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Coming in February and March

February 2nd, Tri-Village Swap Shop, Dupage Fairgrounds, 9:00am – 2:00pm

February 11th, Member Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

February 14th, Dome Fun Fly, White Pines Golf Dome, 11:00pm

February 23rd, Fox Valley Aero Swap, Excel Gym, 3N800 Peck Road, St. Charles, 9a – 3p

February 25th, Board Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

March 8th, SRCB Dome eNiter, White Pines Golf Dome, 11:00pm – 5:00am

March 10th, Member Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

March 13th, Dome Fun Fly, White Pines Golf Dome, 11:00pm

March 22nd, SRCB Swap Shop, Dupage Fairgrounds

March 24th, Board Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

In Memoriam - Hugo Mosquera - 1930 - 2008

It is with great sorrow that we report the passing of one of our founding members and strongest supporters of our club as well as the modeling hobby in general.

Hugo Mosquera was interested in modeling from a very young age growing up in Ecuador. He built boats and planes of all kinds including power boats and sail boats, and planes for free flight, control line, gliding and RC flight.

Hugo joined the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and very quickly became deeply involved in the organization including serving many years as a Contest Director, as an officer in several AMA clubs, and flying and working closely with names now very well known in the AMA.

Hugo helped launch remote controlled flight in the hobby with some of the very first radios that were assembled from kits or plans. Some of these radios and batteries were so heavy, it is amazing they got off the ground at all.



Hugo helped to found the AMA club, *West Suburban RC'ers* that eventually merged with another club to become our club, the *Suburban RC Barnstormers*. Hugo helped to secure several flying sites for the club including the current location at Pratt's Wayne Woods.

Hugo loved engines of all types and had a collection that included an example of just about every model engine ever made, including some very unusual configurations. He was also a member of the Society of Antique Modelers (SAM).

Hugo had a vast knowledge of modeling and was always happy to share that knowledge with anyone that might ask.

Unfortunately, this short description cannot do justice to Hugo's enthusiasm and involvement in the hobby and does not touch on the other accomplishments in his life. Hugo will be greatly missed!

Warning for Futaba TM-7 Users

This message was posted on AMA's website and also on the District II website.

This service advisory affects only owners of the Futaba TM-7 module and 6EX and 7C FASST systems. Each FASST transmitter contains a unique eight-digit identification code, programmed at the factory to identify the respective transmitter and to allow a receiver to be paired only to that radio's signal. Recently we have learned that a very small number of the TM-7 modules, and 6EX and 7C FASST systems were incorrectly coded with a common code number during the manufacturing process. These units were subsequently sold prior to our awareness of the situation.

If two or more units, utilizing this common identification code, were to be in use simultaneously, they may cause interference with one another. Please note: Units which utilize the correct identification code will not be affected by these units.

We're extremely confident that this is not a widespread problem. We know of only one instance in the United States. However, to give you peace of mind that your system is not affected, we will soon be setting up test stations at participating hobby shops throughout the country where you will be able to go to determine -- within a matter of minutes -- whether or not your transmitter is affected, at no charge to you. Or, if you prefer, you may send it in to our service center we will analyze it for you at no charge. If any problem is found, it will be replaced. We will gladly pay the postage for returning the unit and sending it back to you.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our Futaba Service Center at: 217-398-0007 or via email at: service@futaba-rc.com. Our staff is available to you Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm U.S. Central Standard Time.

Precautionary Measures and Information-

1) As with all radio control equipment, we strongly suggest that you pre-flight your aircraft thoroughly prior to flying. When flying at a location with other FASST owners, prior to flying we suggest that all pilots briefly activate their systems simultaneously to check for any interaction between units. If any interactions should occur, do NOT fly. Return the unit to the Futaba Service Center for immediate replacement.

2) Each time that your transmitter is turned on, it is imperative that you allow the FASST system an adequate amount of time to thoroughly boot-up completely before shutting down the transmitter. We recommend allowing the system at least five (5) seconds prior to turning off the power to the transmitter.

3) If the transmitter and receiver have lost their binding which required them to be re-linked, we recommend returning them to the Futaba Service Center for analysis. This is not expected behavior and should be investigated accordingly.

January Dome Fun Fly Results

Pylon Race

By Ron Hilger

Fifteen of the twenty-five members in attendance piloted their birds around the pylons in somewhat expert fashion.

We did two rounds in groups of five and the six winners that emerged lined up at the starting line for a fly off. The start was

amazing. Each plane picked a mate on the ground and not one made it into the air. After untangling the mess the race was restarted and Jeff Peca was first to cross the finish line.

In the end we were all winners with great prizes, pizza, pop and lots of laughs.

February Fun Fly

“Limbo”

By Ron Hilger

How low you can go between the pylons without touching the ground or cutting the ribbon is the challenge?

We will do as many rounds as possible.

Here are the rules...

1. Cut the ribbon or touch the ground and your out of that round.
2. Open to any object capable of flight
3. Left hand flight pattern

Notes of the Suburban RC Barnstormers Membership Meeting

January 14, 2008

ATTENDANCE

There were 39 members present, including new member **Pasquale DiDonna**. Guest **Albert Dyer** was also paid us a visit.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Mert Mischnick presided over the meeting. He thanked all the participants in the New Years Photo Opportunity and fly. There were 13 members that showed up for the picture. Great turn on a day that was a bit less than ideal.

