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## Coming in August and September

August 5<sup>th</sup>, Fun Fly # 4, Pratt's Wayne Woods, 9:00am Trim Flights, 10:00am Start

August 13<sup>th</sup>, Club Member Meeting, **6:00pm, Pratt's Wayne Woods**

August 19<sup>th</sup>, Giant Scale Fun Fly #2, Pratt's Wayne Woods

September 9<sup>th</sup>, Fun Fly #5, Pratt's Wayne Woods

September 10<sup>th</sup>, Club Member Meeting, **6:00pm, Pratt's Wayne Woods**

September 23<sup>rd</sup>, Prop Master Fun Fly, Spring Brook Field, Naperville/Plainfield Rd

September 24<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting

## ***Where's the Meeting?***

*By Scott Taylor*

If you haven't heard, the Library is in the process of upgrading their conference rooms. This is wonderful news for the many groups that use the library, but there is a downside. All of the rooms will be under construction at the same time, which means there will be "No room in the Inn" for the next two meetings.

Our solution is to fall back to where we would really rather be anyway, at the flying field! So, charge up your planes and come out early to Pratt's Wayne Woods on Monday August 13<sup>th</sup> and September 10<sup>th</sup> for our regular club meetings.

Because that big light bulb in the sky drops below the horizon a little earlier each day, we will need to start our meeting a bit earlier to get through the basic business. We will start the meeting around 6:00pm, run quickly through our business and give away our door prize. Since we can't take money at the field, we will forego the rollover raffle, but will up the value of the door prize.

The door prize for the August meeting will be a great flying GWS Corsair, just like the one below.



Weather permitting the meeting will be at the flying field, but in the event of rain, we will move our business to the shelter in the preserve on the west side of Powis road. If you see a Tornado comin', please stay home!

## **Fun Flys News**

By Scott Hurley

Once again we had a great turn out for our club fun fly. 21 members attended with 12 members actually competing. The event started with the wiffle ball touch and go. Everyone seems to be getting better at this event. Hopefully we can perfect this event to regain our plaque from the Propmasters in September.

The second event was the carrier landing. Landing zones of different widths were painted on the field with points assigned to each zone. The length of the LZ was also painted on the field. The short LZ proved to be biggest challenge of the event. Most pilots could find the LZ, but few could stop their planes in time. I think everyone found this event to be fun and quite challenging.



Food also proved to be a favorite among the pilots. We were treated to Italian beefs from Goodfellas. Goodfellas included garlic butter and peppers to round out these tasty sandwiches. The Barnstormers went all out on this event and came up with some great raffle prizes. Juan took home the Tribute ARF which looks to be a good .30-.40 size 3D kit. Now for the really important information: Scott Stampfli took 1<sup>st</sup> with John Howe close behind, and yes Jeff Peca made the top 3. Way to go guys!!

The August fun fly next Sunday will start off with wiffle ball touch and go followed by a timed flight event. We are trying to keep events which all club members will feel safe flying. Rumor has it that a gourmet meal is being served after the event. (Ed. The shish

kebobs were deeelicious!) Hopefully, we will have another great turn out !!

One last thing I want to touch on is the inter-club fun fly. Jeff and I met with the Propmasters at their field last week and discussed the event. The Propmasters will be providing food and the rules were finalized. Jeff Peca relentlessly fought for the right to be close to the box while doing the touch and goes. If Jeff were a dog he would surely be a pit bull. When all was said and done I compromised (remember I said Jeff was a pit bull) and we will be allowed half the distance between the flight line and the box. Lets have a good showing for this event. The Propmasters are a great bunch of guys and this is always a fun event. Here are the rules, which were kindly drawn up by Larry Dudkowski from the Propmasters:

### **Wiffle Ball Spot Landing**

Using the cross-painted on the runway as the center point, we will draw a 6' diameter circle, a 12' diameter circle and a 24' diameter circle. These will be the scoring circles for the Wiffle Ball. For the landing box we will mark off a 10'X 10' box in the grass near the center of the runway depending on wind direction.

Each pilot will receive a Wiffle Ball attached to a 30' piece of kite string. The pilot then attaches the Wiffle Ball to his or her model so that the ball trails freely behind the model. The object of the contest is to spot land (or touch) the Wiffle Ball to the ground within one of the scoring circles.

After take off, each pilot will complete one circuit of the field to demonstrate he has control of the aircraft. He will then be allowed three scoring passes. To score points the Wiffle ball must touch within one of the scoring circles. Once airborne and when ready the pilot will call "Starting my pass". Once he calls this, whether he pulls up, hit's the mark or flies off that will be considered one pass. The scoring pass ends when the Wiffle ball passes

the target circles. The pilot must then circle around to begin his next pass. The ball is scored where it first touches the ground during the scoring pass. After the pilot has completed his third pass and when he's ready to land, the pilot will try to land in the scoring box (main gear's first touch must be within the box to count) and keep his engine running.

Scoring will be 10 points for a ball touch in the 6' circle, 7 points for a ball touch in the 12' circle, 5 points for a ball touch in the outer

circle and 3 points for a touch on the runway. Landing within the box will score 3 points and keeping the engine running will score another 3 points. A perfect score would be 36 points. Three touches in the center circle for 30 points an additional 3 points for a landing in the box and an additional 3 points for keeping the engine running.

Any Questions?? I didn't think so... That's all for now.

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## **Lost and For Sale**

**Lost** – Mike Cannata unintentionally left a new speed control in the flight stand out at the flying field. However, the speed controller is nowhere to be found. If you know the whereabouts of this missing item, please let Mike know.

