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Coming in April and May

April 10th, Club Meeting / Static Contest, 7:00pm, Bloomingdale Library

April 13th, Dome Fun-Fly, Free Admission, Free Pizza! - 11:00pm - 1:00am

April 15th, *** Swap Meet *** DUPAGE COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS

April 24th, Board of Directors, 7:00pm, Bloomingdale Library

May 8th, Club Meeting, 7:00pm, Bloomingdale Library

May 21st, Fun-Fly # 1, Pratt's Wayne Woods. 9:00am pre-flights, 10:00am first flights

April Static Competition – Think Green!

By Scott Taylor

Boy, “the times they are a changin’”! There was a time when the cold temperatures of winter gave us the break and the excuse we needed to recover that torn wing, re-glue that vertical fin working loose, build that kit that’s been sitting in the box since last winter, and visit the Swaps to get those replacement batteries and cool new gadgets (By the way, don’t forget about OUR Swap! See next page).

Then came the Golf Dome! Now it seems the flying season never ends. What are we to do? You say you didn’t have time to finish that new kit for the April Static contest? Well, I say think GREEN! Time to do some “recycling”. There’s nothing in the rules that say your static entry needs to be new! So let’s see one of those nice looking experienced flyers. Get out the Simple Green[®], wipe off the castor oil, and bring one in!

Monday April 10th, the NEXT MEETING, is our annual RC static competition. And we all love to look over the different planes,

large and small, gas and electric, ARF and scratch built. Don’t be timid, bring one in!

How do you do that? Easy, pick a model (or two) you like. It may be a unique design, a cool color scheme, or just plain “old reliable”. When you walk in the door, you’ll find a category that fits your planes character. Your choices are “Giant” class, “40 Plus” class, “Under 40” class, and “ARF” class. Giants will generally have a minimum .90 2-stroke (or equivalent, i.e. 120 4-stroke) sized motor, although most will have larger engines. The 40 Plus class kits will have engines in the .40 to .75 range. The Under 40 class models would be powered by .38 and under engines or powered by small electric motors (most “Park Flyers” would fall into this category). Finally, for those of you who prefer to spend more of your time in the hobby store than in the basement, there is the ARF category. Kits in this class have been built by the skilled hands of Asian workers, but you get to take the credit!

However, there are a few rules you must follow:

1. All entries must be radio-controlled models. Any type of power (or lack of) is allowed.
2. For the non-ARF categories, the plane must have been a minimum of 51% built by the owner. If the plane has been completely recovered by a new owner, that is usually sufficient.
3. The model must not have won a first place in any category in the past.

We'll have certificates for the winners up to 6th place. And for the top three winners in each category, you'll receive a plaque suitable for hanging in your trophy room or at the office (sorry, but good luck getting it hung in the living room).

This year, we will also have a special acknowledgement and certificate for the best-looking SPAD Pylon Racer.

We need your votes, but we'd rather see your models. So bring 'em in and see you there!

Swap Shop April 15th

By Debbie Howe

Hi all, with the swap shop just around the corner I wanted to remind everyone about some main points.

First: Raffle Tickets, about a month and a half ago we sent out ten raffle tickets to all club members to sell or buy themselves, we have not gotten them all in yet by any means so if you have them at home bring them to the next meeting or bring them to the swap. If anyone has lost them please do not hesitate to come to me and we would be happy to give you ten more.

Second: Help for table set up. At 5pm on April 14th (good Friday) we will be doing table set up at the fairgrounds. We can use all the help we can get. For those of you who would like to help but can't do lifting that is not a problem. We have signs to be put up, extension cords to run, tables have to be numbered (this means every table has to have a piece of masking tape put on it and then numbered) These things all take time and we can sure use the help. The sooner we can get this done the sooner I can get home and do the final table print outs for all the venders. This process normally takes a good 2 hours so any help getting that table set up done would be great.

Third: Help the day of the swap. As usual John, Bob Elsner and I will be there at 6am. We need to get there this early to start making

the coffee, get the food set up and get paperwork ready for venders. As usual also we will have venders coming in soon after we get there, many of our venders are coming from out of state so we will be letting venders who get there early come in and start getting set up. But this means we need help from that 6am time

Fourth: Help Help Help, This is what makes our swap a success. Over the past years our club has been great at having helpers and I want to thank you all for that right now. For those of you who can't help at 6 am or even 7 am or 8am we need help all day. We need to clean up the place and in some cases put the tables away. So we need help of all kinds. As usual we will have sitting down jobs also. So come one come all. This swap brings in a lot of the money that funds the little extras we have for the club all year long, so the more we help the better we are.

Lastly, I want to thank Bob Elsner, Yes I do a lot of the work for the swap but many of you do not know that starting about 2 weeks before the swap I call Bob about 2-3 times a week then the week of the swap I call him about every day to go over details and money. The days before the swap we probably talk about 2-3 times a day. So Bob, Thank you for your time, attention to detail and patience. It means a lot and I would have a hard time running the swap without you. Thank you.

