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Coming in October and November

October 10th, Member Meeting, 7:00pm, Bloomingdale Library

October 24th, Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Bloomingdale Library

November 4th, Golf Dome Opens for Flying, Admission is FREE!!

November 5th, Electric Dome Flying, Admission \$10, FREE PIZZA!!

November 14th, Member Meeting, 7:00pm, Bloomingdale Library

November 17th, Dome Fun Fly, Members Only, PRIZES!!

November 28th, Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Bloomingdale Library

BARNSTORMERS VS. PROPMASTERS 2005

By Steve Dietrich

Our competition this year took place at Springbrook (Dragon Lake), the Propmasters field. It behooved us to get there early, as the parking is limited. (Why do runners have to drive to where they are running?)



Photo courtesy Propmaster R/C Aero Club

The weather was clear with a breeze from the south, crosswind of the runway, yes, a runway (for the uninitiated)

Barnstormers vs. Propmasters (cont'd)

Our contest was a combined event- a timed taxi event and timed flight. The taxi course was four cones spaced well apart and the planes had to complete a circuit around them without leaving the ground or killing the engine. The ideal plane for this event is a low wing with tricycle gear. Ron Hilger and Steve Wolski shared Ron's high wing trainer and it tipped and killed the engine in the taxi event. Due to the several engines killed in this event, restarts were allowed. Mert Mischnick competed with his unique electric plane but the slight breeze proved too much for this lightweight machine.

The Barnstormers held their own in this event, however one of the Propmasters bested Jeff Peca's time by two seconds.

The second event was the timed flight. Competitors flew for sixty seconds, or as close as they could get without any timing devices. Jeering was encouraged. Our own Dave West came within 1.69 seconds of a minute for our closest time.

The best five times of each team were added up to determine the winner. Combining the time of the taxi event with

the seconds over or under a minute in the timed flight, along with five second penalties for knocking over cones or killing the engine. As it happened, the Propmasters score totaled 134.30 to the Barnstormers 160.24, or averaged, 26.86 to our 32.048.



Thanks to those who competed. The Propmasters are a great bunch of guys who deserve the win. For those who didn't compete, you missed out on some good laughs, some good fellowship, but you didn't miss out on lunch as none was provided.

Ready for Make and Take – Electric?

By Jeff Peca

With winter around the corner it is time to change our focus from outdoor to indoor flying. Like we have done in the past, we would like to have another Make & Take of an indoor electric airplane to enable newcomers to successfully make the transition to indoor.

The airplanes themselves only cost a few dollars in materials to build. We are also

working on a motor, ESC and battery combo from Dan at **True RC**. This is only going to be possible if the interest is large enough.

At the next meeting let us know if you would like to participate. We would like to shoot for the build at the November meeting so pilots can take advantage of the upcoming indoor flying season!

Notes of the Barnstormers Meeting

September 12, 2005

By Ruth Egging

Attendance

Twenty-eight members were in attendance. In addition two visitors, which included **William Feil** and **Mark Spencer**. Mark is our new liaison from the Du Page County Forest Preserve.

Officer Reports

President: Jim Scahill started the meeting at 7:05 PM and welcomed new members and any visitors. A portion of the meeting was made available regarding the Forest Preserve.

Vice President: Orvil Fluharty displayed the door prize, which was epoxy, and the rollover prize will be a \$200 gift certificate from Al's Hobby Shop.

Secretary: Ruth Egging handed out membership cards and badges that had been ordered for the members, there are still two badges left, Mike Day and Darryl Hedges.

Treasurer: Bob Elsner reported that the club had \$4,116.47 in the bank. He also reported that the Rock Valley RC flyers were having a combat event, however this event was at the same time the next Fun Fly event was to take place.

Committees

Fun Fly: Steve Dietrich reminded us of the inter-club Fun Fly with the Prop Masters. The airfield for the Fun Fly is 75th and Naperville/Plainfield Rd. If any members need directions they can go to the Club's Internet page and there is a link to the address and directions to that field.

Dome Flying: Mert Mishnick updated us on the upcoming season for flying at the Dome. Mike, from the Dome, has generously made season passes available to pilots for \$175. For those pilots that fly at the dome regularly, this is a great price since each evening would normally be \$10 per night. The season pass allows pilots from the club to fly 3 nights a week. The dome fun fly's will be the Thursday after the club meeting. The dome will open November 4th for the first flight and will be free to Club members. On November 5th there will

be free pizza. See information in this newsletter for more details.

