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Coming in September and October

September 8th, Club Meeting, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library

September 14th, SRCB/Propmasters Fun Fly, 10am, Springbrook Field, Naperville

September 22nd, Board Meeting, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library

September 28th, Fun Fly #5, Pratts Wayne Woods, 8-10am Trim Flights, 10am Start

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

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

Barnstormers and Propmasters Face-off on Sunday September 14th

It is a tradition that dates back many years. Members from the two clubs gather on a late summer day, start their engines, and one by one, take to the air. Putting their planes through a series of maneuvers designed to test the skill of the pilots. At the end of the day, the points are tallied and one group of pilots is honored for their achievements. For those pilots, their skill has given them the bragging rights that will carry them until the next year.

This scene is due to be played out once again when the Barnstormers meet the Propmasters on Sunday, September 14th. The location of the event alternates between the two clubs fields, and this year, the Propmasters (formerly known as the Lisle Aero Club) will be hosting the event at their field. The Propmasters fly out of the SpringBrook Forest Preserve just south of 75th Street on Naperville/Plainfield road. Due

to noise restrictions, flying cannot start before 10:00 am.

This year, we will be having a flying poker event. This is a combination of both luck and skill. Each pilot will draw two cards from a deck. That will set the stage for the "skill" portion of the event. Several large plastic cards will be lined up on the field. The pilot must hit three of these cards to "draw" them and complete their deck. Of course, the skill involves hitting the right cards to improve the score of their "hand". The "hitting" is done with a wiffle ball attached by a string to the plane. Lunch will be served after the competition.

It is always nice to have a good turn-out of pilots for this event. It both shows support for the club and helps improve our chances of winning. So, put this event down on your calendar, now! See you there!

NOTES OF BARNSTORMERS MEETING Of August , 2003

ATTENDENCE

Twenty-six regular members were in attendance. Recent member and frequent visitor Ron Myer was also present.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: John Howe presided over the evenings business. John talked about the Giant Scale event held on August 10th. There was a good turnout with about 16+ planes flying. There were no major mishaps. John had to land his Mustang gear up, but very little damage was done. One interesting note was that the Forest Preserve officer present said because the event did not generate a lot of traffic, they could consider reducing the time the officer was on duty from 4 hours to 2 next year. This would also cut our cost for parking in half.

John also reported that he talked to the RCHTA show personnel about our club being unable to staff the Airplane Make and Take. They said they were not surprised and had already gotten a commitment from the AMA to staff the event.

Treasurer: Bob Elsner was absent so no report was given.

Vice President: Scott Hurley apologized that our turbine engine presentation would be postponed until the September meeting. The speaker, Dave Murray, had a last minute emergency.

Secretary: Scott Taylor said this door prize was a \$70 Hanger 9 SureCycle battery charger. This device will charge both receiver and transmitter packs, give you approximate capacity, and prevent overcharging through peak detection.

COMMITTEES

Fun Fly: Steve Dietrich reported on Fun Fly #3. This was a bomb drop and spot landing event. The spot landing was good for cutting your drop distance in half. Jeff Peca had an

impressive 2.9 foot drop to give him first place. Steve Dietrich had a 7.1 foot drop, but his spot landing helped push him into second place by cutting the score to 3.55 feet. Dave West had a 6.9 foot drop for third place. Fun Flys are always a blast and great skill builders for beginners. Don't miss the next one! Fun Fly #4 will be held on August 24th. Steve won't be able to make this event, so Ron Hilger has volunteered to chair the event.

The Propmaster's and Barnstormer's have settled on a wiffle ball poker event for our Sunday September 14th competition. Some modifications have been made to the game. Participants will draw two cards, but instead of having to knock cards over, they only have to hit a card with the wiffle ball.

We always like to have good participation at this event. Please get your planes ready and plan to be there!!

Safety: Jim Paroline was not able to make it to the meeting, so no report was given.

Flight Instruction: Jim Scahill made it to the meeting, but was too late to give a report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Entertainment: Scott Hurley had some videotape of attempting some slope soaring to show. The winds were light, but Dave West managed about a 10 minute flight with his glider. Scott Hurley's forward swept wing SPAD was a bit too heavy for the light winds, but it was fun watching them climb down the hill to get it ! The slope flying field is just west of old Route 53 on 75th Street in the Green Valley preserve. It is only open on Saturday and Sunday and closes at 6:00pm.

Mike Bargman thought the club would be interested to know about his attempt to measure the speed of one of Jim Scahill's planes. They mounted a hand-held GPS to the fuselage, which worked well until the batteries went dead. Mike reported that it recorded a speed of 124 miles per hour, but that this was probably not the top speed during the flight.

PLANES AND THINGS

Ron Hilger showed the club his "Swizzle SPAD". Ron used the wing and tail of a Swizzle Stick but mounted it on a square PVC pipe fuselage. He had not flown it yet.

Shewen Smith showed the club his SPAD and talked about his experience building it. One suggestion he had was to move the

aileron servos closer to the fuselage than the plans recommend. He is powering his with an O.S. LA .40 engine.

RAFFLES

Glenn LaRocco won the Hanger 9 SureCycle charger door prize. The rollover prize was still rolling.

Giant Scale Event on August 10, 2003



Fun Fly #4 August 24, 2003



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