Mert wanted to let the members know that Bob Babyar recently had triple by-pass surgery. His wife says he is recovering well and expects to be ready for spring flying!

Mert said several members spent the afternoon stuffing envelopes with raffle tickets for the March Barnstormer Swap. If they counted properly, you should have received 15 tickets that you can purchase for \$10 or sell if you prefer. The raffle sales represent a good portion of our profit for the swap, so support the club and buy your tickets!

Vice President: Steve Dietrich said the rollover prize for the evening would be a mini-ultra stick (electric of course) and the door prize included an x-Acto knife set and several books from his collection (Lockheed Constellation and Boeing Jets).

Treasurer: Bob Elsner reported that we had about \$4500 in the bank. He said the first bills for the swap shop are starting to come in.

Secretary: Scott Taylor said the Tri-Village Swap Shop would be on February 2nd at the Dupage Fairgrounds from 9:00am until 2:00pm. There is also a Fox Valley Aero Club Swap on February 23rd. This is in a new location than it has been in the past. This swap will be held at the Excel Gymnastics building at 3N800 Peck Road in Saint Charles. This event runs from 9:00am until 3:00pm.

COMMITTEES

Fun Fly – Ron Hilger said the Delta Dart fun fly was lots of fun, but a few of the planes never made it into the air. The next event would be a pylon race, but both ground and air. (more details in the newsletter)

Safety – Tom Lyons proclaimed that the New Years Fun Fly was not safe due to the danger of frostbite. All in jest of course!

GENERAL BUSINESS

Dome eNiter – Jeff Peca said plans are being made for a second eNiter this dome-flying season. The next event would be on March 8th. The event will be very similar to the first event, with the exception of better weather! Jeff would like to see a few more pilots participating at this event and the best way to do that is make sure everyone is aware of the event. Don't forget to mention it when talking to other pilots and say a few words on any bulletin boards you frequent.

Dome Flying – Mert Mischnick said turnouts have been great at the dome. Last Friday, 40 pilots signed up to fly, in part due to a group Mike Bargman brought with him. Saturday 30 pilots

flew despite having to turn away a few without AMA memberships.

New AMA “Park Flyer” Membership – Mert reported that the AMA was offering a new lower cost membership for those flying electric planes under around 3 pounds, only. This membership provides a somewhat smaller insurance coverage but is intended to encourage more casual pilots to join. This new membership will be accepted at the dome!

Passing of John Bishop – Nancy Gazdziak said former Barnstormer John Bishop had recently passed away at the age of 83. John worked for United Airlines. Although John has been absent from the club for a number of years, many members may still remember him.

Swap Shop Update – Debbie Howe said they are starting to take reservations for tables at our March 22nd Swap. We will be back in the smaller building again this year and set up will be some time Friday afternoon. The club will have a club swap table or two, so members are encouraged to bring stuff to sell. But please keep it small as space will be limited. All help at the event will be appreciated. The more members helping the faster everything goes!

TIPS and ENTERTAINMENT

Keith Egging, always looking for a bargain, told the members where they could get heavy wire and coroplast sheets for building planes, FREE. Yes, absolutely FREE. Simply cruise your neighborhood after the upcoming election and help beautify the streets while getting FREE materials by collecting political campaign signs. One word of caution, limit your collection to signs on public right of ways rather than private property or you may also collect buckshot!

Mert Mischnick showed the members a neat trick if you happen to have an old Weller soldering gun. The soldering tip can be replaced with a solid 12 gauge copper electrical wire bent to the shape of your choice. He said he uses several different shapes for creating recesses for mounting servos or spars in foam panels. The hot wire cuts through the foam quickly and leaves a very smooth edge.

PLANES

John Howe showed the club his latest acquisition. He got a phone call from Glen LaRocco and Scott Hurley while they were at the recent swap in Milwaukee. Based on Glen and Scott's description, John placed his bids in the auction for a giant scale Stuka over the phone. John says the plane was a great deal!

Ron Hilger brought in one of this “Blue Darts”. It is a scaled up version of the AMA Delta Darts but fabricated using blue foam. The plane was built in jest for the Delta Dart Fun Fly, but it flew so well, he is in the process of building more for other members.

Bill Feil showed the club an old “Cracker Boat” with an electric motor and propeller mounted on it for power. He said it goes great with two cells, but with three cells the torque is so great it twists the boat over.

Jeff Peca displayed a new helicopter with a belt drive electric power unit. It is similar to a T-Rex with a 480-size motor. It comes ready to fly out of the box with a 6-channel radio and collective for around \$200.

PRIZES

There was no winner in the rollover, but **Tomasz Brodowski** took home the door prize.

Passing of Another Barnstormer – Dennis Majewski

By Mert Mischnick

Dennis Majewski, a member of the Barnstormers for many years, passed on to the great beyond on November 16, 2007. Until his health prevented him from participating in our great hobby, Dennis was one of the few who woke up the rooster at Pratt's-Wayne as soon as the rangers would open the chain across the drive to the field. He liked to fly the 'big birds', and did it with precision and finesse.

According to his wife, Rosemarie, Dennis left 'lots of stuff'. Most of it is in excellent condition, and it is for sale. Dennis left several 1/4 scale models, and one with a 12 ft wingspan. If you are interested in any of Dennis's R/C equipment, please call Rosemarie at 847-741-4882 to make arrangements to see his treasures.

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