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Coming in September and October

Sep 8th, Member Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

Sep 14th, Interclub Fun Fly, Pratt's Wayne Woods, 9:00am trim flights, 10:00am first contestant off

Sep 22nd, Board Meeting Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

Sep 28th, Giant Scale FF #2, Pratt's Wayne Woods, 9:00am

Oct 13th, Member Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

Oct 27th, Board Meeting Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

Is it Time to Change Your Shirt?

By Dave West

The 2008 edition of the Barnstormers T-Shirt is here. If you are still wearing the last edition screen-printed shirt, from about 1995, it's time for a change. (Oh boy is it ever!)



The new shirts are athletic gray with the new Barnstormer's logo in yellow and black tastefully located on the left front chest and boldly emblazoned across the back ... truly the pinnacle of flying-field fashion. Actually, these are your cheap-as-they-come, sweat-sopping, airplane-washing, wear-at-the-field shirts. They are cotton/poly blend Jerzees brand. We've got sizes from Small to XXXXL

to meet the dynamic size requirements of our "ever-expanding" membership.

I think our 1995 shirts cost about \$6 or \$7. The best news is that the new shirts will cost about the same! (If only gas cost the same as it did in 1994. Hey, I wonder if I could run my car on T-shirts. The hard part would be stuffing the shirts into the little filler tube ... but I digress.)



The shirts will be available for sale at the September meeting. Bring your money (small bills will be appreciated) and stock up. Isn't it about time you changed your shirt?

September 14th Prop Master/Barnstormer Interclub Fun Fly Rules

Please note, the date was previously reported as the 21st, so please check your calendar to make sure you have the 14th clear! Below are the identical rules published in both the Barnstormer's and Prop Master's newsletters. Also there is NO fun fly on the 21st.

This year's contest with the Barnstormers will be the dreaded "Three-Minute Dead-Stick Spot Landing".

A landing spot will be marked on the field. This spot will become the target for the spot landings. All landings distances will be measured from this spot. So this will be a true spot landing. We will mark a spot on the field with a stake (flush with the ground) and some marking tape. Everyone tries to land exactly on the spot. Landings will be marked where the mains first touch. We will have two guys designated as "markers", one from each club. As each plane lands, the one guy will mark the landing spot. The second will measure the distance from that mark to the landing spot. This will keep the contest moving since it would take only a few seconds to measure the landing and clear the field for the next take off.

Here's how it works. The object of this event is to fly for exactly three minutes and perform a "Dead-Stick" spot landing. Each pilot starts out with 100 scoring points. Scoring points are deducted from this "perfect score" depending on the pilot's performance during the event. The judges will start the

clock when the main gear leaves the ground on takeoff. When the pilot has determined that the three-minute time period has elapsed, he will shout "TIME or THREE MINUTES". At this point the judge's clock is stopped and pilot's time is recorded. When the pilot shouts "TIME", he also must, in the case of 'wet' engines throttle back to idle; in the case of electrics he must stop his motor. The pilot then begins his spot landing approach. If at anytime after shouting "TIME" the pilot changes his throttle setting or restarts his motor, he is disqualified.

Here are the rules. One scoring point is deducted for every 5-seconds above or below the three minute time limit. Example less than five seconds no deduction, less than ten seconds one point, less than fifteen seconds two point deduction, etc. One scoring point is deducted for every whole foot the pilot lands away from the center spot. Landings will be scored by first touch of the main gear. Example, less than one foot, no points are deducted, less than two feet one point is deducted. Less than three feet results in a two-point deduction. Five scoring points will be ADDED to the pilot's total if the engine remains running upon landing for "wet" engines.

Best five scores from each club will be totaled; highest team score is the winner.

Giant Scale #2 Moved To September

For those of you that like BIG wings, bring yours on out to the Giant Scale Fun Fly to be held on September 28, 2008. This event was originally scheduled for August 24, but due to

conflicts with other events, our Giant Scale event has been moved to a new date. So get those big engines tuned up, your batteries charged, and props polished. See you there!

Notes of the Suburban RC Barnstormers Membership Meeting

August 11, 2008

ATTENDANCE

There were 47 members present. Hector Rivera of Bloomingdale joined our club at this meeting. Also, Mike Pennington, who joined at the July Fun Fly, talked about his flying interests. He recently lost a plane and amazingly, found the engine but not the plane. So, if you find a plane without an engine, contact Mike!

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Mert Mischnick presided over the meeting. Mert said that the Interclub Fun Fly was going to take place on September 14th rather than the 21st, as announced. Please mark you calendars.

