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Coming in March and April

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

April 14th, Member Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm – **STATIC MODEL DISPLAY!**

April 17th, Dome Fun Fly, White Pines Golf Dome, 11:00pm

April 28th, Board Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

Get Out Your Calendars – Plan Your 2008!

Below are the scheduled events for the Suburban RC Barnstormers for 2008. Dome Fun Flies take place at the White Pines Golf Course golf dome at 500 W. Jefferson in Bensenville, IL. Flying begins in the dome at 11:00pm and the Fun Fly starts around 11:30pm. Giant Scale events take place at Pratt's Wayne and generally start around 9:00am. Fun Flies are held at Pratt's Wayne Woods and begin at 10:00am with trim flights starting around 9:00am.

Jan	1 st	Noon Fun-Fly	Jun	15 th	Fun Fly #2
Jan	14 th	Club Meeting	Jul	14 th	Club Meeting
Jan	17 th	Dome Fun Fly	Jul	20 th	Fun Fly #3
Jan	28 th	Board Meeting	Aug	11 th	Club Meeting
Feb	11 th	Club Meeting	Aug	17 th	Fun Fly #4
Feb	14 th	Dome Fun Fly	Aug	24 th	Giant Scale FF #2
Feb	25 th	Board Meeting	Sep	8 th	Club Meeting
Mar	8 th	Dome eNiter	Sep	14 th	Fun Fly #5
Mar	10 th	Club Meeting	Sep	21 st	Interclub Fun Fly
Mar	13 th	Dome Fun Fly	Sep	22 nd	Board Meeting
Mar	22 nd	Swap Shop	Oct	13 th	Club Meeting
Mar	24 th	Board Meeting	Oct	27 th	Board Meeting
Apr	14 th	Club Meeting	Nov	10 th	Club Meeting/Election
Apr	17 th	Dome Fun Fly	Nov	13 th	Dome Fun Fly
Apr	28 th	Board Meeting	Nov	24 th	Board Meeting
May	12 th	Club Meeting	Dec	6 th	Dome eNiter
May	18 th	Fun Fly #1	Dec	8 th	Christmas Meeting
Jun	??	Spad Fest 2008	Dec	11 th	Dome Fun Fly
Jun	8 th	Giant Scale FF #1	Dec	15 th	Board Meeting
Jun	9 th	Club Meeting			

February Fun Fly Results

"Limbo"

By Ron Hilger

With the poles a scant six feet apart and the ribbon two feet off the deck our two finalists Jeff Peca and Mike Bargman decided to make the final pass at the same time. Like two ballerinas they maneuver to get into position to make the charge. In almost perfect unison Jeff hit the pole head on and Mike went between and under the ribbon and crashed two feet beyond." Wow what a finish". Mike was declared the winner. Twenty-six Barnstormers showed up for the event with a record twenty-four flyers. We had a great time and all walked off with a full tummy and some great door prizes.