**For Sale** – A note was received from Fred Clark, who is not a member, but is aware of our club through the Internet. He is no longer flying and looking to sell some of his flying stock. Among the craft he has are:

- ¼ scale Sig Cub with OS FT 120 2-stroke engine and 5 servos (\$700)

- Goldberg Super Chipmunk with OS .60 and 5 servos (\$450)
- Midwest Super Hots with OS .60, 5 servos, and 7 channel Futaba radio/receiver. (\$425)
- CAP 21 with Super Tiger Blue Head .60, 5 servos and Futaba PCM radio (\$225)
- Lou Andrews Low Wing (60) with Webra 60 engine, 5 servos, but no radio (\$325).

If interested, call Fred at 708-345-4579 (home) or 708-528-1210 (cell) or send him a note at [fre\\_cla@comcast.net](mailto:fre_cla@comcast.net)

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## **What is the Weather?**

*By Scott Taylor*

Ever look out the window and wonder if the big puffy cloud on the horizon was going to turn black and wet just about the time your model's wheels leave the ground?

The Weather Channel can be a great way to check the weather, but the forecasts can sometime be a bit too general or, as seems to happen with me, they are running Storm Stories or some such feature just as I'm trying to make a go/no-go decision.

If you have access to the Internet, there are a number of weather related sites that can give you up to the minute information with details

not available on your local cable channel. Here are a couple you can look into. Both of these sites provide weather related information for pilots (the full-scale kind) but are equally useful for UAV pilots, such as us RC guys and gals.

Air Sports Net Weather Center:  
<http://www.usairnet.com/cgi-bin/launch/code.cgi>

NOAA Aviation Digital Data Service:  
<http://adds.aviationweather.noaa.gov/>

Got a favorite weather web site of your own? Let us know and we will share it!

# Notes of the Suburban RC Barnstormers Membership Meeting

July 9, 2007

## ATTENDANCE

There were 36 members in attendance. New member Scott Barry introduced himself and expressed interest in upgrading our web site. Also visiting was John Cacciatore's wife, Barbara. Welcome!

## OFFICER REPORTS

**President: Mert Mischnick** presided over the proceedings of the meeting.

**Vice President: Steve Dietrich** said he had a prop reamer to given away as a door prize. The rollover prize for the evening was a Mini Ultra Stick ARF. In addition to the prizes, Ron Hilger brought in a scratch build glider to be auctioned off to the highest bidder.

**Treasurer: Bob Elsner** was absent.

**Secretary: Scott Taylor** was able to find owners for a few more lonely nametags.

## COMMITTEES

**Fun Fly – Scott Hurley** reported on the July 15<sup>th</sup> fun fly at Pratt Wayne. This event was a combination of the wiffle ball touch and go (our event of choice against the Propmasters) and a "carrier" landing. Three pilots emerged as the top dogs. John Howe took first place, Tom Schuh came in second, and Scott Stampfli took third place. There were a combination of 23 pilots and club members registered at the event. All took home a one of the raffle prizes.

**Safety – Tom Lyons** asked if there had been any other reports of wasps under the run up stands. The wasps seem to have moved on.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

**August/September Meetings: David Klassman** pointed the last newsletter did not correctly indicate where the next two meetings were to be held. Due to construction at the library, the August and September meetings would be held at the flying field one hour earlier than usual (6pm). Thanks, David!

**Upcoming Dome Flying: Mert** said he would be talking to the operator of the dome, Mike, in the next few weeks. Mert asked if there was anything the members wanted to talk about for the next season. One member asked about changing the schedule to an earlier time, but Mert said that was not possible because it would affect the main money making aspect of the dome. However, there was agreement that a bit more heat would be nice.

**Web Site Changes: New member Scott Barry** volunteered to take over updating of the club's web

site. Scott recently moved to the Chicago area from Oregon and has experience doing this for other clubs. He plans to add a classified section, a "shout box", useful links, etc. Scott puts together "visual tours" for real estate as a business and has used this experience and equipment to add video to flying models. He was asked if he ever used his equipment for model "search and rescue", he replied, "yes, and I even used it to find a cow once".

Please check out our web site and let Scott know if you would like to see anything new.

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**Green Valley: David West** mentioned that the Green Valley field was open from 11am until 6pm for flying on the weekends. Slope gliders and small electrics can be flown there.

**Name Tags: Carl Barshop** suggested updating the logo on the name tags. Scott Taylor said he would check with Calvin to see what would be involved and what the cost would be.

## OTHER BUSINESS

**Airplane Auction: Ron Hilger**, brought in a glider to be auctioned at tonight's meeting. No doubt to make room for the plane he bid on and took home at the last meeting. Bidding for Ron's scratch built glider started at \$5 and made it's way up to \$25. Stan Warden is now the proud new owner.

## PLANES AND HINTS

**Ron Hilger** show the club a delta wing flyer that he had gotten from Hugo Mosquera. Ron has added a 750 watt electric motor to this plane and converted it to elevons. He estimates it flies about 80 mph and weights in around 6.5 pounds. (Ed – For those converting planes to electric power, a rule of thumb would be to use a motor that can produce about 100 watts per pound of model)

**Hints – Mert Mischnick** had a couple of suggestions to share with modelers. The first was, when using blue painters masking tape, gently "roll" back the tape rather than pull it straight to prevent taking the finish with it. Also, Mert showed a typical "prop saver" that uses screws to hold the rubber bands. Those screws can have sharp edged threads that can cut through the bands very quickly. He suggested filing the threads down or covering them with shrink tubing.

## PRIZES

**John Cacciatore** was the winner of a Thanksgiving turkey. **Bob Babyar** took home the prop reamer door prize, and **P.J. McNiece** won the rollover raffle.

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