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Coming in October and November

October 12th, Member Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

October 26th, Board Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

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

November 12th, Dome Fun Fly, White Pines Golf Dome, 11:00pm

November 23rd, Board Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

December 5th, Dome eNiter, White Pines Golf Dome, 11:00pm – 5:00am

Winter Dome Flying Season Just Weeks Away

By Mert Mischnick

The Suburban R/C Barnstormers 2009/2010 season of Indoor R/C Flying at the White Pines Golf Club Dome in Bensenville, IL will soon begin! Take advantage of over 5 million cubic feet of climate controlled, lighted, indoor flying at the White Pines Golf Dome. We fly every Friday and Saturday night from 11:00 pm 'til 1:00 am, with Wednesdays being special night for club members only.

An event flyer along with directions to the Dome are on the home page of our web site:
www.suburbanrcbarnstormers.com Please check it out.

Please note that Opening Nights, November 6th and November 7th are FREE to pilots! Spectators are always free.

Regular admission to DomeClub members is only \$10.00 per night. DomeClub membership is only \$10.00 per season. Non-DomeClub member admission is \$15.00 night.

The best deal is still the Season Pass, available again for only \$175.00. The season pass is good for flying on any Friday or Saturday night for the entire 25 week season, and includes the DomeClub season membership! \$510.00 worth of flying for only \$175.00. Now, that is a Bargain! The season

pass is also good for \$10.00 toward both of the Dome e-Niter, all night flying events planned for this new season. The first Dome e-Niter is scheduled for Saturday, December 5, 2009.

A current AMA card is required of all flyers. Electric powered flying models only.

Please note that Helicopters are limited to 450 size maximum and NO carbon fiber blades are permitted.

The White Pines Golf Club Dome is located in Bensenville, IL, near the Southwest corner of O'Hare International Airport. Take any expressway combination to I-290 (Eisenhower Expressway) and exit at IL Rt 83 Northbound. Go to the first traffic light (3rd Ave), turn right (East) to the second Stop Sign. Turn right into the White Pines Golf Course entrance.

Got questions? Need more flyers? Contact Mert by phone: 847-437-0410 or e-mail mert914@att.net

Come fly with us at the White Pines Golf Dome.

Mert Mischnick
Dome Director

Notes of the Suburban RC Barnstormers Membership Meeting

September 14, 2009

ATTENDANCE

There were 39 members in September along with visitor Ken Sobolewski and new member Tom Littlejohn. Welcome!

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Mert Mischnick presided over the meeting.

Mert mentioned that Venture Hobbies will not continue as is, but there is the possibility a new owner. It is hoped the store can be rebuilt under a new name.

Mert also mentioned that **Al's Hobbies** is introducing a new "stimulus" program. Al's will be offering discounts up to 10% on merchandise. Stop in and check it out!

Vice President: Mike Maciejewski was present at the meeting and talked a bit about his experience in Peoria at 180 and 39. Mike was in the hospital for 5 weeks and his wife, Lisa, for 6 days. There are some benefits to four wheels over two.

Steve Dietrich continued as "stand-in" for this meeting. Steve said he had two door prizes for the evening, a Bede-5 model and some model floats. The Rollover from the previous meeting is the Jet Stream electric.

Treasurer: Bob Elsner was absent.

Secretary: Scott Taylor said that we are still waiting for nametags. At the meeting, Scott reported he was unable to get hold of Ed Perez (but after the meeting it was discovered his phone number on file, was incorrect). But it still appears we should look at other sources for nametags.

Scott also pointed out that some newsletters are delivered exclusively through email while others are still delivered via US mail. The attendance sheet included an indicator of how each persons newsletter is delivered. Members were encouraged to review the option and update it, if desired.

COMMITTEES

Fun Flies – Dave West provided some details on the interclub fun fly between the Barnstormers and the PropMasters. The Barnstormers had 9 flying pilots that accumulated 603 points and the PropMasters had 18 pilots and final score of 241

points. However, in this case, fewer points were better giving us a solid second place while the PropMasters came in next to last! But it was a great day with beautiful weather and a tasty Italian Beef lunch was served.

Stan Warden asked about ideas for the final fun fly coming up. Several ideas were suggested and Stan said he would pick one. Ron Hilger said there would be a Spectrum DX-6i in the raffle "gambler option". Don't miss it!

Glenn LaRocco said the Giant Scale Fun Fly would be on September 27th. Bring the big wings!

Flight Instruction – John Howe said he was able to train one pilot, but is still looking for additional instructors.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dome 2010 – Stan Warden reminded everyone the first eNiter would be on December 5th this year. He had flyers to be distributed to hobby shops and swaps. If you know of a good place for fliers, please contact Stan for copies.

