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## Coming in March & April

March 9<sup>th</sup> Rock Valley R/C Flyers Swap, 1401 N. Bell School Rd., Rockford, IL

March 11<sup>th</sup> Member Meeting, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library

March 23<sup>rd</sup> Bus Trip to Oshkosh Museum, meet at Library, 8:00am – 8:00 pm

March 25<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library

April 8<sup>th</sup> STATIC CONTEST - Member Meeting, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library

April 22<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library

## What Happened in January?

### NOTES OF BARNSTORMERS MEETING OF February 11, 2002

#### ATTENDANCE

There were 29 members present.

#### OFFICER REPORTS

**President:** John Howe presided over the meeting.

**Treasurer:** Bob Elsner reported a current balance of \$1198.73. This was after paying deposits of \$100 for the bus trip and \$300 for the Dupage Fairgrounds. In addition, Library meeting rooms, state Tax ID, and Forest Preserve field permits have been paid for. The

cost of the field permits has been raised from \$25 to \$35.

In talking with the Forest Preserve, Bob had several items to pass along. At events where the gate has been opened, only one car will be allowed to drive up to the field and will not be allowed on the grass. Also, we have been asked to inform the Dupage Airport tower in advance of Giant Scale events.

**Vice President:** John Janninck was absent.

**Secretary:** Scott Taylor said today's door prize was a Dave Brown fuel pump and that the rollover raffle was for a Model Tech "Magic" ARF.

There were several swaps coming up, including Fox Valley on February 16<sup>th</sup> and Rock Valley (Rockford) on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Scott reminded everyone to look for your membership cards with the newsletter and said some all-season flyer forms were being circulated with the attendance sheet for those interested.

### COMMITTEES

**Fun Fly:** No Report

**Flight Instruction:** No report.

**Safety:** Charlie Baxa said that the parking lot has been very full with cars for the dog field. This has created some problems with space.

### OTHER BUSINESS

**Swap Shop:** John Howe said plans are progressing for the April 13<sup>th</sup> Swap Shop. Vendors have been contacted and flyers are being distributed. We need help to setup tables the night before the event, helping vendors unload in the morning, and help for various tasks during the day. But this year we will not need to take the tables down. Thank you, Sunday train show!

If you haven't gotten your raffle tickets, you should be receiving them in the mail, soon. One of the keys to the success of the swap is the raffle, so please sell some to your friends and co-workers, or buy them for yourself! John also asked for some help in getting swap flyer to the local hobby shops.

**Oshkosh Trip:** Steve Dietrich updated everyone on the planned trip to Oshkosh. The date has been firmed up as March 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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 admission rate, and a 49-passenger bus with restroom and VCR. You may bring food on the

bus, but no glass bottles or alcohol will be allowed. Thirty-six people have signed up, but please send your money to the PO box or contact Steve.

### PLANES

**Paul Hurley** showed off a "fighter" style SPAD sporting a larger size single engine.

**Scott Hurley** showed a smaller flying wing SPAD with swept forward wings. It was powered by a Magnum .28.

**Ron Hilger** brought in his Pica A6-M combat airplane. It was primed in automotive paint with a .28 OS FX up front.

**Dave West** had some scale paper airplanes that you cut, fold and glue. These are the type that used to be printed on cereal boxes. You can find these neat little planes on a web site called <http://www.fiddlersgreen.net/>. Some planes are free, other cost about a dollar, and you can get a CD containing 100's of kits.

### ENTERTAINMENT

Ken Tillou gave a great presentation on Free Flight. His presentation touched on both the equipment used and his own personal experience. Ken was an avid competitor starting at the 1940 AMA Nationals. Ken had some of the classic free flight planes with him including a 1939 Wakefield, 1938 Zipper, and 1940 Playboy. Gas engines made by Olsen, Sky Chief, Forester, and Brown used spark ignitions. Free flights were also rubber powered and the number of turns you would use would depend largely on how lucky you felt that day!

This was a very interesting and informative presentation. Thank you Ken!!

### DOOR PRIZES/ROLLOVER

There was no winner in the rollover, but Tom Lyons won the door prize.

