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Coming in June and July

June 6th to 8th, SPAD Fest

June 8th, Giant Scale FF #1, Pratt's Wayne Woods, 9:00am

June 9th, Member Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

June 15th, Fun Fly #2, Pratt's Wayne Woods, 9:00am trim flights, 10:00am first contestant off

July 14th, Member Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

July 20th, Fun Fly #3, Pratt's Wayne Woods, 9:00am trim flights, 10:00am first contestant off

First "Outdoor" Fun Fly Takes to the Air

By Scott Taylor

Sunday May 18th marked the kick-off of the outdoor flying season for the Suburban RC Barnstormers with the first Fun Fly of the season.

The main event was a wiffle ball touch and go, which we have all become familiar with. But the twist was making the target a set of cards.



The object was to collect the "cards" on the field to make up your hand. The pilot with the best poker hand was the winner.

A number of pilots participated in the event. But as can be seen from the pictures, lots of other flying took place as well.



The weather was on the cool side with a slight threat of rain, but Mother Nature cooperated to make the event most enjoyable.



Don't miss the next one!

Notes of the Suburban RC Barnstormers

Membership Meeting

May 12, 2008

ATTENDANCE

There were 42 members present. We had several new members including Greg, Carolyn, and Bryan Doughty and Michael Przeslicke.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Mert Mischnick presided over the meeting. Mert reported that the Forest Preserve has the field rolling on the schedule to be completed soon. Mert added that he had spoken to Mark Spencer of the Forest Preserver and that Mark was asking that our club create a frequency stand similar to the one at Springbrook. Mert said, "absolutely!" We will put it right next to the Gazebo that is similar to SpringBrook's, when it is completed!

In Steve's absence, Mert announced that the rollover raffle prize for the evening was a Spektrum DX6i. Orvil Fluharty donated a Sun 'n Fun hat to be used as a door prize, and StarChaser flying "rocket" was also one of the door prizes.

Vice President: Steve Dietrich was absent

Treasurer: Bob Elsner said the permits have been picked up from the Forest Preserve. Also, the treasury was in good shape. The final numbers were in from the Swap and the event did very well. The profit from the event was \$2058.31. Mert asked Bob where the 31 cents come from since all the sales were to the quarter? Always on his toes, Bob had an answer, it was from the rental refund from the Fair Grounds!

Secretary: Scott Taylor reported that the plaques for the winners of the static contest have been ordered and will be passed out at the June meeting. Scott also passed out name tags and said additional copies of the newsletter were available.

Also, handed out were certificates to be signed off by Ed Wonnacott, Juan Larios, Bob Babyar, Scott Stampfli, and Jeff Mrachek. These brave soles flew their RC planes outside at the field at least once each month in 2007. For their bravery, they will be awarded "All Season Flyer" patches!

COMMITTEES

Fun Fly – Mert Mischnick said there was a great turnout for the last event in the dome. There were 28 members that showed up to enjoy the event. Twenty-three participated in the flying. Members had lots of fun trying to land on Ron Hilger's aircraft carrier. But "trying" was the key word. Most missed, but Jeff Peca put it on deck twice. Good flying Jeff! Two rounds were flown.

Scott Hurley said the first fun fly of the outdoor season would be poker wiffle ball touch and go. Different cards would be painted on the field and the idea is to get the best "hand" you can by hitting the cards with your wiffle ball. Mert says he hopes he can get his plane out of the tree before the next fun fly!

OTHER BUSINESS

Ideas – Mert had solicited ideas from the membership for helping to make the club grow and be more enjoyable for the members. He summarized some of the suggestions.

Stan Warden suggested that we stay diligent to 1) maintain our flying sites (Pratt's Wayne, the Dome, and Greenvally); 2) create a "wellness" committee to keep track of ailing members; and 3) possibly assemble a clean up crew to help at the dome. Mert said these were all good suggestions that would be considered.

