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Coming in July & August

July 8th Membership Meeting, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library

July 21st Fun Fly #3, Pratt's Wayne Woods, 9:00am trim flights, 10:00am start

August 11th Memorial Giant Scale, Pratt's Wayne Woods

August 12th Membership Meeting, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library

August 25th Fun Fly #4, Pratt's Wayne Woods, 9:00am trim flights, 10:00am start

What Happened in June?

NOTES OF BARNSTORMERS MEETING OF June 10, 2002

ATTENDANCE

There were 33 members present including new member Alex Kowalski who introduced himself, and returning member Jim Scahill. Steve Schultz and Treavor were visiting. They are working on getting an Avistar airborne.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: John Howe brought in a number of items that were part of Gene Reinke's estate. These items are not going back home so no reasonable offer will be refused.

Treasurer: Bob Elsner reported a club balance of approximately \$4322.

Vice President: John Janninck said we were beginning a new rollover raffle with a Skysport 4 channel radio. Don't miss this one.

Secretary: Scott Taylor reminded everyone the Open House was in two weeks. Please bring your favorite plane to show the crowd. Also, some bright orange flyers were available to distribute. Post them anywhere you can!

COMMITTEES

Fun Fly: Jim Paroline reported on the June 9th Fun Fly. Six pilots participated. The event was spot poker (land on cards to make up your hand) followed by some bomb drop practice. After the event four pilots went into combat! A mid-air left Dave's plane headed for the ground. Jeff Peca took home the points.

Jim said he would not be available to run Fun Fly #3, so someone else would need to coordinate the event.

Flight Instruction: Jim Paroline said if your looking for instruction, Saturday or Sunday

mornings are best. Either Frank Berstein or Jim are usually available at the field.

Safety: Charlie Baxa reminded everyone to take down your frequency pins when finished flying. Also, it is a good idea to fly with a spotter and observe traffic before taking off or landing. Recently, a non-club member took off from the field, and went straight up into the belly of another plane. There should be no reason for this type of incident.

On another note, the orange safety cones are missing from the flight stand. If anyone knows where we can get some new ones, pass along the info.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dog Field: Some discussion was held about the number of cars with dogs that are filling the parking lot. It was suggested someone contact the Forest Preserve to find out if some other parking arrangements could be made.

PLANES

Dave West showed off a homebrew RC micro electric which he also attempted to fly. The receiver and coil/magnet servos weighed in at 1/3 ounce. The all up flying weight was 1 ounce with the battery. The flight pack is available for \$129 and the motor was taken from a \$10 electric toy.

Bob Elsner showed his Speed 480 powered Virus electric ARF. It turns an 11.5 x 4.7 propeller through a 3.5 to 1 gear reduction box. Bob also added an electronic mixer to give it flaperons.

Ron Hilger brought in his Bill Evans "Pollstar". This is a tailless flying wing powered by a Super Tiger .56 engine. It's a good flying plane that only uses three channels and an Ace mixer for elevons. Weight is about 4 pounds.

DOOR PRIZES/ROLLOVER

Debbie Howe took home the sandpaper and sander door prize while the RC radio rollover prize is still waiting for someone to take it home.

Did You Know This is an Election Year?

Something everyone should start thinking about. This Fall we will be nominating and electing new club officers. We need to start thinking about and talking to members that might be interested in taking on some additional responsibility in the club. Although we sponsor many of the same activities from year to year, fresh ideas and new approaches help keep these activities from becoming stale, and new ideas are always welcome.

Often members are afraid to run for office because they do not feel qualified or think they do not have time. Anyone who might be interested in running for office should rest assured they would easily be able to handle the responsibilities and would always have the resources of the past officers for help. Although officers do spend more time than most members, the additional time usually amounts to the six or so additional Board meetings per year along with some

communications with members or outside organizations.

Officers often volunteer their time to organize club events, but events and responsibilities such as the Swap Shop, Open House, Static Contest, Fun Flies, and Newsletters are not the immediate responsibility of the officers. Delegate! In general, the President is responsible for running the membership meetings, coordinating the responsibilities of the other officers, and often is responsible for leading Board meetings. The Vice President is responsible for the raffles and finding and scheduling entertainment. The Treasurer is responsible for collecting funds and issuing payments. And the Secretary is responsible for taking meeting notes and maintaining membership information.

So please consider running for office. Helping to manage a club is a great way to

get experience that may help you with

managing in your personal careers.

Open House 2002

The Open House was well attended and very successful. A large number of our members participated and for that we extend our thanks. Planes of all types were on-hand, including giant scale, combat, electrics, gliders, and sport planes. We even had three flying cars!

The day was sunny and forecast to be hot, but throughout the morning, a gentle breeze kept the air from feeling as warm as the 90 degrees indicated on the thermometer.

We ran two rounds of instructional flights at roughly 11:00am and 1:00pm. We flew about 16 students. Many thanks to the instructors and

helpers. For fear of leaving names out, I won't try to name all who helped, but the effort was greatly appreciated.

John Howe's canopy was great and gave many pilots and spectators a shady place to watch the activities.

Unfortunately, the day was not without its losses. Several combat planes and one giant scale flew their last flights at the event. Their sacrifice helped to hold the attention of the crowd (in other words, they loved it).

Don't miss the pictures that follow.





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