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Coming in October and November

October 11th, Membership Meeting (OFFICE NOMINATIONS), 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library

October 25th, Board Meeting, 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library

November 8th, Membership Meeting (ELECTIONS), 7:30pm, Bloomingdale Library

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

We Lost!

Those were the words of Steve Dietrich at our last membership meeting as he talked about the inter-club fun-fly between the Suburban RC Barnstormers and the Propmasters held on September 12, 2004. The two clubs held a bomb drop competition that included a spot landing. Both clubs were well represented as there

was a good turnout on both sides. The Propmasters had been practicing in an effort to break their long losing streak against the Barnstormers and this year it paid off. Our congratulations to the Propmasters and that's to all the participants on both teams.



NOTES OF BARNSTORMERS MEETING of September 13, 2004

ATTENDENCE

Nineteen members and two visitors were in attendance. The visitors included Jeff Mrachek (now a new member!) and Forest Preserve District representative Justin Frederich.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: John Howe was absent.

Treasurer: Bob Elsner reported the current balance as \$2487.48. Bob also said that the library had changed its meeting policy and we needed to submit our schedule for January through June by November 2004.

Bob had printed a beautiful picture from our Barnstormer/Propmaster Fun Fly.

Vice President: Scott Hurley said tonight's door prize was a Top Flite propeller balancer and that the rollover raffle prize was an Ultra Stick 40.

Secretary: Scott Taylor had a couple of extra newsletters for anyone that wanted one and mentioned that messages sent to some of the email addresses on file were being returned. He asked members if addresses had changed to provide the new address on the attendance sheet.

COMMITTEES

Fun Fly: Steve Dietrich reported on the Fun Fly competition between our club and the Propmasters. In short, "we lost!" The event was a bomb drop and spot landing. Clearly, they had been practicing and the practice paid off. We had a great turn-out from both clubs and delicious grilled lunch thanks to Jim Scahill. On the positive side, the Barnstormers were the keepers of the plaque for almost 15 years. It was about time!

Steve said the next and last fun fly would be a dead stick spot landing. Pilots

will fly to altitude, cut their engines and glide to a spot on the field.

Flight Instruction: Jim Scahill

Safety: There.

OTHER BUSINESS

FBI Letter – Bob Elsner said the club had received a letter from the FBI asking members to watch for individuals either looking for or expressing interest in self-guided aircraft or autonomous aircraft technology (UAV's).

RCHTA Show – Bob Elsner said the RCHTA show would be in October this year and that this would be the last year the show would be held in Chicago. They will be moving to California next year.

Elections – This is an election year. The four office positions and several Board positions are open. Please consider running for a position.

Slope Field on Fire – Scott Hurley reported that the slope field at Greene Valley Preserve currently has a smoldering under ground fire that has closed the field. It is not expected to re-open until sometime in 2005.

ENTERTAINMENT

Justin Frederick from the Dupage Forest Preserve District was present to discuss field-related issues. Some of the items discussed included:

1. Flight line boundaries. Justin showed a proposed map of the field with flight boundaries outlined. It was intended to post this at the field.
2. Justin said if any changes at the field were desired, a proposal should be submitted to the Forest Preserve.
3. Justin talked about the underground fire at the slope field.
4. Jeff Peca asked about trimming the brush along the walkway

5. Keith Egging had compliments on the condition of the field and restrooms.
6. Justin said there were no current plans to raise fees.
7. Questions were asked about collecting money at the field, road resurfacing.
8. Steve Dietrich offered training flights to any of the FP personnel interested.

PLANES

Bob Elsner showed the club the completed E-Flight Ascent he recently won. Bob had made a few modifications he read about and straightened the wrinkles in the tail. It flies great.

RAFFLE

Gerald Hurley won the Top Flite prop balancer door prize and **Calvin Defenbau** won the Thanksgiving Turkey. There was no winner in the rollover.

Results of Fun Fly #4 8/22/04

We had near perfect weather for the fun fly. (Maybe a little on the windy side). Over 15 members attended with 11 flying in the event. Dave West filled in as event coordinator for the vacationing Steve Dietrich with assistance from Jeff Peca. Jim Scahill supplied the grill and cooking expertise for an on-the-field weenie roast. We were also joined by two guest pilots (soon to be club members), Bob Gonnella Jr. and his son Bobby.



Two rounds each of two separate tasks were flown. The first was

“musical chairs”. A group of five or six pilots flew with musical accompaniment (from a radio). When the music stopped, the last plane down was eliminated. The remaining pilots took off again and repeated the process. No restarts were allowed, so if you killed your engine on landing, you were out. The top two finishers in each group flew together to determine the winner of the round. In the two rounds, top finishers included Jeff

Peca, Steve Wolski, Bobby Gonnella, Mert Mischnick, Ron Hilger, Brad Dean, and Bob Gonnella. Each round had the same final survivor, and champion – Jeff Peca.

The second event was bomb drop. This allowed us to practice for the upcoming inter-club fun fly. Using the best score of the two rounds, third place went to Scott Taylor with 25 feet (he was the closest pilot not using a servo release). Second place went to Steve Wolski (he had the same distance, 18.5 feet, for both of his drops). Top honors go to perennial

favorite and top gun, Jeff Peca, with an amazing drop only 5 feet from the target.

The event concluded with a prize drawing for all club members present. Brad Dean took home a glow starter. John Janninck won a servo. Jeff Peca chose a gallon of fuel. Ten-dollar gift cards for Al’s went to Ray Sidwell, Ron Hilger, Willy Janisch, and Scott Taylor.

Fun Fly Season is Over! "Dead Stick Landings" Pictures from 9/26/2004 Fun Fly #5



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