Mert also discussed Keith Egging and Scott Hurley's suggestion to get more young people involved. They proposed providing help to some local Boy Scout troops with earning aviation related training badges. This would include presentations and "Delta Dart" building sessions for Scouts, as well as training flights at the field. Dan Naumowicz said he had some model kits he would be happy to donate, for Scout building projects.

Swarm over Georgia – Jeff Peca said he had attended an event in Georgia where they attempted to set a new record for the number of RC planes flying in the air at the same time. They had 101 models all flying at the same time for over 1 minute. Wow!

PLANES

Scott Barrie showed the club his new Diablo kit, that he picked up at Hobby Town (about \$179). This is a complete kit with ducted fan motor, batteries, transmitter, and servos. He says it flies great and has a couple different wing options available. The kit also comes with a subscription to RC Fly magazine.

Scott Hurley showed off his new foam "Eagle". Not the twin engined fighter kind, but a plane that looks like a flying eagle. The model uses a 150 watt motor, is hot glued together and uses "tailerons" for control. The kit runs about \$60 and can be assembled in about 45 minutes (your time may vary!).

Will Cowgill presented his Swift II flying wing to the club. He says it flies great and also does a good job bouncing off the walls in the dome!

Dan Naumowicz has recently added some new items to his inventory. He now has 2.4 gigahertz transmitter modules and receivers for sale that can be used with radios having

plug in TX modules. These run about \$125 for a 6-channel RX and the TX, and \$150 for the 7/8 channel receiver with TX. A combination battery balancer, voltage monitor, and watt meter has also been added to his inventory for about \$62.

HINTS AND TIPS

Mert had a few tips to share with members. If you have a worn out allen wrench, you can restore the tip by cutting off the worn end. But don't do this using anything that will significantly heat up the metal. Mert suggests using a file. This will keep the heat treatment intact while providing a clean edge. Mert had an over-discharged LiPo that had begun to puff up. Often these are ready for the trash, but Mert successfully restored the battery by using a very small charge over a long period of time (approximately 10% of capacity (C).

To help minimize what is known as adverse yaw (the desire of the tail of the airplane to go in the opposite direction of the plane), you should set your servos/links so the "up" aileron goes up higher than the "down" aileron goes down. Since the "down" aileron produces more drag which pulls the tail in the opposite direction of the turn, reducing the down throw reduces the drag on the down side and the adverse yaw.

PRIZES

John Krygier was the winner of the Turkey Raffle. **John Janninck** picked the StarChaser for his door prize, which left the Sun 'n Fun hat for **Thomas Jacobs**. There was no rollover winner, so you still have a chance to win the DX6i at the June meeting.

Elmer Heifert had a case of Goldberg prop spinners that were free to a good home. Thanks Elmer!!

FOR SALE!

Rosmarie Majewski has a number of items from Dennis' collection of planes for sale. Among the items she has are two Giant Scale planes. One is a **120-inch wingspan Extra 330XL** with everything you need to get started including the starter!

The other is a slightly smaller **Giant Scale Model** (WWWing?). This model is red, black and white. Also available is a **new flight box** kit.

But wait, there's more! Did you say you wanted to try some float flying but just didn't

have a way to retrieve that model if the engine quit? Well, Rosemarie has the solution for that, as well.

How about a nearly new **20.5 foot Bayliner Runabout**? This boat has a walk through windshield, GPS, Fish finder, electric trolling motor, new tires, trailer brakes, electric winch and a Mercury engine. This boat has less than 200 hours on it and will cruise at a very respectable 56 miles per hour. So dive into float flying, get a new boat!

You can reach Rosemarie at 847-741-4882.

June Rollover Prize

The rollover raffle prize started in May didn't find a home, so please come to the June meeting to adopt this poor DX6i. Chances are \$1 each, with an unlimited number that can be purchased.



CHICKEN WINGS®

BY MICHAEL AND STEFAN STRASSER



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