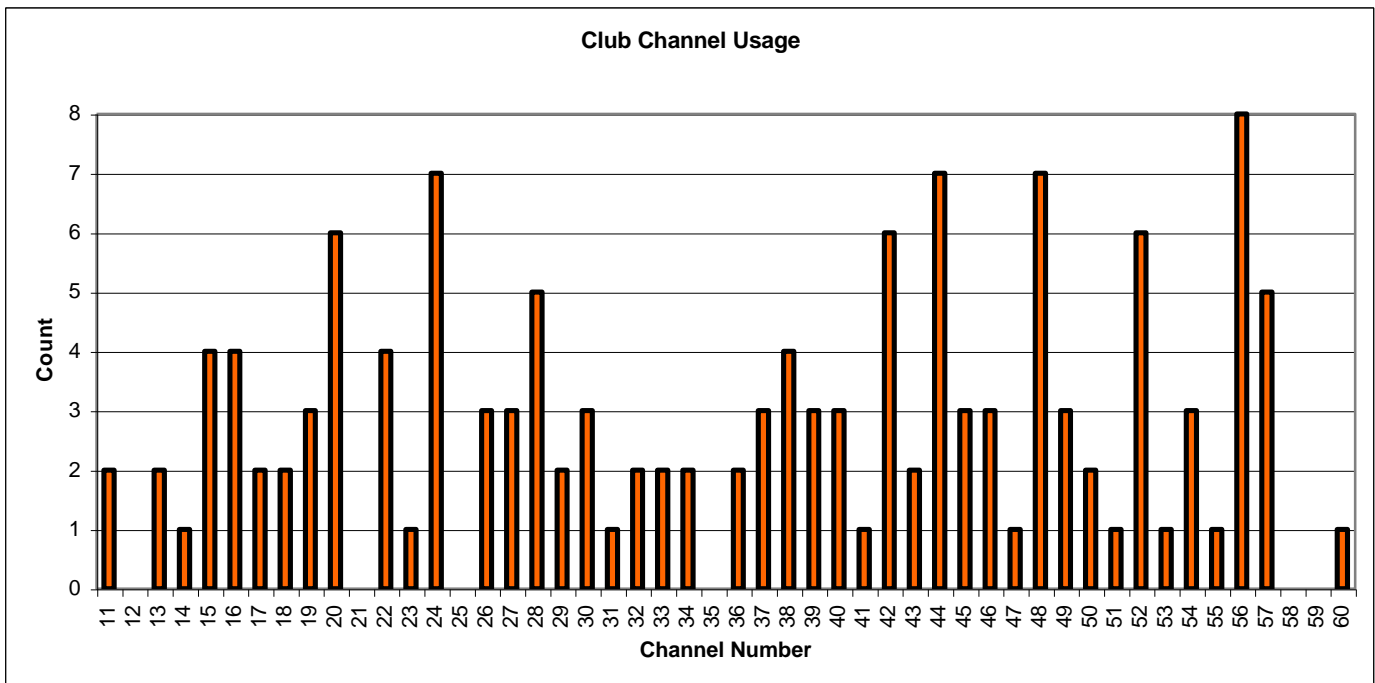
March Fun Fly "Carrier Landing"

The Carrier complete with island will be laid out on the floor with ribbons. The object will be to

take off and land without going over the side or hitting the island. Open to all planes with wheels.

Club Channel Distribution

With the introduction of spread spectrum radios, having to share a channel at the flying field is happening less often. Still, if you are in the market for a new FM radio, take a look at the chart below to get an idea of which channels are most commonly used. This information is for current 2008 members as reported on their applications.



Notes of the Suburban RC Barnstormers Membership Meeting

January 14, 2008

ATTENDANCE

There were 36 members present. New member John Lester said he has been an AMA member since 1957.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Mert Mischnick presided over the meeting. Mert welcomed Bob Babyar back after his heart surgery and said he had heard from Skip Carrino, who hopes to be back soon after an accident and some medical issue.

Vice President: Steve Dietrich said the rollover prize was a Mini Ultra Stick kit. **John Krygier** donated an assorted set of tools, fuel tank, and filler tubes for the door prize drawing. Thanks, John!

Treasurer: Bob Elsner reported that the annual report had been filed with the state, our charter has been renewed with the AMA, and insurance has been processed for the field, dome, and events.

Secretary: Scott Taylor said that he had a number of new nametags and passed them out to members present. Scott also reminded members that have not renewed yet, that March would be their last newsletter.

COMMITTEES

Fun Fly – Ron Hilger said the next fun fly in the dome would be a “How low can you go” event. There will be two poles and a ribbon and pilots will need to fly between and under them. We had 25 pilots at the January fun fly, lets see if we can beat that!

Safety – Tom Lyons discussed some of the hazards of building. During the winter we often work in closed spaces where we produce dust and are exposed to vapors from glues and other products. Please take care to reduce your exposure and risk by wearing dust masks and having proper ventilation. Tom also said it is very easy to leave tools that heat up like irons and hot glue guns. Don't forget to turn them off!