Potential St. Charles Flying Site – Mert has done some research on the landfill site that could potentially become a new flying site. This site is a bout 2.3 miles from ours. The site is just east of the Pate Phillips State Park. It does not appear to be a good site for slope flying. We will continue to watch developments as the proximity to our site could cause interference problems on the 72mhz channels.

New Indoor Flying Site – Mert reported that the Field House in Lake Barrington was being opened for indoor flying. This is essentially a soccer field under a roof. It is located on Route 14 northwest of Barrington Road. Flying is on Fridays from 11am until 2pm at a cost of \$5 for the three hours.

PLANES

Marty Schrader pink foam diamond wing plane he called the "Smart Dart". Marty overlapped a number of parts to increase rigidity and eliminate reinforcement. He was powering his plane with a 2500kv motor and 300ma 2 cell pack.

Tom Volpe also showed the club a pink foam electric but his wing was square. Tom called his

plane a "Yard Arm" because it is as long as your arm and you can fly it in the yard!

Jeff Mrachek brought in an Electric Mini Ultrastick with floats. Tom says he gets 6-8 minute flights with "straight up" performance. The floats change the flight characteristics a bit, but he love flying it off the water!

Jerry Jeske had another "classic" plane with him that was called a "Black Mambo". This was a two

channel RC plane that was powered by a Mills 1.6 diesel engine (no throttle). It is one of his favorite planes and practically flies itself.

RAFFLES

Mike Maciejewski was the winner of a door prize and took home the Bede 5. **Mike Cannata** was the winner of the floats. **Scott Taylor** won the turkey for the evening.

Improving Poorly Controlled, Dangerous Takeoffs

by Jim Devine

(From TRAC News, Tampa Radio-Control Aircraft Club, Tampa, Florida)

How often have you seen an airplane that is taking off veer toward the pilot stations? Usually the pilot gives the engine more gas and, using the ailerons, yanks the airplane back to the right. Occasionally, the airplane continues to the left, clears the safety barriers, and heads for the people in the pits and the cars just beyond.

If you have poorly controlled, potentially dangerous takeoffs, try practicing control of your aircraft on the runway. First, check the wheels and make sure they have a little toe-in. Also, the wheels should not continue to spin when given a flick. To create friction and avoid free-wheeling, slip a 3/16-inch long piece of fuel line on the axle and push the retainer collar in tight. With proper adjustment, the wheels will turn only if you push them with your finger. This braking action allows for a high idle speed without the airplane moving, which reduces the chance of the engine dying when the idle is too low. This also helps stop an airplane that might

otherwise roll off the end of a runway during landing.

Choose a day when the wind is light and the runway isn't being used. Practice taxiing back and forth the length of the runway, using the rudder for control. Stay within a few feet of the yellow center line. When you have mastered taxiing at slow speed, click the throttle up another notch or two and keep practicing. With enough practice and a slow, smooth application of power, you can approach takeoff speed while moving down the center of the runway. You also can practice aborting the flight by shutting off fuel when you're about to lose directional control of the airplane.

With this improved directional control and practice at aborting a poorly controlled airplane, your takeoffs will be much safer and a pleasure to watch.

CHICKEN WINGS

BY MICHAEL AND STEFAN STRASSER



September 27, 2009 - Giant Scale Event

by Glenn LaRocco

Another great day of giant scale flying with 45 planes and 39 pilots. The planes were everything from war birds to vintage planes. Aerobatic planes that filled the sky with clouds of smoke. There was plenty of food to fill the day. Mert brought donuts and coffee to start the day. Jessie brought cupcakes...yum yum! To top the day off there was plenty of Rocco Vino's pizza. Jeff Peca brought all of the pop.

The pilots all received a special prize from Ron Hilger. Each pilot received a shower head-Ron's new slogan is that he wants to 'clean up' the RC community. Thank you to all for your help and support!

Something new added to the event this year...every time a pilot flew he received a raffle ticket. At the end of the day of flying a winner was drawn for the mystery prize. It was such a mystery I didn't even know what the prize was! In the end it was an Ikarus Shock Wave plane and motor. The winner

was Robert Boen from Oak Brook, IL. Congratulations to Robert!

In this event the more times you flew the better your chances to win the mystery prize. This kept planes in the air throughout the day. The only complaint all day was the report of a non-giant scale plane flying, but by the time I investigated, he had managed to brake his wing in half...ouch!

Remember giant scale rules...a wing span of 80 inches or greater on a monoplane, 60 inches or greater on a bi-plane, or a true quarter scale of the full size aircraft accompanied by documentation. These rules need to be strictly enforced.

It is my sad time to report that the 2010 Giant Scale Event needs to be handed off to some younger blood. Anyone interested please contact me as soon as possible.

See you all next year!



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