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Coming in December and January

December 8th, Club Meeting – CHRISTMAS RAFFLE, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library

December 15th, Board Meeting, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library

January 12th, Regular Member Meeting, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library

January 26th, Board Meeting, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library

What Happened in November - Notes of November 10, 2003 Meeting

ATTENDANCE

Thirty-one regular members were in attendance. Also sitting in on the meeting was Sean Reeves. Sean was visiting on behalf of a Boy Scout Troop he is involved with. His Troop is very interested in flying models and Sean was surprised to find they could be built for just a few dollars as he was informed by the "Mad SPAD'er".

OFFICER REPORTS

President: John Howe went over the list of upcoming swaps in our area and also encouraged members to take copies of our swap flyer and distribute them wherever possible. Events you might still be able to make are:

Freeport RC Modelers 10th Annual Swap – Cedarville Community Center, Cedarville, IL, (4 blocks west of hwy 26 on Washington St.) Call Gary Marks for more information – 815-563-4830.

Rend Lake RC Club Swap – Mt. Vernon, IL. Rolland Lewis Building, Mt. Vernon City Par. Call Mark Harper for more information – 618-242-7530.

Christmas City Swap Meet – Marion, IN. Grant County 4H Fairgrounds, Hwy 18 East. For more information call Matt Denham - 765-472-3118.

Treasurer: Bob Elsner reported the club had a balance of \$1753.62 after buying the Thanksgiving turkeys. Bob was 36 cents over budget, but who's counting! On a little large

scale, we are running a shortfall of about \$400. But this will not reduce the Christmas raffle, since we had a cushion from the previous year.

Vice President: Scott Hurley said that tonight's rollover was a GWS Corsair. Great for flying in the golf dome!

Secretary: Scott Taylor thanked John Howe for the great "Howe To..." article in the last newsletter. If you'd like to know how to do something hobby related, direct your questions to John Howe at iflyrc2@comcast.net and your question may become the subject of his next article.

COMMITTEES

Fun Fly: Steve Dietrich said the Fun Fly season is over until May, but now is the time to tell us what you like to do next year. One suggestion was to try having the Fun Flies on Saturday instead of Sunday. Combat and Pylon events also seemed to be of interest to the members.

Safety: Scott Taylor said he had assembled and updated the club Safety Flyer. Scott Thomas originally created this flyer and the source file was lost. A copy of the flyer was scanned to recreate it. Scott had several copies and asked anyone interested to take them and provide any comments or updates they think should be added. After final updates everyone will get a new copy.

Flight Instruction: Jim Scahill reported that he was working on a flight instruction video that

would include safety tips and what new students should expect during their training.

OTHER BUSINESS

Wish Tree Raffle at Christmas Meeting- Debbie Howe said she would be organizing another raffle to support the Bloomingdale Wish Tree Foundation that provides meals for local needy families. This is in addition to our free club raffle. Debbie has collected a number of hobby related items from local vendors. These will be grouped into several packages that members can then purchase raffle tickets for. Tickets will be \$1 each, and an unlimited number of tickets can be purchased and used for one or more package. This is a great event that both our members and some needy families will benefit from.

Golf Dome Flying – Scott Hurley and Mike Bargman talked about flying in the Golf Dome. This year they hope to generate enough interest to fly both Thursday and Saturday evenings. Flying starts around 10:30pm and continues until around 1:00am. The cost is \$7.00 per person and there is a limit of 25 flyers. Your AMA membership is required and you must sign up on our web site (<http://www.suburbanrcbarnstormers.com>). The golf dome is located in Bensenville around York and Jefferson roads at White Pines.

Web Site Input Needed – Mike Bargman was soliciting items to post on our web site and encourages members to visit. The site has been recently updated with a bulletin board and classified areas in addition to other useful stuff.

ENTERTAINMENT

Scott Hurley talked about entertainment for the January meeting. He suggested another “Builder’s Night” like the great event we had a couple years ago. He suggested a SPAD version of an indoor electric. This would be a great kit to build and then try out in the golf dome.

PLANES AND THINGS

Dave West showed a “blue foam” plane he built from plans purchased at the Toledo show. The plans were for a Beech Staggerwing. Flying weight is 7.5 to 8 ounces. The foam used for this plane can be purchased from Lowes for \$30 for a 4’ by 50’ fan-fold sheet. About \$1 dollars worth of the foam is needed for the plane.

Ray Sidwell showed the club a profile “3D” mid-wing plane designed for a 280-380 motors. He was using some 9 gram micro servos he purchased through dragonfly.com.

Mike Cannata brought in his plans built “Low Watt”. Mike made a few changes by blowing up the plans 20% and fully sheet the wing. It will be powered by a 400 size standard or cobalt electric motor and “fueled” by a 1300ma 7 cell pack.

RAFFLES

We had a dozen turkeys to give away. Lucky winners were: **Mike Bargman, Kevin Conner, Andy Dina, Ruth Egging, Gregg Erikson, Gerald Hurley, Scott Hurley, Alex Kowalski, Tom Lyons, Ralph Niedzwiecki, Jeff Peca, and Jim Scahill.**

Wish Tree Charity Raffle at Christmas Meeting

Well December 8th is almost here and that means our Christmas meeting is just around the corner. As most of you know besides our free raffle we also hold the Charity Raffle. For those of you who don’t know what this is all about. Since November 1st I have been calling and faxing companies asking for donations of R/C product that I can raffle off at our meeting. I then bring all the products to the Christmas meeting and raffle off the prizes for \$1 a chance. The money goes to the Bloomingdale Township Wish Tree. There is helps give needy families food and gifts for Christmas.

It has been very difficult this year to obtain donations and I would like to say thank you to Keith Egging for his help putting me in touch with

people from Sig and Tower/Hobbico. Just a few of the other donators are Plastic Concept Planes, Jerry Polz, Glen LaRocco, Charlie Baur, Al’s Hobbies, Venture Hobbies, Robart Manufacturing, and more....

So yes everyone will go home with something from our regular club raffle but bring your money for the charity raffle and take a chance of winning some great prizes and help some needy families at the same time.

If there are any questions please feel free to contact me

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Flyers for 2004 Swap Shop

Do you know what we need most to make our Swap Shop successful? Customers!! If you can, please copy the attached swap flyer and distribute wherever you think there might be people interested in our event. Could be work, could be the local store bulletin board. It all helps.

Photos from Thanksgiving Meeting



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