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## Coming in September and October

September 10<sup>th</sup>, Fun-Fly # 5, Pratt's Wayne Woods

September 11<sup>th</sup>, Club Meeting, 7:00pm, Bloomingdale Library

September 17<sup>th</sup>, Fun-Fly vs. PropMasters, Pratt's Wayne Woods

September 25<sup>th</sup>, Board of Directors, 7:00pm, Bloomingdale Library

October 9<sup>th</sup>, Club Meeting, 7:00pm, Bloomingdale Library

October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Board of Directors, 7:00pm, Bloomingdale Library

## Damage to Picnic Tables Reported at Our Field

*By Scott Taylor*

The Forest Preserve informed us that some of the picnic tables at the field had large holes drilled in them. It is believed this was done to allow inserting umbrellas. The Forest Preserve has since replaced the damaged tables.

We don't know if this was done by one of our members, but we are sending this note to remind our members that part of our responsibility when using the flying field, is to leave it as we found it. This includes both the grounds and the property maintained on the grounds.

Some of the specific things members should be aware of are:

1. Picnic tables are not to be moved between the parking lot area and the flying area.
2. Picnic tables should not be damaged or stained. For example, nothing should be clamped or attached to a picnic table

that will result in damage to the surface, and engines should not be run or broken in while on top of a picnic table, since this will cause oil stains on the surface.

3. Nothing should be done that would kill the grass at the field. When fueling aircraft, fuel is not to be spilled onto the ground, since that will kill the grass. A cup or other container should be used to catch fuel or smoke oil overflow, or something should be placed under the plane, such as a piece of carpet, to catch any spills.

If there are issues related to the flying field, these should be presented to the Forest Preserve or the club Board so they can be resolved with the Forest Preserve.

Thanks for your cooperation. We would like to continue flying at our field for many years to come!

## Fun-Fly #4 - Time & Glide Results

*By Dave West*

The near-perfect weather on August 20<sup>th</sup> brought out almost 30 club members for Fun-Fly #4! Fifteen pilots flew in the event – a combination of “timed flight” and “climb and glide”. The goal was to have a flight exactly 60 seconds long, with the engine off for at least the last 15 seconds, ending in a spot landing.

We flew two rounds and took each pilot's best score. Out of a possible 110 points, Scott Stampfli took the blue ribbon with 105 points. Jeff Peca was a close second with 104 points. Mert Mischnick and Jim Scahill

were tied for third with 99 points each. Mert was awarded the ribbon since his first-round score was one point higher than Jim's. This time, the much-sought-after green participant ribbon went to Tom Lyons for the greatest improvement from round to round. He went from a score of 3 to a score of 86!

Thanks to all who attended, especially Bob Elsner for timing every flight. Thanks also to Mert for timing help and to Jeff Peca for bringing the prizes. See you on September 10<sup>th</sup> for Fun-Fly #5.

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## Fun-Fly #5 & Inter-club Fun-Fly

*By Dave West*

The September 10<sup>th</sup> fun-fly will feature a washer drop event. This will serve as a warm-up and practice for the event against the Prop Masters on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Both events start at 10:00 AM (be there early for a trim flight) at Pratt's Wayne. Rig the washer dropping mechanism of your choice onto your plane. This can be a simple

passive peg, or a servo-controlled device. Our webpage [www.SuburbanRCBarnstormers.com](http://www.SuburbanRCBarnstormers.com) shows one example provided by Larry of the Prop Masters. Confused? Bring your plane out anyway. I'm sure some members will bring units you can borrow.

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## Dome E-Niter - December 2, 2006

*By Jeff Peca*

With the temperature in the 90's it may be difficult to begin thinking of indoor flying, but it will be here before you know it. Mert has met with Mike from the Dome and has negotiated an agreement that is better than last years. Along with the small and important details such as cost, times, etc, we have permission to hold TWO AMA sectioned all night events. The first one will be on Saturday, December 2, and we plan on having another “all nighter” in the spring.

The decision was made to try an all nighter early in the indoor season to promote the opening of the dome. As with all club-sponsored events, its success relies on club participation. At the following meetings with will be asking for volunteers to help run the event.

If you missed the Dome E-Nite Fly in March, you missed 65 registered pilots participating in combat, scale, pattern, lights-out, mass launch and more. This event should be even bigger and better.

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# Barnstormers vs. Prop Masters Annual Fun-Fly

by Larry Dudkowski, Prop Masters (Last Updated 07/10/2006)

This is our annual contest with the Barnstormers. We are the visiting club this year so the event will take place at the Barnstormers field at Pratt Wayne Woods. Since we are the visiting club, we will pick the event. The winning club is determined by totaling the top 5 scores from each club. So you don't need to worry that if you score badly, your score will bring down the club average. All club members are encouraged to participate.

