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Coming in March and April

March 14th, Member Meeting, 7:00pm, Bloomingdale Library
March 26th, Swap Shop, Dupage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton
March 28th, Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Bloomingdale Library

April 11th, Member Meeting (STATIC CONTEST), 7:00pm, Bloomingdale Library
April 25th, Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Bloomingdale Library

Clean Sweep for the New Guys!

By Mert Mischnick

Bob Strowe joined the Barnstormers at 10:55 P.M. on the night of the Fun Fly, and took **First Place** in the balloon busting competition with a score of 120 points. Congratulations Bob!

John Kubitz joined the Barnstormers a week before the February meeting, and took the **First Raffle Prize** at the end of the Fun Fly. Congratulations John. Now we want to see that 'Fundango' electric kit you won built up and flying.



Dave West and **Ron Hilger** tied for second place with a score of 80 points each. Dave was lead-off, and started things off with two bangs in about 10 seconds. It appeared that he would pop all five balloons with time to spare. Alas, when the 3 minute timer went off,

Dave was still trying to pop that pink balloon that refused to die while two other balloons just swayed in the breeze. His score after the first round, 60 points for two pops.

The scoring was a little different than the usual. The more balloons you broke in one round, the more the value of each balloon. The second round started with minimum points for the first balloon. That way, more balloon pops in a row were worth more points than the same number of balloon pops spread over two rounds. Different, and interesting.

Jeff Peca's 'Blue Stick' came to a sudden stop when the prop caught the string holding the balloon. In an instant a flying model was kissing the big blue plastic barrel at the bottom end of the balloon string.

A BIG 'THANK YOU' to **Skip Carrino** who supplied all the balloons, helium, string, tape and stuff it takes to put on a Rip Snortin, Rootin Tootin Balloon Busting fun fly.

We all had a super time. Come join us next month. At the Dome. The Thursday after the Barnstormers meeting. 11:00 P.M. To 1:00 A.M.

Notes of the Barnstormers Meeting

February 14, 2005

ATTENDANCE

Thirty-five members were in attendance. Visitors included Bill Feil, Joe Landgraf, Glenn LaRocco and Katie Howe.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Jim Scahill's good friend passed away shortly after Christmas and reminded us that friendships keep the hobby together and that is what flying is all about. On a different subject, he stated that the by-laws are being updated and Mert and Jeff are working on them. If anybody has any suggestions to contact either of them. Any revisions will be approved by the membership.

Vice President: Orvil Fluharty discussed the rollover prize, which is an electric airplane, brushless motor and speed controller. The club needs to find out how much the prize is so a check can be given to His and Hers Hobbies to receive the rollover prize.

Secretary: Ruth Egging handed out the membership cards. Also, reminded everyone that when participating in events such as the swap shop to be sure to sign-in to receive a point.

Treasurer: Bob Elsner discussed the budget and stated that the field permits are complete and expects a call from the ranger to determine which events will require parking attendance.

COMMITTEES

Fun Fly: Steve Wolski reported on the latest fun fly at the golf dome had a three-way tie for first place. The flyers used Ron Hilger's airplane and although Ron was one of the flyers tied for 1st place he ended up coming in 3rd place. Jeff Peca noted that our club has the Fun Fly with the Propmasters on September 11, while the Propmasters web site has the date of September 18. Jim Scahill will contact the Propmasters and clarify the date.

Flight Instruction: Jim Scahill said he recommends everyone be at the next meeting as he plans on giving out a couple of trophies,

such as the Most Improved Pilot, and he did not want to give any more details at this time.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Swap Shop: John and Debbie Howe passed around a sign-up sheet for people to participate in helping with the swap shop. They need helpers at 6 PM on Friday and 6 AM on Saturday to set up. If unable to make it at 6 AM on Saturday they also need people to tear down after the swap shop is over at Noon and someone to man the Club table during the swap shop. The doors open at 8 AM.

Web Page: Dave West gave an explanation regarding the Web page for the Club (SuburbanRCBarnstormers.com) and gave details on how to log onto the club roster as several people had questions on how to log into the roster.

Airplane stands: Skip stated that he submitted the documentation to the Ranger on the airplane stands, but has not heard anything from the Forest Preserve or the Ranger, Justin Fredrick.

Shelter: It was also mentioned that we had not heard anything about a shelter that had been suggested.

Mert took the information and will be contacting the Forest Preserve regarding these requests.

Spad Fest: Scott Hurley announced that the Spad Fest will be held on July 15, 16, and 17. It was noted that one of the Fun Fly's was also scheduled for this date. May need to reschedule the Fun Fly.

Frequency Pins: The Club has stamped aluminum frequency pins for members, which they could also engrave their name on the pin.

