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Coming in April and May

April 10th, Suburban RC Barnstormers Swap Shop, Dupage County Fairgrounds

April 12th, Membership Meeting and STATIC CONTEST, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library

April 15th, Golf Dome Fun Fly, White Pines, Register 10:00pm, Fly 10:30pm

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

May 2nd, Members Fly and Photo. Pratt's Wayne Woods. Club photo will be taken at Noon

May 10th, Membership Meeting, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library

May 16th, Fun-Fly #1, Pratt's Wayne Woods, Trim flights, 9-10am; First contestant off, 10:00am

April Static Contest

OK, the membership has spoken, the four classes stay! We discussed whether the ARF class should be discontinued, but an overwhelming number of members said it should stay.

So, here is the final word. There will be four classes. A Giant class, a 40 Plus class, an Under 40 class, and an ARF class.

It is not clear yet, whether the budget will allow 2, 3, or 4 plaques per category, but plaques will be awarded to the owners of the top place models. This year, we will order plaques after the event so we can include the winner's names, but we will have certificates for all participants.

The rules are simple:

1. All entries must be radio-controlled models. Any type of power (or lack of) is allowed.
2. For the non-ARF categories, the plane must have been a minimum of 51% built by the owner. If the plane has been completely recovered by a new owner, that is usually sufficient.
3. The model must not have won a first place at our static contest in any category in the past.

We would like to encourage everyone to bring in a plane. Although winning is fun, seeing the variety of planes built by your fellow members and sharing building experiences is really what this event is about.

Scott Taylor - Secretary

AI's Fuel Sale Update

At the last meeting I passed around an order form for AI's fuel sale. Unfortunately, only four people signed up for a total of 2 ¾ cases. We have to have at least 5 cases to hit the first discount level. The list will be passed around again at the April meeting. If we don't hit 5 cases total, we won't be placing an order.

Bob Elsner – Treasurer

Cool Power or Omega	Regular Price	5 Case Price	12 Cases or More
5%	\$ 11.25	\$ 9.00	\$ 8.50
10%	\$ 12.25	\$10.25	\$ 10.00
15%	\$ 15.00	\$11.50	\$ 10.99
Wildcat			
10%	\$ 12.99	\$10.19	\$ 9.89
10% Extra	\$ 13.49	\$10.39	\$ 10.00
15%	\$ 13.99	\$11.75	\$ 11.29
15% Extra	\$ 14.99	\$11.99	\$ 11.59

Indoor Fun Fly Report #2

Our second Indoor Fun Fly is now in the history books. A total of 12 pilots showed up to duke it out for first place. Our two newest members, Mert and Mike, joined us for the fun. We had the same events as the last FF but reversed the order to try to speed things up a bit. Everyone had to do the timed flight with a spot touch and go and spot landing first. Then walk over and try the limbo. I think next time we need to increase the size of the box for the spot T&G and landing. (The reason I think we need to make it bigger is I couldn't hit it.) The winner made it obvious that it could be done. Since the limbo appears to be getting easier for most people, maybe we need to begin lowering it. Things appeared to run much smoother in this order and it even gave us time to open fly for a half-hour after each round.

After 2 rounds of competition the winner was crowned. This time it was Mike Bargman with over 500 points. Congratulations to Mike.

When the contest was over we held the raffle. As always, the raffle is all based on luck and not on how well (or poor) you flew. All pilots and workers are eligible to win. In addition to some left over

prizes from the last FF, Scott Hurley donated a GWS Funny Park Flyer and a Slow Stick. Also donated was a parts organizer made by Plano. The person that donated it wanted us to SKIP telling everyone whom it was from. Done. Last but not least was Ron Hilger's donation of an assortment of showerheads. I believe anyone who wanted (or needed) a shower, I mean showerhead, got one. Thanks Ron. Speaking of Ron, Ron Hilger and Mike Cannata took home the 2 kits. That's 2 kits in 1 week for Ron.