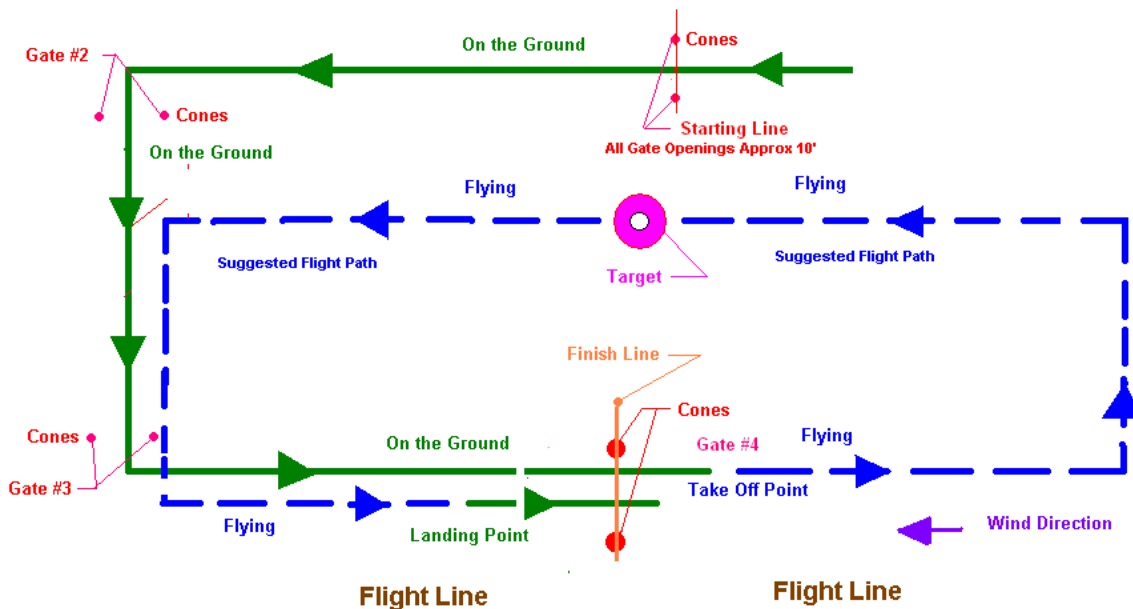
This year's event will be the "Timed Washer Drop". Here's how it works. The starting line is at the first set of cones Gate #1. On the GO signal the clock is started. The pilot must drive, on the ground, through the four gates marked by the sets of cones. Once passed the fourth gate, he can take off. Once airborne he has to drop his washer and land so that he passes through gate #4 again on the ground. The clock is stopped when the aircraft lands and passes through gate #4. Aircraft must have touched the ground prior to passing through gate #4 to stop the clock.

There will be a **Five-Minute** time limit. Best five distances (with penalties) from each club will be totaled to determine the winner. Lowest total wins. Prop Masters will supply the official washers to be used for the event. Each pilot will be allowed three attempts to drop one washer.

Penalties will be assessed in distance from the target as follows:

1. One-foot distance penalty will be added for lifting off during ground race.
2. One-foot distance penalty for every 15 seconds and fraction of 15 seconds over the time limit: 1-15 sec. 1 ft. 16-30 sec. 2-ft. 31-45 sec. 3 ft. 46-60 sec. 4-ft, etc.
3. Five-foot distance penalty for missing a gate. If you miss a gate and go around and pass through the gate there is no penalty.
4. Three-foot distance penalty for killing the engine on landing.
5. Ten-foot distance penalty for failing to pass through Gate #4, The Finish Line

**The Prop Masters Fun-Fly Committee**



Notes:

- Minimum drop altitude: 6 feet
- Servo-controlled drop mechanisms are permitted.
- If engine dies – start over (3-times max)
- Pilots must stand behind flight line
- Washer spec: "5/8 steel washer" (3/4 I.D., 1 5/8 O.D.)

# Notes of the Barnstormers Meeting

August 14, 2006

## Attendance

Thirty-three members were in attendance. There were also three new members in attendance, Juan Larios, Jack Gazdziak, Roland Gibbs II, and two visitors Chester Galiga and Jimmy "Dr Fish" Maruoni.

## Officer Reports

**President: Jim Scahill** called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. New members and guests were recognized.

### Vice President: Orvil Fluharty

announced that the door prize was SpadFest hats. He also brought in posters from Oshkosh. The favorite of the club members for the rollover prize was a Spectrum radio, so the rollover prize is another Spectrum radio.

**Treasurer: Bob Elsner** updated us on the Budget and SpadFest profit. He stated that the profit so far is \$809, however is still missing a bill for the airport.

**Secretary: Ruth Egging** handed out membership cards and name badges. She also gave an update on who has won the Turkey Raffle so far this year. They are: Ralph Niedzwiecki, Tom Lyons, Brad Dean, Wil Janisch, Art Wojda, Gerald Hurley and Mert Mischnick.

## Committees

**Fun Fly: Dave West** thanked **Steve Dietrich** for running the last Fun Fly, which was the Aero Golf. I believe there was a tie for first place between Ed and Ron. The next Fun Fly will be a timed flight and a Time and Glide combined.

Also, there will be another Fun Fly on September 10<sup>th</sup> before the next meeting and it will be a Bomb Drop. He had the official bomb drop and this will be good practice for the event with the Prop Masters this year.

**Safety: Mike Cannata** reported that no one got hurt.

**Flight Instruction: Jim Scahill** stated that he will be at the field early if someone wanted instruction before the Fun Fly, 8:00 AM.

**Dome: Mert Mischnick** announced that the dome flying will start on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday night will be no charge for club members. Also, on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be no charge for club members and Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> there will be no charge for club members and free pizza. Season passes will be \$175. Jeff Peca said they are planning another all nighter on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, more details will follow.

## Old/New Business:

**Scott Taylor** distributed the winners of the Static plaques to members that had not been at prior meetings.

**Glenn LaRocco** recommended that the club purchase a long range scanner. Jim Scahill had a scanner with him that is now the clubs. It was decided to have Pylon racing before the Fun Fly at 9:00 AM.

**Mark Spencer** is the new liaison for the Forest Preserver, taking over for Justin. The club would like to put a job box at the field with an easy up canopy.

## Airplanes:

**Jeff Mrachek** had a 180 watt Midget Mustang with a 27" wing span. **Dave West** had a pamphlet on the Tesla electric car. **Skip Carrino** donated a trainer plane to the club

**Ed Wonnacott** won the Turkey  
**Juan Larios** and **Dave West** won the SpadFest hats

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

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