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Coming in April and May

May 14th, Club Meeting, Club Member Meeting, 7:00pm, Bloomingdale Library

May 20th, Fun Fly #1, Pratt's Wayne Woods, 9:00am Trim Flights, 10:00am Start

June 1st through June 3rd, Spad Fest, Des Moines, Iowa

June 10th Giant Scale FF #1, Pratt's Wayne Woods, 9:00am

June 11th Club Meeting, Club Member Meeting, 7:00pm, Bloomingdale Library

June 24th Fun Fly # 2, Pratt's Wayne Woods, 9:00am Trim Flights, 10:00am Start

May Entertainment – Author Bill Coons

Bill Coons enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1944, just one week after his seventeenth birthday. He hoped to become a mechanic in the Navy, but at the time of enlistment, the Navy didn't need mechanics, they wanted aviation radio operators. Thus began a love affair with radios and airplanes that would ultimately shape his life forever. He earned his combat aircrewman wings in the back seat of a Navy Douglas SDB dive bomber, and was transferred to an active radio controlled target aircraft squadron (VU7-A) that provided pilotless drone aircraft to the Pacific fleet for anti-aircraft gunnery practice. He served three and a half years in the Navy and after his discharge, he became a photojournalist and worked freelance for many aviation related magazines including RC Modeler.

In 1970 he became active in amateur radio and earned his amateur extra license. Of course the next step, at age 60, was to earn his pilots license. He owned and flew the Erco Model 415-D Ercoupe for twenty years. Most of his aviation career was spent as a GPS representative for J.A. Air

Center and working with the FAA as an aviation safety counselor at the Dupage airport in West Chicago.

Bill now specializes in pen and ink aviation art and continues to write aviation safety articles.



Bill will be giving a presentation at the May meeting on his knowledge and experience on the military development and use of America's early remote controlled target aircraft.

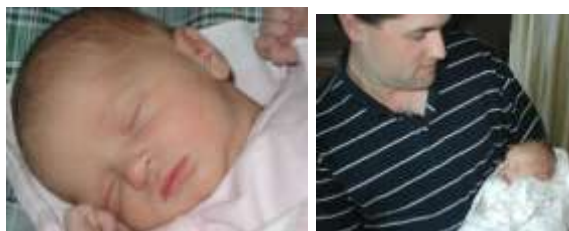
Bill will also have copies of his new book, "Shoot only at the Red Airplane", for sale and autograph. Don't miss this meeting!

New Addition to the Barnstormer Family!

The Suburban RC Barnstormers would like to welcome new Stampfli family member, Ava Isabelle, to the club.

Ava was born on Friday 4/20/2007 at 4:14 pm, weighing in at 6 pounds 11 ounces, she has brown hair and blue eyes.

Congratulations on the beautiful addition to your family!



Final Dome Fun Fly of the Season – Results!

By Mert Mischnick

Dotsa Lotsa kits and prizes. Ron Hilger, one of our Fun-fly Co-chairmen went 'all-out' to spend his budgeted prize allowance in selecting the prizes for the last fun-fly of the Spring Dome flying season. These prizes, as well as the Door prizes and Roll-over prizes are all part of the program to give back benefits to our membership. All the money we collect, make, earn, beg, etc. in the club belongs to the membership, and we are trying to encourage you, the club member, to come out and participate in the fun, prizes, and activities we offer. If you are not participating, you are the loser. Be a winner, C'mon out and have a good time playing with toy airplanes.



Ron Hilger put on one super fun-fly...again. This time we had three groups of up to 5 planes in the air at once, all dragging balloons at the end of a 10-foot string. Object, combat! break the balloon for a point. After 3 rounds, only ONE, count them, ONE balloon was broken. Tom Schuh was the Ace. Final score: Pilots - 1; Balloons - at least 6 planes down. I got dizzy counting falling airplanes and lost

track somewhere along the way. That happens when you are laughing and having a good time. Lots of carnage, lots of fun. Lots of Pizza, Pop, Prizes and Participants.

Not seen on the picture of the prize table were the three 'mystery prizes'. These were 3 small packages, wrapped in plain paper, (now that right there is suspicious) marked "M P" for 'mystery prize'. They could be picked at any time, but could not be opened until all three were picked. When the third 'mystery prize' was picked, then all three were opened simultaneously. "What were they?" you ask. Two were micro servos, and Tom McAvoy opened the pack with a brand new Spektrum AR6100 receiver. This is the little jewel that is half the size of the little standard AR6000 Spektrum Rx, and this new AR6100 weighs in at 3.5 grams! These radios are getting so small that the servo connectors plugged in the Rx weigh almost as much as the Receiver.

This Fun-fly wrapped up the indoor fun-fly season at the Bensenville Dome. The Dome remained open through April 28. If all goes according to plan, we will be flying at the Dome again about Nov. 1, 2007. Stay tuned for details as the time approaches.

The next Fun-fly will be outdoors at Pratt's-Wayne field, on Sunday, May 20. Scott Hurley will be picking up the baton to continue our great schedule of activities. Scott has a real challenge. Ron Hilger is a tough act to follow.