Bensenville Golf Dome: Thursday, February 17 is members only night and there will be another fun fly. The event will be a Balloon Bust. The regular admission price of \$10 per person will be charged and the 1st place prize will be an airplane.

Giant Scale: May 1st - Jeff Peca stated he will have more information when the time gets closer

Miscellaneous:

It was mentioned that Hugo is in the hospital, but expected to be released in a couple of days. The Club will get a get well card for him.

Al Reifer was wondering if anybody had heard from Lou MacDonald, and it sounds like he belongs to a good club in Florida. Al was wondering if there was any information or pictures. **Mike Cannatta** stated that he hears from Lou every couple of weeks or so.

John Janniack won the door prize which is an AccuThrow. **Jerry Polz** won the February Turkey

Hugo Sends His Thanks and Well Wishes

Hugo Mosquera has been recovering from some recent ill effects that were caused by his diabetes. He had spent nearly 26 days in the hospital, but is now home and feeling better. Hugo called and wanted to extend his thanks

for the cards and visits by members while he was in the hospital. He also wishes all the club members well and hopes to see them at the next meeting.

Last Newsletter for 2004 Members

If you haven't renewed your membership for 2005, please take the time to fill out an application and either mail it in or bring it with you to the next meeting. This will be the last newsletter for 2004 members that have not renewed for 2005. If you like to say informed and like to participate in the Barnstormer

events (like the Static Contest, our Dome Flying on Thursdays, and the upcoming fuel order) then pick up that application and pen and rush your completed application to the mail box! You won't want to miss a minute of membership benefits.

“Swap til You Drop”

by Debbie Howe

Well, as we talked about at the last meeting, the annual “Swap til You Drop” Swap Shop is coming soon. As usual we are looking for help to run the event. Remember if you are not available for the day of the event, we still need help the night before for table set up and general set up. All the help we can get would be greatly appreciated and will get the job done quicker and easier.

Just a reminder:

Swap Shop Date: March 26th

Table set up: March 25th at 6pm

John and I will be at the swap on Saturday starting at 6am and as usual there are normally vendors waiting then to start setting up. So anyone that can help early is always welcome and appreciated. If you can't help early remember we also need help for close and clean up.

As for status of the swap at this point we have 58 out of 114 tables sold so I feel confident we will sell out. We do have the ad in the magazine and fliers at local hobby shops as well as fliers have been handed out at all the local swap shops in recent months.

If there are any questions regarding the swap please feel free to call or email me and I will do my best to help.

Thanks again for your help in advance and remember this swap benefits the entire club so we all want to see it be a success.

Debbie Howe
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Al's Dynamite Fuel Sale

Bob Elsner

Bob Elsner will be taking orders and collecting money at the next meeting for a bulk fuel order. The more we buy the more we save! The 5 and 12 case prices refers to the entire club order. If we have orders from the entire club for 12 cases, everyone would pay the cheapest price.

Cool Power or Omega

Nitro	Normal Price (plus tax)	5 Cases (tax included)	12 Cases or more
5%	\$11.25	\$9.25	\$8.75
10%	\$12.25	\$10.50	\$10.25
15%	\$15.00	\$11.75	\$11.25

15%	\$13.99	\$12.00	\$11.50
15% Ex	\$14.99	\$12.25	\$11.85

Power Master 20/20

Nitro	Normal Price (plus tax)	5 Cases (tax included)	12 Cases or more
	\$16.99	\$16.05	\$15.65

Heli

Nitro	Normal Price (plus tax)	5 Cases (tax included)	12 Cases or more
15%	\$14.00	\$11.75	\$11.25
30%	\$21.50	\$19.00	\$18.25

FAI

Nitro	Normal Price (plus tax)	5 Cases (tax included)	12 Cases or more
	\$10.99	\$9.05	\$8.55

Wildcat

Nitro	Normal Price (plus tax)	5 Cases (tax included)	12 Cases or more
10%	\$12.99	\$10.45	\$10.15
10% Ex	\$13.49	\$10.65	\$10.25

Magnum 30% Heli

Nitro	Normal Price (plus tax)	5 Cases (tax included)	12 Cases or more
	\$18.99	\$19.05	\$18.75

My First Fun Fly – Bomb Drop Dome Golf

Skip Carrino AMA # 797338

The first fun fly is over, and you all know who the winner was. What I would like to share with you is how a “newbie”, viewed from my prospective, saw this event unfold. This was my 1st fun fly that I would fly in. I guess you could call it my virgin contest. I would like to thank all the club members who helped me through this rough and self-doubting time. One person especially, who tutored me. I do not like to name names, so I will call him Jeff for the purpose of this article. Prior to the start of the event, I was given instructions, which were simple enough. Hook a wire bomb release into the tail of my killer contest winner aircraft, “the mighty Slow Stick”.

