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Coming in June and July

June 13th, Fun Fly #2, Pratt's Wayne Woods, Trim flights, 9-10am; First contestant off, 10:00am
June 14th, Membership Meeting, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library

\$100 Gift Certificate to be Ruffled at Next Fun Fly

At the last membership meeting, a motion was placed on the floor to raffle a \$100 gift certificate at each of our Fun Flies this year. The Fun Flies are great events. They are flying events that help build the skills of our members and are just loads of fun. But for many different reasons, only a small number of members participate in these events. Many say they just feel they

cannot compete against the skills of the "regulars". Since this raffle will be for all members participating and/or helping at the Fun Fly and is not for the winners of the event, it is hoped this will encourage more participation. Once we get some of the other members "hooked", we are sure they will find flying in the event to be a ball even if they can't claim to be the "Top Gun".

Fun Fly #1 Results - Aero Golf

Steve Dietrich

We Barnstormers have had the first fun fly event of the season. The game was Aero Golf. Found on the internet, Aero Golf is simple, drop a golf ball from your airplane, as close to the hole as you can get. Then, using a golf club, hit the ball into the hole.

We had a very good turnout on Sunday, May 16, Twenty four Barnstormers came for the fun, thirteen competing. Jeff Peca managed a first place with seven strokes for two holes. Yours truly managed a nine, and Steve Wolski shot an eleven for third. Jim Paroline managed a twelve, and he also lent his plane to Frank Bernstein and Scott Hurley so they could also compete. You would think that all the golf dome pilots would have fared better. I also want to

thank our caddy Skip. He did a great job finding balls and handing out the right club. After lunch we held a raffle of Al's gift certificates and a jug of fuel. The winners are Frank Bernstein, Steve Wolski, Mike Mischnick, and Angelo Sorce.

Thanks for coming out everyone!

Next fun fly event on June 13th is high speed, low speed. It is a timed event where you make your fastest pass and then your slowest pass and the difference between the two determines your score. No altering your plane between passes, this includes flaps, retracts, props or any additions and subtraction

Notes of Barnstormer Meeting of May 10, 2004

ATTENDENCE

Twenty eight members were in attendance along with visitor Rich Lanute who works at AI's along with member Erik TerMaat.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: John Howe reported there was a recent article on use of the dog fields at the Forest Preserve. The Forest Preserve intends to charge dog owner \$40 per dog to use the unleashed fields. \$250 per dog if out of county. It will be interesting to see if the number of dog owners using the field drops. This may help the parking situation.

Treasurer: Bob Elsner reported a balance of \$3293 in the bank. Since we made a bit more money on the swap than budgeted, we are in the black with our budget for the year. Fees for the field permits have been paid, totaling \$385.

Bob also said he had the club fuel that was ordered by members in his car and asked those that ordered to see him after the meeting.

Vice President: Scott Hurley said the dome flying was over for the season. It was a great season, but he's looking for help to man the dome next year. The door prize tonight was a multi blade cartridge cutter. The rollover was a 6 channel Futaba 6EXA radio. Scott talked about SPAD Fest which will be June 4th, 5th, 6th at Rantoul airport. About 60-70 pilots have already signed up.

Secretary: Scott Taylor passed out name badges for recent members and pointed out back copies of recent newsletters. Scott was hoping to pass out plaques to winners of the April static contest. Unfortunately, the plaques had not arrived.

COMMITTEES

Fun Fly: Steve Dietrich went over the events for the first Fun Fly on May 16th. The first event would be an Aerial Golf game. Pilots will drop a golf ball from their planes on the field near a "hole". After landing, they must putt the ball into the hole. The pilot with the fewest strokes is the winner. Steve also talked about Fun Fly #2 which would take place before the next meeting. This event will be a high speed/low speed. Pilots will first make a level pass across

the field at high speed, then around the field and make a pass at lowest possible speed. The plane with the greatest difference will win.

There was a lively discussion about raffle prizes at Fun Flys. Jeff Peca motioned to have larger prizes to help stimulate participation. He suggested \$100 gift certificates be raffled at each event. Some opposing opinions were that this would make the Christmas raffle too small, too few members would benefit, and that we shouldn't "buy" participants. Jeff's original motion of \$100 per Fun Fly was modified to a trial of \$50 for the first and \$100 for the second with the success to be evaluated at the next meeting. The \$50 prize for the first event was suggested because there would not be time to advertise the raffle. The members passed this motion with 4 opposing votes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Field Plane Stand - Skip Carrino asked if it would be possible to leave a plane stand out at the field for use by our members. John Howe and Bob Elsner said they did not know if it were possible, but would check.

PLANES

Keith Egging showed the club his Hanger 9 Twist ARF. He said the plane was nicely constructed and finished out of the box, but made a few modifications including changes to the motor mount and wing bolts. He put an Irvine .45 in his.

Ron Hilger put together a Goldberg Electrostroke ARF. The original model had a built up balsa fuselage, but the new model sports a fiberglass fuselage. Ron put an AXI 2820 brushless motor in his.

Bob Elsner showed the club his Tiger moth park flyer ARF. Bob had seen a modification for a "floating" motor mount on the internet and incorporated it into his kit. The modified mount allows thrust adjustments in all directions. A feature he felt this kit needed.

RAFFLE

Scott Taylor won the door prize of a Pro Neck cartridge knife and **Scott Hurley** won the Turkey. The Futaba radio rolled over to the next meeting.

New Library Rules

I wanted to make all club members aware that the library Board of Trustees modified the existing policy regarding the use of the library meeting rooms. These changes have a minimal affect on our meetings but we do need to be aware of them.

1. We no longer need to provide the library with a certificate of insurance. We only need to sign the indemnification of library form. This will save the club \$80 a year.
2. We reserve the meeting rooms six months in advance. This means that by November 15, we need to have our meeting schedule set for the first six months of the following year and by May 15, submit the schedule for the second half of the year. This shouldn't be a problem as we generally setup the schedule for the following year at the November board meeting so we need to do it at the October meeting instead.

3. At least one member of the club must be a resident of Bloomingdale. Currently we meet that requirement as Mike Cannata and Joe Eskert are both Bloomingdale residents. This was done to ensure that the rooms are used by local groups that pay for the library's operations through property taxes.
4. The biggest change is that meetings must end 15 minutes before the library closes at 9:00 p.m. to allow for cleanup and everyone must be out of the building by the 9:00 close. This means we're going to have to start our meetings on time and be aware that meetings where we have a build night, we have to be finished and out of the building by 9:00. This provision was added to ensure the safety of both the library and the groups.

See you at the June meeting.

Bob Elsner - Treasurer

Did You Miss SPAD Fest 2004?

If you did, look for more news on this event at the next meeting. For now, here are a couple of pictures from the flight line. Now that's what I call a paved runway!!



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