunch or we will have the bus take a group to a local McDonald's, Taco Bell, or whatever.

If you are interested in going, please contact Steve Dietrich at 630-832-4360, or slkdietrich@msn.com. Expect a reply. Come to the next meeting or make out a check to the Suburban RC Barnstormers and send it to me or the club. The cost is \$25, and that includes the bus fare, museum admission and tour.

Steve Dietrich

What Happened in January?

NOTES OF BARNSTORMERS MEETING OF January 14, 2002

ATTENDANCE

There were 31 members present.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: John Howe presided over the meeting. John asked new member Frank Orlita to introduce himself.

John thanked another new but absent member, Terry Zafiriou, for purchasing a new lock for the flight stand. As everyone knows, the old one was falling apart.

Treasurer: Bob Elsner reported that the "books" have been closed for 2001. We ended the year with a balance of \$1692.07.

Vice President: John Janninck said that tonight's door prize was a bottle of after run oil and an ignition wrench set.

Secretary: Scott Taylor passed reminded everyone to open your newsletters carefully, your new 2002 membership card may be inside! If you loose your card, let him know.

There were several upcoming swap shop. Scott provided the details.

COMMITTEES

Fun Fly: Jeff Peca reported on the great turn out at the January 1st Polar Fun Fly. The weather was mild and everyone had fun. One word of caution when flying in the winter, frozen ground is unforgiving of hard landings!

Flight Instruction: No report.

Safety: No report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Budget Approval: Bob discussed how the budget was prepared for 2002 using a mix of actual expenses from 2001 and anticipated expenses for 2002. The overall budget was about \$100 less than 2001. A motion was made and seconded to accept the budget as proposed. The budget was unanimously passed.

Swap Shop: John Howe said that if you haven't already heard, due to conflicts, we will be shifting the swap to April 13th.

One of the keys to the success of the swap is the raffle. To help with this goal, members are given raffle tickets to buy for themselves, or to sell to friends and co-workers! If you could not pick them up at the meeting, they will soon be in the mail.

John also asked for some help in getting some swap flyer to Al's Hobbies.

Oshkosh Trip: Steve Dietrich updated everyone on the planned trip to Oshkosh. The date has been firmed up as March 23rd. The plan is to leave from the Bloomingdale Library at 8:00am. Spend about six hours at the museum, and return home around 8:00pm. Steve has arranged for a guided tour, special rate, and a 49 passenger bus with restroom. You may bring food on the bus, but no glass bottles or alcohol will be allowed. A sign up sheet was passed around.

Bloomington Wish Tree Raffle: Debbie Howe reported on the tremendous expression of gratitude from the Bloomington Wish Tree Foundation for the donations from our raffle. About \$680 dollars was raised which went toward providing for 13 families plus 6 additional children. This is a very worth while cause from which everyone benefits. Many thanks to Debbie and John for their work getting sponsors and setting up the raffle.

Fuel Order: Charlie said it would be possible to get a bulk price for fuel through Al's Hobbies if the club members are interested. He will try to get additional details at the next meeting. Lou McDonald

offered to have the fuel delivered to his warehouse, if that would help.

ENTERTAINMENT

Entertainment: A portion of a video on World War II pilot training on the Great Lakes was shown while the members mixed and enjoyed the refreshments.

Next Month: Don't miss next month's entertainment. Ken Tillou will be giving a talk on antique free-flight modeling. He has a number of kits for "show and tell".

PLANES

Jeff Peca showed off his new Mini-Max electric "Park Flyer". These kits have become very popular. Jeff talked about some of his modifications, including epoxying the wing rather than taping and reinforcing the tail with some hardwood sticks. The kit was \$29 without radio. With radio, motor, and batteries, the flying weight is about 10 ounces.

Greg Ostdick presented his dog fighting SPAD. This one had been modified with coroplast skis for winter flying.

Putting Greg to shame was **Scott Hurley** with a three channel SPAD, a modified SPAD Predator with elevons, and a twin SPAD built using two wings butted together and two .28 engines. Scott also showed off a \$69 Futaba three channel FM radio that has become popular with the combat crowd.

DOOR PRIZES/ROLLOVER

The rollover rolled over.

Entertainment Next Month

Ken Tillou has been a long time member and a long time modeler. Before radio controlled models became affordable and popular, free-flight was a large segment of

the hobby. Ken has a number of antique free flight models, not that he collected, but rather, built and flew in the free flight "hay days". Don't miss Ken's presentation that

will cover many of the secrets of this still

popular part of the modeling hobby!!

Don't Let It End!!

The new year is here and spring with a fresh flying season is just around the corner. We hope being a member of the Suburban RC Barnstormers makes your flying more enjoyable through club events, your flying knowledge greater through club entertainment, your pocketbook heavier through club discounts (at hobbies shops and fuel orders), and your model hanger (or refrigerator) fuller through club giveaways (Thanksgiving and Christmas). And how could we forget the newsletter that keeps you informed about it all. Don't let it end!!! If your name is listed below, we don't have a record of your club renewal for 2002. Is it a mistake? Could be...if so, let us know. Otherwise, this will be your last newsletter. So send in those renewals soon. Or better yet, come to our next meeting and renew in person. See you there!!

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