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Coming in October and November

October 13th, Club Meeting, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library

October 27th, Board Meeting, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library

November 10th, Club Meeting, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library

November 24th, Board Meeting, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library

Final Fun Flies For The Year 2003

by Steve Dietrich

We have completed another year of fun flies on September 28th.

The contest was a timed flight. Contestants had to take off, fly two loops and two rolls and land as close to two minutes from take off to touchdown. It isn't quite as easy as it sounds, especially when Jeff Peca and others interrogate and antagonize you while you try to count down two minutes. This pestering was encouraged as it tests your ability to concentrate while flying. We flew two rounds in the cold and wind.

Ron Myer scored a respectable third place with his Sig Fazor. I say respectable because the scores were rather close. (Ron, come to the next meeting and pick up your 3rd place ribbon.)

Ron Hilger took second place with, you guessed it, a Swizzle Stick. Is there anything those funfly workhorses can't do?

Jim Paroline walked away with the blue ribbon bacon with a strong showing. His first round flight was 1.19 seconds short of two minutes exactly. He flew the contest with Jim Scahill's coroplastic airplane. To Jim's credit, as Safety Officer, he was propping his plane and nicked the prop. When most of us would have flown it anyway, Jim used his better judgement and grounded his aircraft. Hymie graciously offered his plane to Jim

who then proceeded to trounce the competition with a borrowed, unfamiliar plane.

Yours truly went to Scoobies Drive In for roast beef sandwiches to feed the mob. Make sure when you buy beef in bulk they heat it first. The cold roast beef sandwiches were tasty anyway and I was not lynched.

The contest against the Propmasters was a washout as those of you who showed up and those who pay attention to weather reports know. We played several hands of Wiffle Ball Poker. It was flown the next week under sunny skies and a wicked crosswind. Our squadron of Barnstormers held our own against the massive turnout of Propmasters. These guys have a little field surrounded by plane eating trees and they have a helluva spirit. They were terrific hosts and treated us well. It was a shame to defeat them again. To be fair, the contest was as much a luck of the draw as anything.

We saw some great flying from both sides. John Howe even competed with his Fokker Triplane. That plane really crabs in a crosswind. I would like to see it make a three-point landing that didn't include the cowling. One of their own flew his plane into and through the King of Spades.

The turnouts for this year's fun flies have been slight and I take responsibility for that as Fun Fly Chairman. I would like you to take a moment and think about what would get you to come out to the field next year and participate in the contests.

Even if you don't care to fly, please come out and help out and enjoy the fellowship of the Barnstormers. Come to the meetings and take part. Help us make this a better club. Thank you .

NOTES OF BARNSTORMERS MEETING Of September, 2003

ATTENDENCE

Thirty regular members were in attendance including new members **Jay Neilsen** and **Ray Sidwell**. **Ed Visconti** was sitting in on the meeting.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: John Howe was absent.

Treasurer: Bob Elsner was reported a current balance of about \$2640 with several bills yet to pay, including printing and mailing expenses for the newsletter, Giant Scale food, Rollover raffle prize and door prize. Outstanding expenses were about \$726 leaving about \$1914 left in the bank.

Bob also read some literature on a foam cutter. Advertised as a bargain at \$1000. Sounded capable, but for a modeler, hardly a bargain.

Vice President: Scott Hurley presided over the meeting in John's absence.

Secretary: Scott Taylor said the rollover prize was a \$30 Kwik Klip Ni-Starter with replacable battery and volt meter.

COMMITTEES

Fun Fly: Ron Hilger reported on Fun Fly #4. We had six pilots participate. This event was called "Figure 8s" and pilots needed to taxi around a figure eight on the ground and then fly a figure eight in the air. Quickest time was the goal and landing on the spot helped. Many thanks to Ron for "Chairing" the event and for the Lunch which he donated!!

Steve Dietrich talked about the upcoming "Flying Poker" game against the Propmasters. This is a draw two and fly three card event. Steve recommended forgetting that the cards are there and just fly low over the card you want. This will be held at Springbrook preserve in Naperville. Don't forget your forest preserve permit. They use permits for frequency control.

Steve said that Fun Fly #5 on September 28th was currently a "Mystery" event.

Safety: Jim Paroline was present but had no report. Good to see you Jim!

Flight Instruction: Jim Scahill was absent, but Shewen Smith was looking for some help with instruction. Please let him know if you can help.

OTHER BUSINESS

Keith Egging had several tickets to the upcoming RCHTA show. He conducted a "Dutch" auction for them. Bidding started at a dollar and ended with six dollars. All tickets were then sold to whomever wanted them for \$6. The profits from the tickets were donated to the club. Thanks Keith!!

PLANES AND THINGS

Mike Cannata showed the club a PT-40 his brother found at a garage sale. He had repaired and refinished it and was offering it for sale. Steve Dietrich took it home for \$50.

Steve Dietrich brought in his Gentle Lady that had been sitting around in need of repair for several years. He recently gave it a try out at the slope soaring field. Steve commented that "it was nice to be able to hear the servo while flying". He was able to get about a 20 minute flight in.

Scott Hurley showed off a new Plastic Concept Models creation. It was a Pterodactyl glider that should really impress them at the soaring site.

RAFFLES

Steve Dietrich was the winner of the \$30 Kwik Klip Ni-Cad starter door prize. The .46 size U-Can-Do ARF rollover prize was won by **Steve Wolski**. Congratulations.



Photos from the Barnstormer/Propmaster Fun Fly on September 21, 2003 courtesy of Steve Dietrich

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