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## RC Airport

By Scott Taylor

We recently received an invitation to visit a new web site that has just started up. It is called RC Airport. This site contains kit reviews, upcoming events, on-line swap, chat board, and local club information.

If members find this site useful, we may add more information about our club. Tools allow

us to place our newsletter, information about meetings, local events, officer contacts information and more.

Check it out for yourself and let us know what you think. You can find RC Airport at <http://www.rcairport.com/>.

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# Bus Trip to Oshkosh Museum

By Steve Dietrich

Plans are still on for the March 23<sup>rd</sup> trip to Oshkosh EAA AirVenture museum (<http://museum.eaa.org/>). We have 25 members paid and a few more commitments. The bus can comfortably carry 49, so please, please, please join us for the fun.

The bus leaves the Bloomingdale Library at 8 a.m. on Saturday, March 23 and heads to Oshkosh. We should arrive about 11a.m. We will stay at the Museum until 5 p.m. and arrive back at the Library around 8 p.m.

There is storage on the bus for an electric cart if you need one to get around for the day.

We have arranged for a guided tour and a special admission rate of \$5.50. It is also recommended you bring an extra five bucks 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 (although there is a small food area with snacks, pop, and coffee machines), so pack a lunch or we will have the bus take a group to a local McDonald's, Taco Bell, or whatever.

If this sounds like a great trip (and it will be), don't miss out! Please contact Steve Dietrich at 630-832-4360, or send an email to [slkdietrich@msn.com](mailto:slkdietrich@msn.com) to reserve your seat. Expect a reply. The cost is \$25, and that includes the bus fare, museum admission and tour.

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## Safety Corner - Propeller Safety Tips

By Charlie Baxa

Here are a few tips to help keep you safe once that engine fires up. It may look small but it can take a big bit!

1. Install the prop with the curved side of the blade facing forward and tighten the prop nut or bolt with the proper size wrench.
  2. Recheck the tightness of the nut or bolt often, especially on wood props which tend to compress and loosen more often.
  3. When starting the engine, keep spectators at least 20 feet clear of the model and out of the path of the propeller.
  4. Keep hands away from the prop as much as possible. Use a "chicken" stick or an electric starter.
  5. Keep face and body out of the prop arc as engine is started and run.
  6. Make all adjustments from behind the prop except on pusher prop installations.
  7. Never throw anything in to the prop to stop the engine. Use a kill switch or pinch off the engine's fuel supply.
  8. Discard any prop with nicks, scratches, splits, cracks, or any other sign of damage. Never attempt to repair, alter or bend a prop.
  9. Don't run an engine in areas of loose gravel or sand since the prop can throw such material into your face and eyes. It's not a bad idea to wear eye protection.
  10. Keep loose clothing, shirtsleeves, transmitter lanyards, and other such items away from the prop and avoid carrying objects that can fall into the prop such as pens, screwdrivers, etc.
  11. Be sure to keep the blow driver wire out of the prop path.
  12. If a spinner is used, be certain that its edges are not in contact with the propeller blades.
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# April Static Contest

By Scott Taylor

Time is growing shorter for one of my favorite events of the year. It's the April Static Airplane Contest! This is your chance to show off those projects you have been working on during these cold winter months (well, maybe not so cold, this year).

This year, we are considering something a little different. For as long as I've been in the club, we have traditionally had three categories for judging, Sport, Civilian Scale, and Military Scale. So why consider a change? Because the types of planes our members build today are different from the kits built ten or more years ago. These days, our members seem to be more evenly divided between Giant Scale builders, "sport" plane builders, and ARF builders. Although many of the kits built by our members are scale models of civilian or military aircraft, they most often fall into the "giant" size category. We thought that having a Giant category, a large plane

category (less than giant but .40 or large size engine), small plane category (less than .40 glow, electric, rubber, etc.), and an ARF category would better represent our builders.

The Giant, large, and small categories would follow the "old" rules by requiring 51% of the kit be built by the member. But obviously, this rule would not apply to the ARF category. You can not enter a model that has won first place in the past, and all models must be radio controlled.

We would like to encourage everyone to bring in a plane, so this year, we will also have a special raffle for members that enter planes in the contest.

What do you think? Let us know when we cover this at the next meeting. See you there!

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