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Coming in March and April

March 8th, Regular Member Meeting, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library

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

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

April 12th, Membership Meeting and Static Contest, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library

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

Time to Renew!

Have you enjoyed the builder's nights where you can take home an airplane for just a few dollars? Have you enjoyed seeing the planes built by your fellow members on Static Contest night? Do you enjoy the smell of glo-fuel in the air as you face the challenge of the Fun Fly's? Do you enjoy taking the Barnstormer/Propmaster plaque home with us each year we fly against them? Do you enjoy exchanging building and flying ideas with other members? Were you lucky enough to take

home a Thanksgiving Turkey? If you came to our Christmas raffle, we know you took home a gift! Do you look forward to your next issue of "The Transmitter" to keep you informed on what has and will be happening?

If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions and you see your name below. Then it is time to send in your 2004 membership renewal form (on the back).

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Member Ron Lundin Passes Away

On February 24, 2004 we lost one of our long-time members, Ron Lundin, to cancer. Ron was 68 years young. Our condolences to Ron's family. Godspeed, Ron!

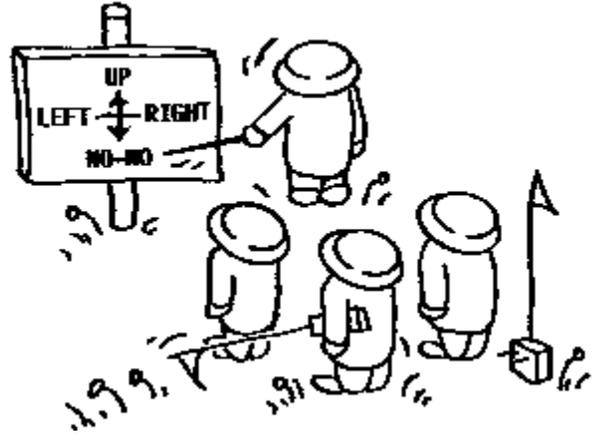
AI's Dynamite Fuel Sale March 1st to June 1st

Once again AI's is having a fuel sale. I'll take orders at the March & April meetings with delivery at the May meeting. If you order fuel, please come to the May meeting to pick it up so I'm not hauling it to meetings all summer. We have to order it by the case (4 gallons) but you can purchase it in one gallon quantities and get the discounted case price. Because we can only order in full cases, if I have an order for 1, 2 or 3

gallons of a brand/nitro content, we won't be able to get that. I'll try and notify you if your order falls in that category and see if you want to increase your order or change it to another brand/nitro content to meet the case requirement.

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



Dome Fun Fly – Big Success

Our first Indoor Fun Fly has come and gone. We had about 15 flying contestants with several more members that helped with the judging. The events included a limbo, timed flight, a spot touch and go and a spot landing. When all the foam dust settled and broken orange props stopped spinning, the victor was Shawn Shedd. Many people might not know Shawn because he just joined the club on the night of the FF. (One of several members that the Indoor flying has generated). Apparently Shawn used to be a club member but dropped out for a while. Welcome back.

I believe that everyone that participated received a prize. Thanks to Steve Dietrich, Scott Hurley (PCP) and the SRCB for donating the prizes. A big thank you also goes to the folks that judged the contest. Although there appeared to be a lot of carnage, I think every airplane is going to fly again. Most of the damage was broken props. Our second Indoor Fun Fly is scheduled for March 11, 2004 at the White pine Golf Dome. We are hoping to have the same amount of club participation. We have some raffle prizes left from the last FF that will be raffled at the March FF. I

think that Plastic Concept Planes is also going to donate some prizes. We are hoping to include a bomb drop at the next FF. As with all of our bomb drops, no mechanical release of any kind will be allowed. Release must be accomplished through the movement of the airplane. If you would like help setting up your airplane with a bomb drop please come to the Dome any Thursday prior to the March 11. We will be more than happy to help get it working properly so you may PRACTICE.

The location is the White Pines Golf Dome at 500 West Jefferson, Bensenville. All pilots are required to show AMA card and must be present no later than 10:30 PM. The cost for pilots will be the usual \$8.00 for rental of the Dome. We need to have everyone registered and a pilot's meeting completed before 11:00 so that the FF can begin promptly at 11:00 PM. If there are any suggestions to improve the FF's or events you would like to see at the FF's, please post them on the discussion board of the Club website or bring them to the next meeting. Participation and feedback are critical to making the Fun Flys successful. **Jeff Peca**

April Static Contest

By Scott Taylor

This is your reminder. We know you've been spending all winter flying in the Golf Dome, so don't forget it's time to get those planes ready for the April Static contest. It's even OK to enter those dome "Park Flyer".

We are currently planning to continue with the categories that we started 2 years ago, but we are looking for your input. Last year we had a Giant, 40 Plus, Under 40, and ARF class (the classes refer to engine size). Surprisingly, the ARF category has had very few entrants. So, we can either keep the four categories or eliminate the ARF class. We only had enough money budgeted for 1st and 2nd place plaques last year, but eliminating the ARF class would allow us to have three place trophies (or do you want prizes?). If we do eliminate the ARF category, we may also relax the 51% member built rule to allow

ARFs in the other categories. It's up to you!!

