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## **Coming in January and February**

January 1<sup>st</sup>, New Years Day Field Opener, Pratt's Wayne Woods, Photo at 12 Noon

January 14<sup>th</sup>, Member Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

January 17<sup>th</sup>, Dome Fun Fly, White Pines Golf Dome, 11:00pm

January 28<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

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

February 11<sup>th</sup>, Member Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

February 14<sup>th</sup>, Dome Fun Fly, White Pines Golf Dome, 11:00pm

February 25<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

## ***Hardy Group Braves Chilly Temperatures!***



Members of the Barnstormers met at Pratt Wayne's flying field on January 1<sup>st</sup> to be among the first to fly in 2008. Brrrr... *Thanks to Ed Wonnocott for the photos!*

## **December Fun Fly Results**

### **Delta Darts**

*By Ron Hilger*

Of the twenty three club members that signed in eighteen had Darts ready to fly. Three Darts were wiped out during first ten minutes of trimming session leaving only fifteen to compete.

Jack Gazdziak, Dave West, Scott Stampfly and John Howe made to the finals. Jack was the ultimate winner and Scott was close second with the pretty yellow Dart that wife Jesse built.

In the end, all that attended were winners. Lots of laughs, lots of pizza and great prizes

Special thanks to Dan from True RC for the several lipo batteries, speed control and the brushless motor donation. Dave West picked the right mystery prize and walked off with the Spectrum receiver. You never know what's in the little boxes with question marks.

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## **January Dome Fun Fly Event**

### **Pylon Race**

*By Ron Hilger*

The winner of this one will be the first to complete four laps around the pylons without a cut. The first lap will be a figure eight around the pylons on the ground. We will do two rounds in groups of four or five. The final winner and bragging rights will be determined by a fly off between the group winners of each heat.

For the fly off event there will be a potential for eight to 10 planes in the air at the same

time frequencies permitting. Should be interesting.

### **Rules**

1. Plane must be a Blue Stick or equivalent with wheels.
2. Power- Two cell Lipo or equivalent.
3. Planes main wheels must remain on the ground during the entire first lap.
4. Take off for flying portion will occur after crossing the start / finish line.

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## **Double Winner in our Midst**

*By Mert Mischnick*

Barnstormer Jack Gazdziak was not only the winner of the 'Delta Dart' endurance flight at our December Fun-Fly in the Bensenville Dome, but on December 20, he set a new 'Right-side-up-power-off-3D-hover' record in the same Dome! Time for the new record ...about 45 minutes. Way to go Jack!!!!

While intently being the 'Master' in a buddy-box flying session with his lovely wife Nancy, Jack took control from trainee Nancy, only to drive his 3D aerobatic, Championship, 'Barnstormer Blue Stick' straight into the Faaaarrrrr backside wall of the Dome,

whereupon it stuck to the wall! It appears to have been hanging by the propsaver to a here-to-fore unknown, 30 foot high, teensy weensy piece of thread. Teensy Weensy, but TOUGH thread.

"Master" Jack said something about it not being so high, and 'no', he didn't want any golf balls thrown at it. He wrapped a towel in a belt or something, and decided to try to toss this soft projectile in an attempt to dislodge the Barnstormer Blue Stick from its seemingly precarious perch. He huffed, and he puffed, and he tossed the soft missile...about half as

high as necessary for contact. Maybe plan 'B' will work better.

Tom Schuh to the rescue flying his Slow Stick! Ace pilot Tom shuffled to the back recesses of the Dome and attempted to use his Stick to gently but firmly side swipe the wing of the stuck Stick, so the stuck Stick would slip from the wall. That's his story, and he's sticking to it! Alas, that other Stick was still stuck and it did not look like Tom's Stick strike would do the trick, although Tom's Stick trick was pretty slick. With no camera to click we had all night to pick the brains of the seniors. (Think quick. This is making me sick) Let's see if system "C" will be sufficient.

Enter "Fred", the Dome ball picker upper with a device, which looked like a "Mace and chain". (Yes, the skull basher from Medieval Times.) Upon close inspection it was, in fact, a Chicago Baseball (the 16 inch softball type) tied to a foot long piece of broom handle. (I have NO idea what this was ever used for)

Anyway, 'Wallhanger Jack' blessed this 'Model Airplane Salvage Equipment' or MASE, and Fred gave it a mighty heave toward the still stuck Stick. Fred has the range, and the strength. All he needs now is location, location, location. Several slings hence, the MASE struck that stuck Stick to cause the stuck Stick to slip down to Superhero Fred, our stuck Stick salvor. The recently unstuck Stick settled in Fred's grasp without so much as a splinter missing. The MASE suffered no scratches, and will be serviceable for subsequent salvage functions.

