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## Coming in August and September

August 8<sup>th</sup>, Giant Scale Fly In, Pratt's Wayne Woods

August 9<sup>th</sup>, Membership Meeting, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library

August 22<sup>nd</sup>, Fun Fly #4, Pratt's Wayne Woods, Trim flights, 9-10am; First contestant off, 10:00am

September 12<sup>th</sup>, Barnstormer/Propmaster, Pratt's Wayne Woods, Trim 9-10am; Start 10:00am

September 13<sup>th</sup>, Membership Meeting, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library

September 26<sup>th</sup>, Fun Fly #45, Pratt's Wayne, Trim flights, 9-10am; First contestant off, 10:00am

September 27<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library

## NOTES OF BARNSTORMERS MEETING of July 12, 2004

### ATTENDENCE

Twenty three members were in attendance.  
Greg and Josh Ostdick renewed tonight.

### OFFICER REPORTS

**President: John Howe** reported on some upcoming events. We have fun fly #3 coming up on July 18<sup>th</sup>, August 22<sup>nd</sup> is fun fly #4, Warbirds at Muncie is September 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>, Dayton is also 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> and event included admission to Wright Patterson Airforce museum, September 25<sup>th</sup> is the Woodland Aero Swap, September 12<sup>th</sup> is the Barnstormer/Propmaster fun fly, and September 26<sup>th</sup> is fun fly #5.

**Treasurer: Bob Elsner** was absent

**Vice President: Scott Hurley** said tonight's door prize was a Perfect Drill "Dremel" style tool. The rollover raffle prize is an Ascent ARF kit.

**Secretary: Scott Taylor** said the plaques from the April Static contest had finally

arrived. These were handed out to winners that were present.

Scott had extra July newsletters for those that wanted them

Scott said he had received a list of model planes for sale from George Bucic. He had lists for those who wanted them. The list will also be included in the newsletter.

### COMMITTEES

**Fun Fly: Steve Dietrich** talked about fun fly #3, which is called "Dixie Death". This is a traditional type of event where the best time wins. The event requires pilots to take off, perform three loops, three rolls, a touch 'n go, three more loops, three more rolls, and then land.

Last month a motion and vote to authorize \$100 worth of raffle prizes for the fun fly was deferred to this meeting. The members present did authorize this expenditure.

Steve also talked about the fun fly that would be held on September 12<sup>th</sup> at our field between the Barnstormers and

Propmasters. Details have been included in the newsletter.

### OTHER BUSINESS

**Troop Donations:** **Debbie Howe** said that the Bartlett Fire Department would be collecting items to be sent overseas to our troops. They will be shipped in minimum 25# boxes. Hanover Township or the Bartlett Fire Department can provide a list of desired items.

**Giant Scale Event:** John Howe said that many of our members that would normally participate in our Giant Scale event, would be down at the Bloomington Wings and Wheels transportation show at Bloomington airport. Because of this, he asked members if they would like to move the event to August 16<sup>th</sup>. This was approved but is pending availability of the date with the Forest Preserve.

### PLANES

**Scott Hurley** brought in his Flying Witch. This kit uses a delta kite for the wing. He commented it was not very responsive to controls and required using the throttle to control pitch.

**Steve Dietrich** brought in a “derelict” SPAD. He had applied a photo of the group picture at the SPADfest to the top of the wing. It looked great.

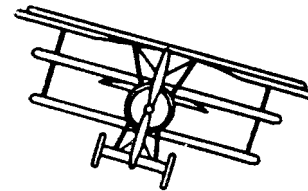
**Wayne Tasic** had a Hobbico/Tower electric powered glider called Ventura. This plane comes ready-to-fly, thermals well and “snaps like crazy.” It is \$125 including transmitter.

### RAFFLE

**Gerald Hurley** won the “Dremel” door prize. **Willie Janisch** won the turkey (which he donated back to the club. **Bob Elsner** won the rollover.

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## Fun Fly #4 – August 22<sup>nd</sup>



**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!

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## Barnstormers-Fun-Flv-Timed (9/12/2004)

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This year's event will be the "**Timed Bomb Drop Spot Landing**". The pilot must take off, complete one circuit of the field, "attack" the target and then perform a successful spot landing. An unsuccessful spot landing will result in a distance penalty of 36-inches added to the bomb's distance from the target. There will be a five-minute time limit on each flight. Exceed the 5-minute time limit and incur an additional 36-inch penalty

For this event we will be using the standard "washer bomb". The standard "washer bomb" is a common 5/8" steel washer with two streamer ribbons approximately 12 - 18" long. The washers can be purchased at any hardware store. "Washer bomb" approximate dimensions are: 1-1/2" outside diameter with a 5/8" diameter hole. Prop Masters will supply the "washer bombs" and other material for the contest. Each club will use a different color streamer and each bomb streamer will be numbered. That way everyone can fly before we have to measure and we can still keep track of penalty distances. The spot for the spot landing will be a 15' x 10' box marked on the field.

Anything goes as far as the bombing device is concerned. The only restriction on the bomb-dropping device will be that the device must drop the standard "washer" bomb supplied by the Prop Masters.

For those who do not build a bomb-dropping device, Prop Masters will supply wooden skewers and rubber bands. The skewer is attached to the model; the "bomb" is placed over the skewer. To drop the "bomb" the pilot performs some maneuver such as a loop, a roll or holding inverted flight until the "bomb" falls off the skewer. The skewer can be attached to any part of plane. But we recommend that it be

attached ahead of the CG point.

### **Rules:**

1. Each pilot will take off and fly one circuit of the field before he begins his "bomb" run. A circuit of the field is completed when the plane passes its take off point again.
2. The timer is started when the model is released for takeoff. The timer is stopped at first touch down.
3. Each pilot is allowed one scoring attempt. If the bomb falls off before the initial circuit is completed, he may land and rearm up to a maximum of two times. This gives each pilot a total of three attempts. **However the 5-minute timer will continue to run.**
4. Minimum bombing altitude will be 6 feet. Bombs dropped below this height will not be scored.
5. Once the bomb is dropped, the pilot can land. To score a successful spot landing, the plane's main landing gear must first touch down within the designated area and the engine must remain running after touch down. An unsuccessful spot landing will result in a 36-inch penalty added to his "bomb's" distance from the target.
6. The 5-minute timer will be stopped upon first touch down. Total flight time must not exceed 5-minutes. Exceeding the 5-minute time limit with result in an additional 36-inch penalty add to the "bomb" distance.
7. Distances will be measured from the target center marker to the center of the washer am rounded to full inch increments. (1-1/2-inches = 1-inch, 1-9/16-inches = 2-inches)
8. Best 5 distances, including penalties, from the center of the target for each club will be combined. Club with the shortest combined distance is the winner.

# Photos from Fun Fly #3



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