March Dome Fun-Fly

By Mert Mischnick

Pylon racing! Fun for all, and everyone gets into the act. 16 Barnstormers had a super time at the last Fun-Fly on Thursday 3/16/06. By popular demand, we have one more Pylon race scheduled for the Dome for Thursday, April 13, 2006.

Five planes at a time, two heats, standing start. On the signal, there are 5 Blue-Sticks all heading for the first pylon. Interesting...you must negotiate the turn in the midst of the traffic because otherwise you cut the pylon



(that's a no-no) or if you go too deep, you hit the wall (that's also a no-no). A surprising amount of skill is displayed as

the pilots do a fine job of avoiding each other. Sometimes the pylon pole accepts a challenge. It can be taken as a fact that a PVC pylon pole will come out the winner in every encounter with a foam airplane.

P.J. McNeice won the first heat with a score of 9.(first place score of 10 minus 1 cut pylon).

Second heat had a rule revision. "If you cannot run with the Blue Stick, or use a prop other than a 10 x 4.7, or if you use a battery larger than a two cell, then 2 points will be deducted from your score in each heat"

P.J. McNeice won the second heat with a score of 10. That put P.J. in first place with a total score of 19. Time ran out before we got to the scheduled Trophy Dash, which would have pitted the top 5 scores against each other in a



Figure 8 pylon race! Do you ever get the feeling that these foam flyers have no respect for their flying machines?

The final top 5 who would have run off:

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|-----------------|-----------|
| 1. P.J. McNeice | 19 points |
| 2. Scott Hurley | 18 " |
| 3. Ron Hilger | 16 " |
| 4. Tom Lyons | 13 " |
| 5. Carl Barshop | 11 " |

A table full of prizes for our pilot's raffle finished our fun fest flying fast foamies.

Mighty Magnificent Midnight 'til Morning March Madness Memories

By Mert Mischnick

Congratulations, Barnstormers, you put on one heck of a show! March 18 was the date, the White Pines Country Club Golf Dome was the place, and All night was the time. We flew R/C electric planes from 11:00 p.m. 'til 5:00a.m, and what a turnout we had. There were flyers from Bloomington, IL, Rockford, IL, and Crown Point IN, plus many regulars who really enjoy flying electric R/C.

Familiar faces from the Hobby Shops where we all trade were smiling from the "other side of the counter". I have no exact count, because only the 64 pilots were registered. There were

many guests, sponsors, and Barnstormer workers who were never officially counted. My guess...100 +/- 10. We consumed 5 ½ cases



of soda, (135 cans) and 70 cups of coffee. That totals 205 drinks, and averaging 2 drinks per person = about 100.

Six hours went by quickly. We started with an "All fly", then alternated the "All fly" with 2 events of Contact Combat, Heli only, Scale only, 3D only, Lights Out, and finishing with a Mass Launch.

In the first Contact Combat, (Full contact, no streamers, last plane flying wins!) 13 planes took to the air, and the last plane flying was our own Barnstormer **David Klassman**. Dave also did very well flying Contact Combat at the e-fest in Champaign, IL a few weeks ago. He is a quiet, mild mannered, bespectacled, young man at our meetings, but WATCH OUT when you fly combat against Dave! He and his **Scott Hurley**

design Delta Dart are a deadly combination.



In the second Contact Combat,

Dave was next to last in the air against **Wayne Geffon**, from Bloomington, IL, the 3D champion (for real) who was flying the same Scott Hurley Delta Dart. The last to fall to the champion was our own Dan (TrueRC) Naumowicz, flying a blue foam Cub on Rudder, Elevator, and Motor. No ailerons, no armor, just guts!

The mass launch had 32 planes launch at one time. That got ugly in a hurry. However, much to



everyone's surprise, after several minutes there were still 18 planes in the air at the same time, and those 18 kept flying for another 3 or 4 minutes. Amazing, we don't see 18 planes in the air at any time at any field, with unlimited

altitude and unlimited air space around the field. The difference is that these planes were in the confines of the Dome, where I have never before witnessed more than 11 planes in the air at once, and only for a very brief time for the 11 count.



The advent of efficient electric power and cheap, simple, ARF foam planes have changed the face of R/C flying. It is beginning to change from a time consuming, tedious, challenge to a real fun hobby that allows you to be as creative as your mind can devise. You can execute your ideas quickly, and then fly for fun without going into debt. What a boost to the hobby. Cheap, Safe, Easy, Quick, and most of all, FUN FUN, FUN!

If you worked at the Dome that night, Thank you. If you attended and flew, Thank you. If you were a Sponsor THANK YOU big time. If you missed the show, plan on attending the next one. We sure had a super time at the first "all nighter" at the Bensenville Dome.

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