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Coming in October & November

October 14th Membership Meeting (Officer Nominations), 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library

October 13th Fun-Fly #5, Trim Flights 9:00am, Start 10:00am

October 28rd Board Meeting, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library

November 11th Club Meeting (Elections and Turkey Raffle), 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library

November 25th Board Meeting, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library

Big Prize Winners at October Meeting

A review of the budget at the last Board meeting revealed budgeted money that had not been spent. This money could be added to the Christmas raffle, but it was felt that rather than increase the funds for a single event, it would be better to distribute this money across several meeting. To this end, a larger door prize was approved for the October meeting. A model kit will be given away to one lucky attendee, however, you must be a member to win the door prize.

At the same time, it was agreed by the Board to allow an unlimited number of squares to be purchased by members in the rollover raffle. This will be tried as an experiment. The intent is to see if this would increase the money collected which would then allow for the purchase of more expensive prizes. The current rollover prize of a Hanger 9 Super Stick will go home with someone at the next meeting. Since we have the Turkey and Christmas raffles in November and December, it is intended to draw until we have a winner.

Officer Nominations in October

The agenda at the October meeting includes nominations for officers, Board members, and committee positions. Please plan to attend. Your opinion and participation are critical, and

acceptance of a nomination will bring you Sainthood!

What Happened in September

NOTES OF BARNSTORMERS MEETING OF September 9, 2002

ATTENDANCE

There were 32 members present. Visitor Shewen Smith, who has been out of the hobby for some time, return with an old Quaker model that he had some questions about bringing back to flying condition. Other visitors included Ray Rohde and Liz LaRocco.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: John Howe discussed elections that would be held this year for officers, committee positions and Board members. A number of positions will need to be filled. Now is the time to start thinking about whom would best fill those positions. Nominations would begin in October.

Treasurer: Bob Elsner reported a balance of \$3473, and said he had the permit in-hand for the Lisle/ Barnstormer fun fly.

Vice President: John Janninck said he had a \$15 Al's gift certificate for the door prize. The rollover prize was a Hanger 9 Super Stick ARF.

Secretary: Scott Taylor said he would be putting the memorial membership plaque back into our display case. Recently departed members have been added.

COMMITTEES

Fun Fly: Jim Paroline said the next fun fly would be the Lisle/Barnstormer interclub fun fly. We have been informed this will be a bomb drop competition. We have also been told that mechanical drop devices will be allowed. The only requirement is that the bomb be released, no lower than 6 feet above the ground.

Jim said a lot of fun was had at the last fun fly event. This one was a bowling game, where the pins were knocked over by a ball on a string attached to the plane. It was difficult to get a strike, but several participants managed to take a few down. First place went to Jeff Peca, second to Ron Meyer, and third to Jim Paroline/Tom Lyons.

SAFETY

We maintain a first aid kit in the flight stand, but it has not been replenished in several years.

Debbie Howe offered to get new supplies if the club agreed to cover the cost. Everyone agreed.

Charlie Baxa said he had recently left his transmitter out at the field. When he later returned, he found the transmitter had been placed in the flight stand. Charlie extended his thanks. He also took the opportunity to remind everyone to put their names and phone numbers on their transmitters and other items to make it easier for them to find their way home.

FLIGHT INSTRUCTION

Some discussion was held on flight instruction. This is an important function of our club and we hope next year we will be able to put students and teachers together more effectively.

OTHER

Forest Preserve: There were some discussions about things needed at the field such as an improvement in the parking situation and repair of the road leading to the lot. There seemed to be a need for members to know who their FP officials were, both for making contact and election decisions. Calvin Defenbau offered to put together a list of FP officials for publication.

PLANES

Steve Dietrich showed the club his Kyosho Valencia (no it wasn't orange). This was an early electric ARF design. It is an attractive plane, but will not take off from the ground under its own power.

Shewen Smith brought in a Quaker that he had purchased but was in need of repair. He had questions about repairs and recovering. Members had a lot of good suggestions.

DOOR PRIZES/ROLLOVER

The door prize for the \$15 Al's certificate went to Steve Wolski. The rollover rolled over.

Barnstormers Win the Interclub Fun Fly!

The interclub fun fly held between the Lisle Aero club and the Suburban RC Barnstormers has a long history. The event began in the early eighties. During that time, the coveted plaque traded hands several times. There was a period of about 5 years when no event was held. When the event resumed, the Barnstormers began a winning streak that has yet to be broken.

This year's event was a bomb drop. This was known early in the year and both clubs had been practicing. However, shortly before the event, it was learned that mechanical releases would be allowed. This is not something the Barnstormers had practiced or prepared for, but Scott Hurley and others quickly rose to the challenge. Scott assembled a number of mechanical releases ala SPAD, that could be rubber-banded to almost any plane.

The Lisle club certainly proved that they were practicing with several well-placed bombs. The Lisle club had the closest bomb at about ten inches. However, to the Barnstormers advantage, the event was well attended. There were about 9 Lisle participants and about 12 Barnstormers. The five closest bombs would be used from each club and the additional drops improved our odds. While Lisle had the closest drop, the Barnstormers were the most consistent. This consistency, despite being unfamiliar with the characteristics of the mechanical release, allowed us to win by a matter of inches.

A delicious Italian Beef lunch was provided courtesy of one of Scott Hurley's business associates.

As a sideline, the Lisle Aero Club no longer calls itself that. Since they do not fly in Lisle, and most of the members are not from Lisle, they elected to choose a new name. They are now known as the Propmasters R/C Aero Club. They have an excellent web site at <http://www.promastersrc.org>. Pay them a visit.



Barnstormer/Propmasters Fun Fly

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