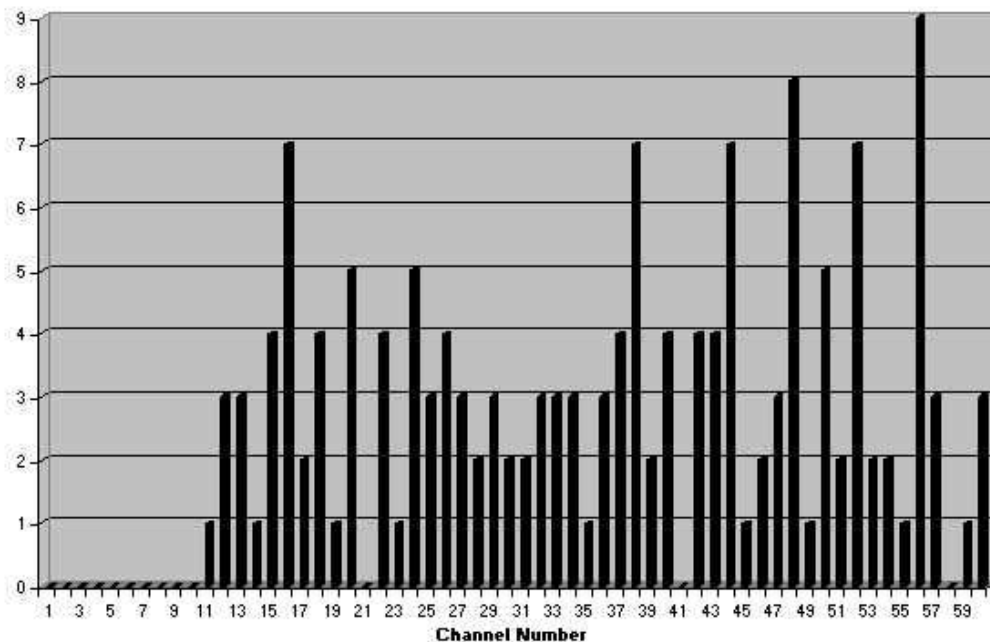
A special thanks to all the participants and especially those who worked as judges. Without workers we can't have contest.

We are planning to have another FF next month. It will be the Thursday following the April meeting. The date is April 15. We are hoping for a huge turnout. Our plan is to raffle off a radio to one lucky participant. You heard right. A RADIO. So mark it on your calendars.

Thanks

Jeff Peca

Frequency Distribution



Thinking about buying a new transmitter and can't decide what channel to get. Well take a look at the chart above. It shows the frequencies used by our members. This will help you find the one that isn't heavily used. (Note: the chart shows channels 1-10, but these are not available)

NOTES OF BARNSTORMERS MEETING of March 8, 2004

ATTENDANCE

Thirty-eight members were in attendance including two new members, Mike and Mert Mischnick. Several new faces were in the crowd, as well. These included John Ingram, Ray Rohde, Sean Reeves, Bob Starr.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: John Howe said this was the last meeting before the April swap shop. He sent around a sign-up sheet for help at the event. The sheet included places to sign up for different and positions. John added he would be at the event about 5:30am and they would start letting vendors in about 7:15am.

Treasurer: Bob Elsner said we currently have \$1262.82 in the bank.

Vice President: Scott Hurley said we had a tool kit for our door prize and the Giant Scale ARF P-51 Mustang for our rollover raffle. Also, each month we will be drawing for turkeys to be given away at the Thanksgiving meeting.

Secretary: Scott Taylor said membership renewals were due. March will be the last month for your newsletter if you have not renewed. Scott also said that with the April newsletter, he would try again with electronic only delivery for those that expressed an interest.

Scott also mentioned he attended a "Flight Simulator" weekend at Oshkosh recently to fly a simulated disaster relief mission in Los Angeles. They featured aircraft as well as model airplane simulators and he recommended going if you get the chance. They are held 3-4 times per year.

COMMITTEES

Fun Fly: Steve Dietrich he would publish all of the fun fly information in the newsletter in advance. He also reminded everyone they are invited to events even if they aren't flying. Stay to help, stay for the food!

Flight Instruction: Jim Scahill said he would begin flight training on Saturday March 19th, weather permitting. Training time should generally be from around 10:30am until 2:00pm. Jim asked those present that were interested in flight training to circle their names on the sign-in sheet. Those interested in becoming flight instructors should show up for a flight test. This would include a pre-flight review, then take off out of trim, two turns, trim and land the plane.

OTHER

Swap Shop: Debbie Howe talked about the possibility of moving and holding a larger swap event in early December instead of April. There was definite interest from the membership although some concern was expressed we would not have the manpower. It was motioned and passed that a project plan and budget be prepared to better enable the membership to make a final decision.

Static Contest: Scott Taylor discussed the format of the static contest for the April meeting. There was a suggestion to remove the ARF category from the event, which would have also necessitated the need to remove the 51% built rule, but the membership voted to keep the category in. It was also decided that plaques would not be ordered in advance this year. This will allow us to have the winners names and aircraft engraved on the plaques. Scott will prepare certificates for presentation at the event.