Moral: Keep your stinking stunt Sticks off the surface of the supporting structure to avoid the sticks and stones slung by stupid simpletons with their silly suggestions.

After proof reading my story, my Ruth's comment was, "Your stuck Stick story stinks!"

With apologies to anyone with a lisp reading this stuff.

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## ***Notes of the Suburban RC Barnstormers Membership Meeting***

December 10, 2007

### **ATTENDANCE**

There were 43 members in attendance this evening.

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

**President: Mert Mischnick** presided over an abbreviated meeting. His first comment was to point out that Santa Clause had made an early stop at our meeting and also to point all of the food on the tables, complements of the club and many members. Everyone enjoy!

**Vice President: Steve Dietrich** said that due to the club raffle, there was no door prize or rollover raffle tonight.

**Treasurer: Bob Elsner** said that each year a budget is presented to the membership for comments and approval. The proposed 2008 budget was printed in the November newsletter for review by the members. Bob asked if anyone had questions about the

budget. Since there were none, a motion was requested to pass the budget as proposed. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously by the membership present.

**Secretary: Scott Taylor** reminded members of the Tri-Village Swap Shop coming up in February. The event is February 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Dupage Fairgrounds from 9:00am until 2:00pm.

Scott was still looking for Paul Wissmiller to give him his plaque from the April static.

### **COMMITTEES**

**Fun Fly – Ron Hilger** said the next dome fun fly would be a Delta Dart fly off. Everyone should bring their best efforts and hope they burn rubber. If anyone needs a kit to build, please see Ron.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

**Dome eNiter – Jeff Peca** talked about our first eNiter of the season. We had a great turn out, especially given the freezing rain and treacherous roads that evening. We had 78 pilots sign up for the event and all but 1 vendor set up their tables. However, the number of spectators was limited. Attendees were from Iowa, Indiana, Central Illinois, Wisconsin, as well as locally.

Special thanks go to Mike Cannata for his great job selling raffle tickets and to Ron Hilger, his daughter, and grand daughter helping at registration. Of course many others were involved and all were key to a very successful evening. Thanks to all!!

**Wish Tree Raffle – Debbie Howe** thanked everyone for their generous participation in

the Wish Tree raffle along with a big thanks to the manufacturers, individuals, and hobby shops, and businesses. Many families will benefit this season from the income from our raffle. Also, when you are trying to make a decision where to go to buy products, remember those that have helped our club. All of the donators were clearly identified.

## ENTERTAINMENT

The main entertainment for the meeting was the Christmas Giveaway. Bob Elsner, Debbie and John Howe, and Mert all did shopping and all the members present did the receiving. Everyone went home with a gift.

Also, the food was enjoyed by all and the donation jar put away for the evening. Thanks to all the brought food!!

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From the Ramblings Newsletter, Randolph, New Jersey

## ***Take More Chances—Enjoy More Crashes***

*By Bob Karaseiwicz*

As you gain in skills, you will take more chances. For instance, an outside loop with a trainer! Well, you just learned that the typical trainer will not do an outside loop (outside loop—from straight and level flight, push down; go down and around to straight, and level flight again.)

When your trainer has reached the inverted position and is trying to go up while inverted, it either won't climb or falls off to the side. The likely result is a crash. The definite result is a learning experience.

Don't give in to the temptation to blame your airplane, radio, the wind, the sun, or anything else external. The fault lies with your urge to try something new. Congratulations! You are well on your way to becoming an excellent flier.

Now, how does a beginning flier get out of a difficult situation? The answer, my friend—it depends. In the above outside loop situation,

the experienced flier would stay in inverted flight and level off. Then either give up to do a half-inverted inside loop, or do a half roll to level flight. This comes with experience—experience in getting out of tight situations. The flier who never gets into a difficult situation—that is, never takes a chance—never progresses.

Is there a general method for getting out of trouble? Yes, only one. Before you try it, think about it and think about things that can go wrong. Remember the “three mistakes high” rule. You might want to discuss your attempts with an instructor beforehand. You definitely want to discuss your new maneuvers with someone more experienced afterward. If only to brag or find out what went wrong.

Oh, one more thing. Please make sure your attempts are safely out over the field, never near the pits.

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