GENERAL BUSINESS

Dome eNiter – Jeff Peca said the March 8th Dome eNiter preparation is well underway. There have been a number of vendors and sponsors

lined up, including TrueRC, RC Batteries, Tiny Brite Lites, Z-Planes, etc. We had 84 pilots at the last event and hope to get more this time. We will have a great raffle prize at this event. It will be a Kyosho Jet and DX6i radio combination that will be ready to fly. Don't forget to mention our event when talking to other pilots and say a few words on any bulletin boards you frequent.

Swap Shop Update – Debbie Howe said we would be the only group at the Fairgrounds this year on March 22nd. Tables will be \$17 (\$15 each if you get 3 or more). Help on Friday before the event to set up tables and chairs will be greatly appreciated. The swap will run from 8am to 12pm with setup starting at 6am. Coffee, doughnuts, and hot dogs will be served. A 50/50 raffle will be held and there will be a club sale table for any members with small items to sell. If you have items to sell, please spend some time helping at the club table!

April Static – Scott Taylor reminded members to be prepared to show off their winter building projects at the April Static competition. This will be similar to years past with classes for Giant, mid-size, and small model, as well as an ARF class.

Club Swap – Ron Hilger proposed a members only club swap at one of our meetings. Membership gave the nod for the idea, but recommended delaying the event until some time after April.

TIPS and ENTERTAINMENT

Ron Hilger had a tip for simple aircraft brakes. Just put a fuel tube between to wheel and wheel collar to add some friction. These can be adjusted by compressing the tube more or less when adjusting the wheel. These work well for paved runways.

Mert Mischnick had a tip to help save your prop spinner. Many use self-tapping screws that go into plastic. Over time, these can become stripped due to rethreading the plastic hole. To prevent this, when replacing the screw, put the screw in the hole, but slowly back it out until you feel it drop into the previously tapped thread. This will greatly extend the life of your spinner.

Mert had another tip to help make your Dean connectors easier to pull apart. Lubricate them with plain old Vaseline. Works great!

Jim Scahill shared his secret for great fillets on models. Fill the fillet with baking soda and let some thin CA soak in. Works for V-joints as well.

Tom Lyons suggested using some silicone sealer on the end of the wheel wire to hold lightweight wheels on. It is cheap, simple, and easy to remove when desired.

Dave West said he likes to put a rubber band around a used battery pack to prevent mistaking them for a fresh pack. Once again, a simple solution, and we all have rubber bands!

PLANES

Scott Hurley showed the club a new flying car kit that has four wheels with the front wheels steerable. The car will take off in about 30 feet and cost around \$65.

Steve Dietrich had an Adrian Page Gee Bee RZ to show the club. Steve plans to use a .60 size engine to power it. He has customized his kit by making the cockpit door open so he can access the battery. The kit comes with well-made lightweight fiberglass cowl and wheel pants.

PRIZES

John Janninck took home the rollover prize, a brand new Mini Ultra Stick. John Gazdziak took home the door prize, and John Howe was the winner of the Thanksgiving turkey.

April Static Display and Awards

Each year we like to bring the models out of the basement and into the light of day so our members can see what you have been working on during the winter months. We do this by holding a static model display and awards meeting where member's planes are displayed and voted on by your peers to see which ones take home the top honors! Well, some certificates and plaques, anyway.

So, as in the past, the categories will include a "Giant" category, consisting of planes with engines larger than approximately .61. A "40 and Over" category with engines from .40 through roughly .60 range. An "Under 40" category that would include most of the models with engines under .40 or electric (Please keep in mind that when it comes to electric power, motors come in all sizes, so feel free to enter your model in a category with models of similar size).

And finally, an ARF category that will be split into large and small sized models. The break will be "Over 60" and "60 and Under".

It is always great to be able to look over the handy work of your fellow modelers, but it is even better to have an entry (or more) of your own. So, please bring out your winters hard labors and share them with the club. We love seeing them all, your model doesn't have to be the best of show.

There are a few rules, but they are simple.

- Your model must be radio controlled.
- You must have built 51% of the model yourself (except ARFs).
- The model cannot have won a first place in our static contest anytime in the past.

This competition is primarily for the enjoyment of our members, so we are not purists when it comes to categories. If you have a kit that borders two categories, you may choose the one you wish to participate in.

So share your joy! Bring in your models and enjoy the others.

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