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Coming in May and June

May 1st, Giant Scale Warm-Up, Pratt's Wayne Woods, 9:00am

May 9th, Member Meeting, 7:00pm, Bloomingdale Library

May 15th, Fun Fly #1, 9:00am Trim flights, 10:00am Start, Pratt's Wayne Woods

June 13th, Member Meeting, 7:00pm, Bloomingdale Library

June 18th, Fun-Fly # 2, 9:00am Trim flights, 10:00am Start, Pratt's Wayne Woods

Slo-Poke Race and Limbo

By Mert Mischnick

Tortoise wins! Hares lose. Winning Tortoise is **Jeff Peca** for the 'Odd's. **Dave West** for the 'Even's. **Jeff Peca** winner in the run-off flying his 'Blue Stick', which he built at the Jan. 2004 club meeting.

Two heats of 6 planes did their best to fly at stall speed or slower in an attempt to cross the finish line last. At the whistle, all pilots had 5 seconds to cross the starting line. A late start had a one-position penalty in the finish column. (If you were first, you dropped to second, etc.) After crossing the starting line, the plane had to fly left hand turn around the Dome back to the starting line, do not cross the starting line, turn 180 and make right hand turns around the Dome and cross the finish line. Last one over the finish line wins.

With half the pilots flying, the other half were judges watching for infractions such as touching the ground, zigzagging, late start, and finish position. The 'Odd's flew first (the names on the sign up sheet corresponding to the odd numbers of the sign up count) 'Even's were the judges. Then for the second heat, we reversed the

pilots and judges. Everybody was busy, all the time.

This kind of 'race' takes advantage of the physical limitations of the Dome, and puts your piloting skills to the test. You naturally tend to take the longest path to consume the most time and your natural tendency is to maintain flying speed plus. You learned a long time ago that when you fly too slowly, you fall out of the sky. Gravity is relentless. It does not care if you are beginner or expert, if it is windy or clam, race or no race. When you fly too slow, you stop flying, and gravity don't care what your excuse may be. In addition to the big 'G', there is traffic. Remember that there was a 180 turn in the race. That means that somewhere along the way, every plane

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meets every other plane in the race – head on! In theory, when you are flying really slowly, you have all kinds of time to avoid the other planes. As it happens, there were no mid-air collisions! Hooray for both the tortoises and the hares. This kind of ‘race’ is so different, it keeps everyone thinking and watching and laughing.

Next on the agenda was Limbo! Straightforward, no tricky stuff, fly under the tape between the poles, single elimination. 4 pilots wrecked planes during the Slo-Poke, and only 5 made the first limbo pass at 5 feet. The same 5 pilots made the 4-foot pass. 2 more dropped out at 3 feet, and none of the remaining 3 pilots made the 2-foot pass in two attempts. At 2 ½ feet, we eliminated **Skip Carrino** then another round at 2 ½ feet eliminated **Jeff Peca**, leaving the **winner of the limbo...DAVE WEST.**

Prize time had 12 club members signed up for the Barnstormers raffle. The fact that Dave, Jeff and Skip fought to a fine finish finalizing first flying feats means nothing. The first prize of anything on the table goes to the pilot whose number is drawn from the pill pool bottle. In this case, **Jeff Peca** proved he is not only skillful, but really lucky, and won the first choice on the table. The prizes were really neat, including a Coroplast “ORION” ARF kit donated by **Scott Hurley** to promote the SPADfest coming up in July, a Watt-Amp-Volt-mAh combination meter, and Digital tachometer.

April 30 was the last Dome night for this season. Indoor flying will resume again about November 3 at the Bensenville Golf Dome. Don’t let the foamies get all oily over the summer.

Just a few things you might be interested in.....

by Bob Elsner

We received a notice from the Madison Area Radio Control Soc. inviting members to the 5th annual Warbirds over Dane on July 9, 2005. This is for warbirds of any era. Trainer, liaison, transport, cargo, attack, recon, bomber & fighter aircraft are all welcome. See me at the meeting for details or contact granberg@execpc.com or www.marcwi.org.

Next, SIG is having their 31st Annual Father’s Day R/C FunFly June 18 & 19 at SIG Field in Montezuma, Iowa. If you want more information, contact SIG at 641-623-5154 or mail@sigmfg.com

As I mentioned at the last meeting, Al’s Hobby Shop is hosting “Meet Your Local Club on Saturdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. I’ll have a signup sheet available if you would be interested in talking to customers and handing out information about the Barnstormers.

Finally, if you ordered fuel, I will have it at the May meeting.

See you at the May meeting.

Bob Elsner
Treasurer

Giant Scale Report - May 1, 2005

By Jeff Peca

Cold winds and the threat of rain didn't stop about 15 pilots from attending our first Giant Scale Fun Fly of the season. We turned the flight line in an east west configuration to accommodate the wind and proceeded to fly. When most pilots were too cold to fly anymore, Jim Scahill

fired up the grill for the hotdogs and for heat. We had enough food to feed a small army so I believe everyone left with full stomach. In spite of the poor weather we still had a decent turnout. Maybe next year we should move the date to the end of May.

April Static Contest Results

by Scott Taylor

The ballots were cast, folded, and stuffed in a jar. While the results were tallied, the officers conducted their report. The President spoke, the Treasurer reported the treasures, the Secretary passed out memberships, and the committees committed to nothing. But what about the "Static Results!" they all thought. Nineteen planes were entered and the 14 members that brought them wanted to know, "Did I win!". Finally, the counts were in and the winners of the 2005 Static Contest were about to be announced! But first...

A big "Thank You" must go out to the members that brought planes. It is always great to see what creative ideas get cast in foam and balsa. All enjoyed the planes.

There was one entry in the Giant Scale class, so start planning for next year. This category is a "shoe-in" (just what does that mean, anyway?). The winner with his beautiful Beechcraft V-tail Bonanza was John Howe.

In the "40 Plus" category we had three entries. Steve Dietrich took home the top honors with a modified Kaos. Ron Hilger took home a respectable second place with his well made 4 Star 40, and Mike Cannata rounded up the group with his colorful "Fiesta".

There was a bit more competition in the "Under 40" class. There were nine entries and five winners. Tom Lyons was honored

with first place. He brought in a SIG LT25 which he modified for electric power. Looks like a great combination. Second place was taken home by long time member Ron Hilger. Ron entered his ME-109 in the competition. Third place went to Jerry Jeske with something he called the "American Eaglet". Bob Elsner is the only contestant that won with a fish. Fourth place was bestowed on his electric powered "Park Shark". Finally, fifth place became the possession of Wilhelm Janisch with his Simple Plastic Airplane Design (SPAD). Other entered in the "Under 40" class included Mert Mischnick and his Mini 3d, Joe Eskert with his SIG Wonder, Mike Cannata with a Ford Tri-Motor, and Mike Maciejewski with his X-Wing.

The final category was the ARF category. This is an interesting category because such a wide variety of ARFs exist today. Two giant ARFs took home the top two places. Charlie Baxa took first with his Cessna Skymaster and John Howe came in a close second with his GeeBee R1. Third place went to Ron Hilger's .40 sized P-51 called "Miss America". Forth was taken home by a very nice 4 Star 60 ARF built by Frank Orlitz, and fifth place went to Carl Barshop with a Cermark electric powered kit called the "Little Banchee". Although he didn't take home a certificate in this category. Steve Dietrich brought up the 6th position with a PCP Talon.

Once again, a big thanks to all!!



Giant Scale Winner



40 Plus Winners



Under 40 Winners



ARF Winners



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