Fuel Order: Bob Elsner spoke to Cindy at Al's Hobby Shop about having a bulk fuel order this year and the word was, the sale is on! Fuel can be purchased in as little as one-gallon quantities. The only exception was the Wildcat Extra fuel which must be ordered in cases since it is a special order. Bob sent around a sign-up sheet.

Dome Flying: Scott Hurley said that Friday nights have been the lightest turnouts at the dome. If you're interested in getting some flying in, this might be your best night. Scott also said there would be a Fun Fly at the dome on Thursday March 11th.

SPAD Fest: Scott Hurley said to mark your calendars for SPAD Fest 2004. This year the event will be held at Rantoul Airport near Champaign, Illinois, on June 3rd, 4th, and 5th.

PLANES

Ron Hilger said he was having a "clearance sale". For anyone interested, he has a "Pole Star" for \$125 with engine or \$90 without, a Slo-Pole for \$50, and a Fly Swatter for \$50 including servos.

RAFFLES

Jerry Jeske took home the 38 piece toolkit door prize, **Jim Scahill** won the tackle box door prize, and **Ray Sidwell** won the turkey. **Ron Hilger** was the winner of the giant P-51D ARF.

WELCOME TO FUN FLY SEASON 2004!

I hope your batteries are charged, your fuel is fresh and your plane is checked out.

We will have our first fun fly of the season on May 16th, and all you duffers should show up. It is Aerial Golf. A hole is made on the field. The contestants will take off and drop a golf ball from a cup strapped to the plane behind the engine. Bomb Drop, right? Sort of, except, after you land, you take a putter and hit your ball into the hole. The drop from the plane is your first stroke. The fewest strokes is the winner.

Number two is on June 13th, Speed Day. Poles will be set up at either end of the field. The contestant will make a speed run as fast as possible across the field and then make his slowest pass in the same direction. The greatest difference between fastest and slowest times is the winner. Sorry, flaps, retracts and altering the craft between runs are not allowed.

The third event, on July 18th, Oh, how about... "DIXIE DEATH!" The stopwatch starts when the plane leaves the ground, you must do three each loops, rolls, and spins in any order, then do a touch and go, and then do three each loops, rolls, and spins and then land. Watch stops at touchdown. Whew!

Our fourth event, on August 22nd, will be a childhood favorite, Musical Chairs. We will fill the sky with as many planes as possible, keeping in mind frequency conflicts. At the sound of the horn,

all aircraft must land. Last one down will be eliminated. Rounds will continue until the winner is left. Here is a hint, don't bring your nicest plane!

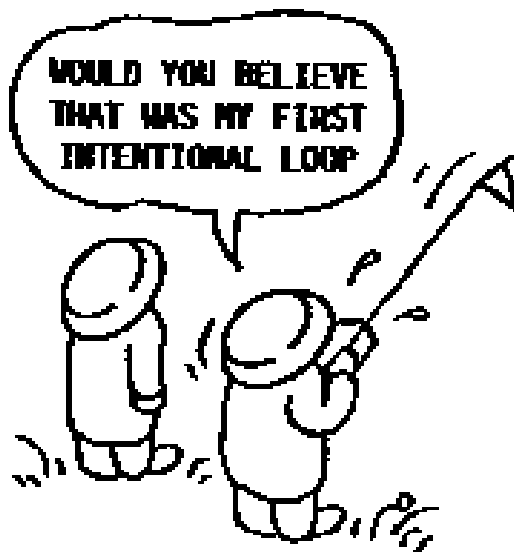
September 12th is the Lisle Fun Fly. These guys are getting serious about our contest. Lady Luck smiled on us last year and we just edged them out. This year it is at our field and they pick the event. We need a crowd of Barnstormers this year to fly or at the very least, cheer us on. and help out.

Our fifth and final fun fly on September 26th will be Dead Stick Landings. The contestant takes off, climbs for twenty seconds, and kills the throttle. (for safety sake you should always be able to kill the engine with the radio.) he must then glide in and land closest to a designated spot on the field. This is an event you should be practicing all season long as a basic piloting skill.

Please come and take part, be you a novice or skilled flyer. We can always use help on the field or with lunch. Come and enjoy the fellowship of the Barnstormers. You can even laugh at the crashes. .Of course, if we have time on fun fly days we can indulge in other games of skill or chance, make suggestions.

Thank you,

Steve Dietrich – Fun Fly Chairman



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