The bomb was simply a metal washer attached to a length of ribbon, about 10 inches long, fly straight and level after takeoff about 20 feet off the ground, approach the target and dive the plane slightly, pick up speed and apply up

elevator which will cause the bomb to jump off the release. Piece of cake!

My practice run was perfect until I heard “THE DREADED BOINK”. Over the target the plane dove, I gave up elevator, the bomb released and watching the bomb and the glowing ribbon attached to it going exactly where I wanted it to go and then I heard it, the BOINK, the sound an airplane makes as it makes a perfect one point landing, nose first into the ground. My mentor did not tell me to watch the plane and not the flowing ribbon bomb, although they arrived at the same time. I swear it was in slow motion, the bomb and in the corner of my eye the plane balanced on its nose, shuttering and the parts of the motor mount exploding and finally flipping over on its back, and a voice in the background (my mentor) telling me not to watch the bomb.

The final result, the contest had not started and my Slow Stick out of commission. My other plane was an Ultimate Biplane. This was going to be quite an experience. Having been involved in last summers fun fly golf ball bomb drop (only as a caddy) marking dropped balls, passing out the right clubs, checking distance and wind direction for the pilots and doing an outstanding job in general, I was awarded the caddy job for this event. Just great! I would have to be the first up on the flight line.

My Ultimate took off, flew straight and level and as I made my turn for the approach to the target, the bomb dropped off, the wall of the dome came out and grabbed my plane and pushed it to the ground about 200 feet from the target. The joint is haunted! There was nothing I could do but to take my golf shot from that distance. I could not see the flag and wondered what would Tiger do (Not Woods, but Tony. We all know him from the cereal commercials.)

I took a 7 iron, hit the ball and ended up 15 feet from the flag, hole high. If those darn blue barrels were not in the way, I might have sunk it! Three putts later, the ball went into the hole. Amen! My first round was over and 5 strokes was not all that bad. Now to attend to my duties as the caddy which went pretty well, until, I will call him Mikey, dropped his bomb 250 feet from the hole. I gave him the lucky 7 iron to use but he wanted to use the putter instead. I tried my best to convince him he was too far for a putter, but he insisted. So much for my expertise as a caddy. I was crushed. Mikey wound up and *CRACK*, the ball jumped off the ground. It flew as if he had used a 9 iron. In all my years I have never seen a putter that could do that. The gallery had gathered around the hole to watch and when they saw the ball coming, I saw all arms and legs churning to get out of the way. The ball Mikey hit must have been named Moses because it sure parted the gallery. Round one was over. Scores ranged from 3 to 7 strokes.

Round Two !!!

I was not going to let the mistakes I made from the 1st round occur again, so I added another washer to my bomb to keep it from falling off in a turn. The plane took off and as the wall of the dome came up, I made my turn and the bomb did not drop off. As the target came into view, I dove slightly on it, gave a little up elevator and this time I watched the plane. Perfect....except the bomb did not release. Back around again, dive, up elevator, same thing. One more time....the same result.

Now I was angry and I can hear in the background, "Loop it", "Roll it", "Invert it", all the maneuvers that I have only done when I lost control of the plane and the plane did them and not me, just before the BOINK occurred. Now I was so frustrated, the other wall of the dome came out, grabbed my plane and threw it to the ground and the bomb came off, this time about 25 feet from the hole. I did not even check my plane. I grabbed the putter, hit the ball and it hit another ball that was left on the ground. Total distance...5 feet. 20 feet to go. To make a long story short, 5 putts later and I was in the hole. A 7. Yuck!

No further excitement until, yep, Mikey came up, dropped his bomb 10 feet from the hole. I gave him the putter, pulled the flag from the pin and waited for him to putt out. Again in slow motion, I saw him wind up and wack the ball. He was only 10 feet away and his swing was good for about 100 feet. I remembered his previous shot and how the ball jumped off the ground. A quick calculation would put the ball about 32 inches in the air before it hit me in a very tender spot of my body so my hands moved to protect it. I will let you guess what I was protecting. Much to my surprise and relief, the ball came like a bullet along the ground, hit the rubber sole of my shoe and bounced back to 10 inches from the cup. In the background I hear, "You should have jumped up." At my age, jumping up

while protecting with both hands the
aforementioned tender spot, was not even
an option!

What did I gain from my first fun fly? \$2.50
to repair my Slow Stick, \$5 to fly at the

dome, \$3 to repair my Ultimate bipe and
memories to last a
lifetime....PRICELESS!!!

Proud to be a Barnstormer!



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