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Coming in May and June

May 11th, Member Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

May 17th, Fun Fly #1, Pratt's Wayne Woods, 9:00am trim flights, 10:00am First Pilot

May 23rd, Suburban Aero Club - Float Fly, 167th and Cicero. For info...<http://www.sac-rc.org/>

May 31st, Club Members, Non-competitive Open Fly

June 5th, 7th Annual Spad Fest

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

June 14th, Fun Fly #2, Pratt's Wayne Woods, 9:00am trim flights, 10:00am First Pilot

Small Airplanes Invade Bloomingdale Public Library!

By Scott Taylor

The invasion began about 6:30 on the evening of April 13, 2009. Airplane after airplane entered the building of the Bloomingdale Public Library and found their way down into the basement conference rooms.

Members of the Suburban RC Barnstormers arrived one after another as if this event was meant to be! With the invading force perched on the tables like eagles ready to take flight, our members passed around and between them, scrutinizing every inch, counting every rivet, marveling at the power plants, and ogling the colors!

The planes seemed to congregate in groups of a feather. Those that saw their birth as a kit or a plan, and those that saw their birth in countries other than America (ARFs as the members would lovingly refer to them)!

It was an amazing spectacle that so impressed the members they felt compelled

to vote! And vote they did! Their six favorite planes in each of the groups getting the favor of their scribble on pieces of paper that seemed ready to tell to tales of the weak and the strong.

The urge to count the favorites of our members was irresistible. Many were counted but only a few were chosen. In total, twelve of these invaders would have bestowed upon them the honors of the best of the best!

It was an incredible night that will be remembered by all until April 12, 2010! With a combination of incredible coincidence at having a camera in hand, and the rapid-fire fingers of Secretary Scott Taylor, the event was forever captured as a series of 1's and 0's, where bits became bytes, and bytes became words, and words became pictures!

And you can see them for yourself in the pages that follow!

Notes of the Suburban RC Barnstormers

Membership Meeting

April 13, 2009

ATTENDANCE

There were 38 members present.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Mert Mischnick presided over the meeting. Mert mentioned that the last night to fly at the Dome would be April 25th.

Vice President: Mike Maciejewski said the rollover raffle prize would be an Electric Cub. The door prize was 15 minute Epoxy.

Treasurer: Bob Elsner reported on the March Swap Shop results. This was the most profitable event to date. The club made approximately \$2780 after expenses.

Secretary: Scott Taylor was busy tallying up the static scores but thanked VP Mike for taking notes!

COMMITTEES

Fun Fly – Ron Hilger said that the next dome fun fly would be the last for this season. It will be a bomb drop onto “carriers”. These might even be moving!

OTHER BUSINESS

March Swap Shop – Debbie Howe added to Bob’s comments about the swap saying the

number of tables sold was up, the raffle income was up, and attendance was good with about 400 admissions. She said it was necessary to add an additional 17 tables because the planned number sold out. We also sold out of food (both donuts and hot dogs).

Debbie thanked all the volunteers for their help and said the vendors were very appreciative of the members available to help unload and pack. Most commented this is their favorite event to attend because of all the help!

PLANES

The room was loaded with planes! This was the annual static competition. This year we had two classes, ARF and Scratch/Kit built. There were no size distinctions. Scoring was a straight vote count with the Grand Champion having the largest number of votes. The next 5 highest scores received Reserve Champion awards.

There was a terrific array of planes. Thanks to all that participated!

RAFFLES

William Feil was the winner of the Thanksgiving turkey.

There was no winner in the rollover.

April Fun

By Ron Hilger

We had another record turn out. Forty Barnstormer’s stayed up past ten to fill their tummies with pizza, pop and to participate in the festivities.

Bomb the Carrier

The eight foot long radio controlled Carrier built and guided by Steve Dietrich was the target. The plan was to send five planes into the air at a time to make the bombing run. If you were lucky enough to hit the target you went to the back of the line for another try. We almost completed one round before it

was decided to send all flyable aircraft up at once. “Total chaos”, but what a blast. John Howe managed to score two direct hits, but the finale was Dave West’s dead center crash and the Carrier running over John’s downed aircraft.

Helicopter Hop Scotch

This was a very calm event but also fun. Seven pilots took the challenge of jumping from square to square. Dave Downing was the winner with a low time of thirty nine seconds.



April 13th Static Contest Winners – ARF/RTF Class

Grand Champion: Ron Hilger
 Reserve Champions: Mert Mischnick, Pasquale DiDonna, Ed Jorgensen



April 13th Static Contest Winner – Scratch/Kit Built Class

Grand Champion: Ron Hilger
 Reserve Champions: Katie Howe, John Howe, Scott Hurley, Mike Cannata, William Feil

Young Barnstormer Member Takes Chief Engineer Intern Position for Summer 2009

By William Feil

I just thought you might be interested. **David Klassman** has been a Barnstormer the last 5 years. He has seen a lot of different ideas for RC Planes. His love for flying has led him to college and studying Aeronautical Engineering. He has finished two years of schooling on the dean's list. This summer he will serve ten weeks working for NASA on the following project:

Project Information

Project Title: Chief Engineer for RC Plane Systems Engineering

Description: The intern will be the Chief Engineer for ten INSPIRE (Interdisciplinary National Science Project Incorporating Research and Education Experience) students working in two groups of five on a remote controlled aircraft flight test program INSPIRE students are high school students in the 11th and 12th grades and the program is designed to inspire the students to pursue careers in science, technology, math, and engineering

The INSPIRE students will have 8 weeks to complete the following:

1) Learn the basics of aircraft flight and propulsion

- 2) Learn the DFRC processes for flight-testing
- 3) Estimate aircraft performance
- 4) Build and flight test the RC aircraft, taking measurements
- 5) Analyze the flight data and compare to estimations

As the Chief Engineer, the intern will be the technical point of contact for the INSPIRE students. The intern will help guide the INSPIRE students through the technical challenges of analyzing, building, and flight-testing an RC aircraft within the DFRC processes.

This is an opportunity for the intern to see much of the work that DFRC is involved in and experience flight-testing from a systems level perspective

Center: Dryden Flight Research Center

Session: Summer 2009

Start Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2009

End date: Friday, July 31, 2009

I might also add that a letter of recommendation from Mert to NASA had a lot to do with his acceptance.

A Proud Grandpa, Bill Feil.

New Board Member to Be Selected at May Member Meeting

SRCB Board

The SRCB Board of Directors was informed by Jim Scahill that he would not be able to continue to serve as our Flight Instruction Chairman or to serve on the Board.

Existing Board member John Howe volunteered to take Jim's position as Flight Instruction Chairman, for which we are grateful, but that still left us with an open Board position that needed to be filled.

At the May membership meeting, we would like to open the floor for nominations to fill the vacant SRCB Board position.

At that same meeting we would like to allow the membership to elect the Board member to begin serving on the Board immediately and until the end of what would have been Jim Scahill's term.

Before you come to the next meeting, please give some thought as to which of your fellow members you feel would best represent the interests of the membership at our Board meetings.

As stated in our By-Laws, candidates must be 21 years of age or older, have been a member of the club for at least 6 months, and regularly attend our monthly meetings.

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