Safety: Mike Cannata reported that he did not see any safety violations at the field.

Flight Instruction: Jim Scahill reported that all students have gotten their solo flight. He plans on recognizing the Most Improved pilot at the end of the year and some other recognition.

Old/New Business:

Flight Stands: Flight stands are ready, just need a way to get them to the field and have some help in putting them up.

Miscellaneous:

Jim Scahill was selling some boxes and organizer trays that are good for propellers, small items to keep aircraft items organized.

Mike Cannata was selling an extra flight box that he purchased due to special circumstances on trying to purchase just one.

Jim Scahill discussed having a Club picnic or gathering instead of one of the Fun Fly's. Will discuss further in another meeting.

Forest Preserve Liaison – Mark Spencer

In summary...

1. Not as many complaints from people that walk their dog.
2. The proposed work stands for the field have been approved
3. Grass Burn – not sure when that took place, but depends on weather and other conditions.
4. Shelters – club should submit a formal proposal to Forest Preserve
5. The path is wider now, thank you, but requested having the grass cut a bit further back so larger airplanes with big wingspans can be pulled down the path.
6. Permits need to be with pilots, not in cars. This will make the job easier for Forest Preserve staff.
7. Posting of rules. For example, some non-members do not impound transmitter on stand. This can be a

hazard to another pilot on same frequency. Posting rules will help these to be enforced.

Airplanes

Ron Hilger brought in another of his interesting electric airplanes. It had 4 x 3 props and he had put ailerons on it. (I did not get the name of

this airplane, but if questioned, I am sure Ron would give you the specifics.)

Tom Lyons had a E flight Tensor 4D biplane with a brushless motor.

Steve Dietrich won the Turkey and **Timothy Johnson** won the door prize.

Fun Fly #5 – September 25, 2005

By Scott Taylor

The weather was threatening and a few drops were even spilled before the event was over. But the showers were brief and the fun filled! The last fun fly of the season was an old favorite called the Wiffle Ball Touch and Go. The object is to take off and fly with a wiffle ball dangling from the plane on about a 25 foot string. Then four attempts were allowed to make a maximum of three touches of the ball on the ground (while still flying of course) within a box painted on the field. Points were awarded for “in the box” and “on the field”, followed

by a spot landing within the box. Eight pilots participated with two pilots making a perfect score (Dave West and Scott Taylor).

This resulted in an exciting fly-off for first place, which Dave West won hands down. Third place was awarded to Jeff Peca.

A great lunch was organized and cooked by our President, Jim Scahill. Thanks, Jim!!



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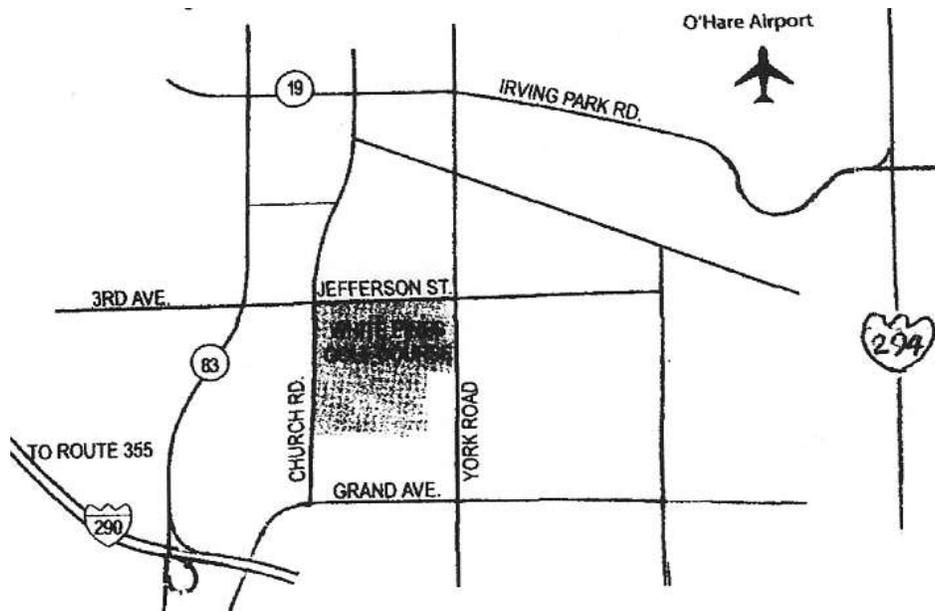
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