April Static Contest 2007

By Scott Taylor

Our annual Static contest brought in a great group of planes. Thanks to everyone for bringing them in to share with our members. We had 5 categories this year including one additional ARF category. We had models of all sizes and shapes from classic biplanes to

flying dragons and powered by gas, glow fuel, and electric power.

The members looked them all over carefully, picked their favorites, and cast their votes. In the end, many stood victorious. The victors can be seen below!

Giant

- 1st: John Howe – Fly Baby
- 2nd: Roland Gibbs – P-47 Thunderbolt
- 3rd: Jeff Peca – Protender

- 3rd: Paul Wissmiller – QT 1/2A
- 4th: John Janninck – Eagle 50
- 5th: Ralph Niedzwicki – Tiger Moth
- 6th: Ron Hilger - Autogyro

40 Plus

- 1st: George Theo – Corsair
- 2nd: Ron Hilger – Fly Baby
- 3rd: Keith Egging – Wankel 27
- 4th: Ed Wonnocott - Telemaster

ARF 50 Plus

- 1st: Ron Hilger – Shoestring

Under 40

- 1st: Scott Hurley - Dragon
- 2nd: Tom McAvoy – Sig Kobra (electric)

ARF Under 50

- 1st: Ron Hilger – P-51 Mustang
- 2nd: Mert Mishnick – GWS P-51
- 3rd: Jeff Mrachek – Mini Ultra Stick
- 4th: Mert Mishnick – Cox P-51



Notes of the Suburban RC Barnstormers Membership Meeting

April 9, 2007

ATTENDANCE

There were 43 members and two visitors attending. One visitor, John Holly, was planning to move to the area and was checking out clubs!

OFFICER REPORTS

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

Mert also mentioned that the run up stands that Skip Carrino put together, were now in place at the field and look great!

Vice President: Steve Dietrich said the door prize for the evening would be a mini rotary tool.

Treasurer: Bob Elsner reported on the results of the eNighter held at the dome. The eNighter event resulted in an \$880 profit to the club. The current balance is \$8784.

Secretary: Scott Taylor presented four members with All-Season flying patches after having accomplished outdoor RC flight in each of the 12 months of 2006. Those receiving patches were Scott Stampfli, Bob Babyar, Ed Wonnocott, and John Howe. Congratulations, wear your patches proudly!

Scott also handed out ballots for both the Static competition and the vote on a new logo.

COMMITTEES

Fun-Fly: Ron Hilger reported on the Dome Fun Fly. It was also mentioned that the dome would be half price for the last two weeks of the season (in April).

Safety: A motion was made to purchase a large AMA windsock. This would be an 11-inch diameter and 64 inch long version. Some concern was raised about possible confusion to pilots approaching Dupage Airport. Mert said he would check with the AMA to determine if this was an issue.

GENERAL BUSINESS

New Life Member: Scott Taylor announced that the Board has approved the designation of **Ron Hilger** as a Suburban RC Barnstormers Life Member. Ron was a member of the West Suburban Radio Controllers, which merged with another club to become the Suburban RC Barnstormers. Ron has been a member, officer, or Board member of the Barnstormers since its formation in the late 60's. Ron is always there to give tips and experience to members and has been a big help at many of our events. There are none that can match his

dedication to the club over the years and is a most deserving recipient of this membership status. Thank you Ron, and congratulations!

Meeting Location Change: Mert Mischnick said the Library meeting room would be unavailable during the months of August and September. It is currently planned to hold the meetings at the field for those two months. However, the meeting time will be moved up to 6:30p. In the event of bad weather, the meetings would be held at the shelter on the west side of the preserve.

Fuel Purchase: Bob Elsner said there were not enough orders to make a bulk fuel order purchase this year.

April 7th Swap at Fairgrounds: Mert Mischnick extended a huge Thank You to Debbie and John Howe, as well as all of the members that helped out at the Swap. It was a great success and the help made the event easier for everyone.

Bob Elsner reported on preliminary number from the Swap. Currently, we are showing a profit of \$1463 from the event, but all of the expenses have not been finalized. A good part of that success goes to the help of Keith Egging and Mike Cannata who were selling the raffle tickets. Their efforts were helped by the mustard seed necklaces donated by Ron Hilger that were given away with the purchase of 5 or more tickets. The 50/50 raffle we ran this year netted us and the winner \$423. We will be looking for feedback on whether to use this type of raffle again next year.

April Static Contest: Scott Taylor conducted the static contest for 2007. At the last Board meeting, it was decided to split the ARF category in two, since participation in this category was high last year. For the evening's event, there was an ARF 50 Plus and ARF Under 50 category. The first three places in each category will receive plaques. (See the winners in the newsletter)

New Logo: Scott Taylor had said members should vote for their favorite version of the new SRCB logo. There were four versions, two with the traditional biplane and two with an updated biplane graphic. After the votes were counted, the winning logo was the one with the new biplane and white background.

PRIZES

Bob Babyar was the winner of a Thanksgiving turkey. **Paul Wissmiller** took home a mini rotary tool door prize.

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