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## **Coming in January and February**

Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, New Years Flyers, Pratt's Wayne Woods, 12:00pm Photo  
Jan 12<sup>th</sup>, Member Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm  
Jan 15<sup>th</sup>, Dome Fun Fly, White Pines Golf Course, Bensenville  
Jan 26<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

Feb 9<sup>th</sup>, Member Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm  
Feb 12<sup>th</sup>, Dome Fun Fly, White Pines Golf Course, Bensenville  
Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>, Board Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

## ***2009 New Years – Frozen Finger Fly!***



About 26 Suburban RC Eskimos made a trip to the flying field on New Years Day for some flying fun and a Noon photo opportunity. Note the windsock, it is straight out like a stovepipe! That is 25 mph+ on the sock scale. Yes, it was a tad chilly but what better way to welcome the 2009 flying season!

*Photos by Ed Wonnocott*

## **December and January Fun Fly**

By Ron Hilger

### **December Fun Fly (Hole Shot) Results**

Twenty-one of the thirty-one members that attended took the challenge. As planned, the hole was a little small for five planes at the time. It was fun to watch but it did require some manual help to clear the mess. We flew one round in groups of five. Scott Stampfli won the fly-off between the group winners. We consumed nine Pizzas' and many cans of pop and all that attended walked off with a free gift.

### **January Fun Fly (Limbo)**

For the first time, the event will be open to both aircraft and helicopters. We will fly a standard aircraft left hand approach to the limbo poles. Helicopters will fly the same pattern and must maintain a reasonable fast forward speed under and thru the limbo. You must make it thru the limbo without cutting the ribbon or touching the ground. Take off will be to the south from a predetermined position. The winner will be determined by elimination and the ribbon will be lowered after every round. If you make it thru you go to the end of the line for another pass.

Just a reminder you do not have to fly to participate in the free raffle. The only requirement is that you show up and are awake when your number is called. Note: If you have any hobby related items, new or used taking up valuable workshop space they can be donated to the club for raffle prizes. Bring your donations to the next meeting or to the dome. Many thanks to all that have already made a contribution.

### **Short list of raffle items**

Spectrum DX5E  
E- Flight Blade MCX bind and fly  
Hobby Zone Petro Scout ARF  
Two Hobby Zone Firebird X ARF's (donated by Skip)  
Firebird Outlaw ARF (donated by Skip)  
Megatech Cosmic Flyer ARF (donated by Skip)  
Ikarus Piccolo Helicopter ARF plus lots of spare parts, (donated by Skip)  
Plastic aircraft and boat kits (donated by Scott Barrie, Hobby Town)  
Giant Mystery Prize  
And many more additional hobby related items

*Ron*

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## **Memberships, Cards, and Permits**

By Dave West

It's a new year – time to renew your Barnstormer membership. But, don't forget your AMA card and DuPage field permit too.

You don't have to be an AMA member to be a club member. However, you must have AMA membership to fly in any Barnstormer-hosted event. You also need it to fly at the Dome or at Pratt's Wayne. Additionally, you need a DuPage county permit to fly at Pratt's Wayne, the Greene Valley slope hill, or any other DuPage flying field.

New members might ask, "What is the AMA?" Not the American Medical Association! Our AMA is the Academy of Model Aeronautics. It is a non-profit organization of 150,000 model flyers in the US. It publishes *Model Aviation* and *Park Pilot* magazines. It coordinates model aviation contests and events. It represents modeler interests before the FCC, FAA, EPA, and other government agencies with respect frequency allocation, airspace usage, and emission exemptions for small engines. Perhaps most importantly, it provides liability insurance.

Full AMA membership provides \$2,500,000 personal liability insurance, \$25,000 medical coverage, and \$1,000 fire, theft, and vandalism coverage. It includes *Model Aviation* magazine and costs \$54.00 per year. Significant discounts are available for families and

those over 65 or under 19. There is also a \$19.00 3-month trial membership.

For those who fly only small electrics (under 2 lbs, under 60 MPH, no internal combustion engines) a Park Pilot membership is available. It includes the quarterly *Park Pilot* magazine and includes \$500,000 liability insurance. The cost is \$29.95 per year.