Mert also wanted to remind members that many of the items in the newsletter are hyperlinks to sites and emails. Take advantage of them and give 'em a click!

Vice President: Steve Dietrich said the door prize this evening was a Maglite flashlight. The rollover raffle was carried over from last month and consisted of a motor, controller, battery, and battery manager.

Treasurer: Bob Elsner reported the club balance. We currently have \$6851 in the bank.

Secretary: Scott Taylor had a few plaques from the April static contest that haven't found their owners yet. But **Joe Eskert's** plaque was united with its owner. Congratulations, Joe!

COMMITTEES

Fun Fly – Scott Hurley reported on the July Fun-Fly (as reported in the last newsletter). The next Fun Fly will be a dry run for the interclub fun fly. This will be a 3 minute timed flight with a spot landing. Mert shared some ideas with the members for improving your score. Mind your landing because you will lose the same number of points for being 6 feet from the spot landing as being 30 seconds off the time.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dome Opening – Mert said he met with the golf dome owner and he would like to make some minor changes in the pricing. The per night price will be raised to \$15 per night from last years \$10, but for frequent flyers, you can buy the \$10 per night price by joining the "frequent flyer club". This will only cost \$10 and is a great deal if you fly regularly.

The Fun Fly's will still be free on Thursday's to members and the season pass will still be \$175. We will again have two overnight events, with the first being December 13th.

Skip Carrino's Models – Past member Skip Carrino said he was no longer able to fly and would like to donate his flying stuff to our club. Several of our members went to his house to look at what he had and pick the items up. There are a variety of items including 27 electric planes, stick builds, and ready to fly. These items have been separated into two groups. One group will be used to make up a number of packages for the Wish Tree raffle at the December meeting. The other group will be brought to the October meeting that will include an interclub "swap".

Many thanks to Skip for his generous donation and we hope the items will find good homes and help both the club and Wish Tree beneficiaries.

Chicago Park Flyers Club – Scott Barrie talked about the Chicago Park Flyers, which was an informal group of individuals that like to fly the Park Flyer airplanes and who go to different locations each night of the week throughout the area. There is more information about the Park Flyers on our club's web site.

PLANES

Mike Cannata showed the club his new Horizon "Deuces Wild" kit. This is an electric powered twin-engine model that weights in at about 9.5 pounds. The motors are roughly equivalent to .35 size motors at 550 watts each. He is running 12-8 props on his motors in

opposite directions to counter the torque effects. He says this is the best kit he has built.

Carl Barshop brought in a mini Titan Helicopter that he added a Thunder Tiger fuselage to. He is powering this chopper with a 3-cell battery and 400-size motor. The fuselage is great looking and is fully painted for about \$89.

Willie Cowgill showed his Blade Dancer kit to the members. This kit was sporting a sharp looking musical note theme. This was a Hobby Town kit that he put some extra effort into to secure his motor and battery. The original mounting came loose while doing a rolling circle!

Scott Barrie brought in a couple of \$4 foam models from Hobby Town that were for sale. He showed one Space Shuttle that he had added a small Feugal motor to that was a good flyer.

Scott Barrie also had a \$169 Foam F-14, which is a twin ducted fan kit that can be put together with up to 8 servos and retractable gear. It is designed for E-Flight 3200 motors and can be built with a tailevator and no gear to save weight. Souped up versions of this kit have been clocked at 138 mph.

PRIZES

Orvil Fluharty was the winner of the Thanksgiving Turkey. **Scott Taylor** won the Maglite flashlight. **Al Koller** won the rollover prize.

Fun Fly #4 Report - August 17th

By Scott Hurley

Great weather, a huge turn out, food and great prizes. The Barnstormers have consistently proved what a club is all about. I want to thank everyone for participating. I think most of the 30 members who attended were out practicing for the upcoming interclub fun fly. Hobby Town of Saint Charles once again came through with some great deals. Steve Dietrich picked up donuts and coffee since breakfast did not work out as planned. Ron Hilger came through again with a completely built Taube, which he donated to the raffle. The lack of breakfast was compensated by pizza for lunch. The only thing missing from this event was dinner.



Let's talk about the upcoming Interclub Fun Fly on September 14th. Several rounds of practice

proved that the 3 minute timed flight is tougher than it sounds. The best strategy seems to be to work on a good spot landing. The pilots with the best landings seemed to have the best scores in spite of missing the 3 minute flight time. We still have a week to practice, so get out there and practice, practice, practice!! This is always a fun event so I hope that everyone will plan to attend.

Members can decide if they want one more fun fly at the next club meeting. Thanks again for all of your support in making this another great year for the Barnstormers.



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