What are the rules, you ask? The Giant, large, and small categories would follow the rule requiring 51% of the kit be built by the member. Obviously, this rule would not apply to the ARF category. You can not enter a model that has won first place in the past, and all models must be radio controlled.

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.

See you there!

NOTES OF BARNSTORMERS MEETING of February 9, 2004

ATTENDANCE

Thirty-five members were in attendance including new member Mike Slavik. Mike hooked up with the Barnstormers at the "dome". Guests **Dan Rubino, Mert Mischnick, and Skip Corino** were also present. Dan is a Glenbard North High School teacher and has organized student airplane clubs. Mert says he started with U-control models in the 40's and switched to RC boats until about 1985. He took a break for awhile, but planes are "calling" him. Skip said he had started flying several times, but hopes this time it will "stick".

OFFICER REPORTS

President: John Howe said flyers were available for our April swap shop. Please take and distribute these where ever possible.

John also said there are upcoming swaps at Pottawatomie park in St. Charles on Saturday February 14th and March 28th in Elk Grove Village sponsored by Chicagoland RC.

Treasurer: Bob Elsner said we finally got a refund back from the Dupage Fairground for

unused tables at last year's swap shop. After getting a check for \$283, Bob could finally figure our profit from last year as \$1338. Current balance in the bank is \$1254.

Vice President: Scott Hurley said that the door prize for tonight would be a pair of DuBro skis for 40-60 size planes. Also, the rollover raffle prize would be a P51D Mustang ARF. Thanks go to Ralph Niedzwiecki for giving the club a great price on the kit he won at Christmas.

Secretary: Scott Taylor said it was time for members to renew. The March newsletter will be your last unless you renew by April. He also asked members to update their email address on the sign-in sheet if it has recently changed. He will begin sending the newsletter via email only, for those that have requested it.

COMMITTEES

Fun Fly: Jeff Peca said an indoor Fun Fly would be held at the White Pines golf dome on Thursday February 12th. Sign-up is at 10:30pm and flying starts at 11:00pm. The cost is \$8.

John Howe said that the success of the January 1st Fun Fly shows there is interest in an open flying event for club members only. So, the

originally planned Giant Scale event on May 2nd would be replaced with an open Fly-In event. Come to fly, eat, and have your picture taken with planes wing tip to wing tip. The photo will be taken at Noon.

Flight Instruction: Jim Scahill said that flight instruction at Pratt's Wayne would begin around mid-March weather permitting. Jim also said shooting has begun on an SRCB safety video.

OTHER

Scott Taylor said that last month's builder's night was a great success. Thanks to **Scott Hurley** and **Jim Scahill** for their efforts! However, some tables were damaged by glue and knife cuts. Please treat the library's furniture like your own so we can continue these types of events in the future.

Dave West reported that Stanton Hobbies in Chicago recently closed. Stanton was one of the oldest shops in the area.

Debbie Howe suggested everyone consider keeping a well-stocked first aid kit in their cars. They have used theirs many times.

Scott Hurley said that arrangements have been made to hold **SPAD Fest 2004** at Rantoul airport. About 100 pilots are expected at this event to be held on June 4th, 5th, and 6th. The event will include admission to the museum at the airport.

Orvil Fluharty told members that the Top Gunn event has moved. It will now be held in Lakeland Florida during the last week in April.

PLANES

Scott Hurley showed the club a SPAD version of a flying witch. The witch is designed to fly using a 40-60 size engine.

RAFFLES

Jeff Peca made a motion to the membership to have a raffle at each meeting for a turkey that would then be given to the winner at the Thanksgiving meeting. This raffle is in addition to the regular door prize. The motion was second and passed by the membership 19 to 11. The first turkey will be raffled at the March meeting.

There was no winner in the rollover raffle.

Is A Bigger Swap In Our Future?

By Debbie Howe

Many of you may know that a few years ago there was a very large swap shop that was held at the Dupage County Fair Grounds in late November. This swap took up 2 buildings and was a vender building and then a swap in the other buildings. Unfortunately, that swap is no longer running due to the great amount of work and effort needed to make it a successful event.

Since our swap is run after Toledo Expo every year we do not get the turn out that clubs such as the Tri-Village club gets. We think that is mainly due to the date. The board has been trying to decide weather our club could handle a swap that would match the large one that used to be in November.

What would this entail?

A two day event, November 26 and 27th
Set up 9am Friday, Doors open Friday 1-9 and
Sat 8-5, Set up/Take down
Overnight Security for Friday night

Food both days
Staffing
Show demonstrations
Advertising

Debbie Howe has agreed to head the event and we do have the Board of Directors who are willing to help chair the event. But this event is not going to be possible unless we have the support and help of our club members. This could be a great financial endeavor for our club and a great way to change the date of our regular swap. In following years we would only be doing one swap. Most likely if this works out the way we are thinking, our new swap dates would be the last weekend of November or the first weekend of December.

We figure that we would need at least 35-40 people to help run the event. Is this possible and is our club willing to commit? That is what the meeting on the 8th will discuss.

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