You can apply for membership at the AMA website [www.modelaircraft.org](http://www.modelaircraft.org), local hobby shops, or get an application at the next club meeting.

An annual Model Airplane Permit is required to fly at DuPage county flying sites (Pratt's Wayne, Greene Valley, Springbrook, and others). You will need your AMA membership card or other proof of liability insurance to apply for the permit. The application form is available at [www.dupageforest.com](http://www.dupageforest.com), or by calling (630)933-7248. The cost is \$35 for DuPage residents, \$45 for nonresidents. There is no charge for seniors over 65.

Cook county has nine flying sites, including Busse Woods, Shoe Factory Rd., and Deer Grove. These do not require a county permit, but you do need an AMA card.

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

December 8, 2008

## **ATTENDANCE**

There were 59 members present at this meeting and many members brought spouses and family members.

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

**President: Mert Mischnick** presided over the meeting. Mert said don't forget the January 1<sup>st</sup> frozen finger fly with group photo at Noon. Bring your toe warmers!

**Vice President: Steve Dietrich** said there would be no door prize or rollover raffle due to the Christmas and Charity raffles.

**Treasurer: Bob Elsner** reported that the club budgeted \$1000 for raffle prizes, but admits he blew the budget by \$1.29! However, we have about \$1600 in items because of credits at hobby shops and donations from members.

**Secretary: Scott Taylor** reminded everyone that new membership cards are included in the newsletter. Cards for 2009 are being mailed now. If you don't normally receive a paper copy of the newsletter or if you normally throw them out with reading them, please open them up!

## **COMMITTEES**

**Fun Fly – Ron Hilger** said the next dome fun fly would be called the "Hole Shot". The

object is to have 5 planes at a time, fly a course that includes a hoop to fly through. First one to complete the course wins. Don't miss the free pizza and pop!

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Dome Flying – Jeff Peca** said volunteers for the dome eNiter should show up around 9pm. People should start arriving around 10pm. We have a Blade 400 for the raffle and Mert has tickets if you want to get some tonight.

## **ENTERTAINMENT**

**MAGIC DAVE –** New member "**Magic**" Dave gave a demonstration of his [prestidigitation](#) skills. The jaws were dropping left and right. Dave's skill is also for rent.

**RAFFLES –** Two raffles took place during the evening. One raffle was for all members of the club and everyone went home a winner. The other was for the Bloomingdale Wish Tree where members bought tickets and "bet" them on the prize package(s) of their choice.

**THANKS! –** At the end of the evening, **Debbie Howe** reported that we have collected \$878 dollars from the Wish Tree raffle. Thanks to everyone for their support, which will help many less fortunate families.

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## **2009 SRCB Budget – Requires Review and Approval**

*By Scott Taylor*

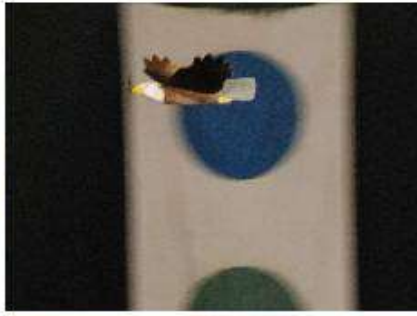
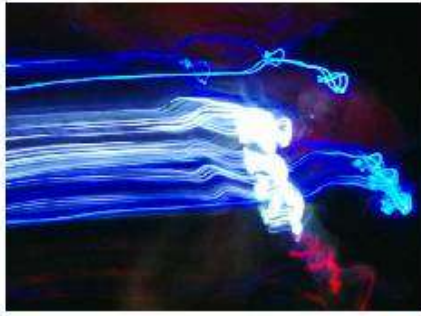
Per the clubs by-laws, a budget must be prepared each year and presented to the membership for approval. This year is no exception.

Please review the attached budget document and be prepared to ask questions at the next meeting. The budget can be adjusted based on comments received. The budget will also be voted upon for approval by the

membership. Please plan to attend and provide your input!

Because our meeting notes are publicly posted, the actual budget will not be included as part of the newsletter. Separate hard copies will be included with mailed copies of the newsletter and an additional document attachment will be included for those receiving the newsletter electronically. If you happen to miss these, copies will be available at the January meeting.

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