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## Coming in December and January

December 16<sup>th</sup>, Dome Fun Fly, White Pines Golf Dome, Bensenville, 11pm

December 20<sup>th</sup>, <CHANGE> Membership Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm (xmas raffle)

January 1<sup>st</sup>, Frozen Finger Fun Fly, Pratt's Wayne Woods, Noon Photo

January 10<sup>th</sup>, Membership Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

January 13<sup>th</sup>, Dome Fun Fly, White Pines Golf Dome, Bensenville, 11pm

January 15<sup>th</sup>, Dome eNiter, White Pines Golf Dome, Bensenville, 11pm – 5am

January 24<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

## **\* IMPORTANT! \* December Meeting Change** **Member/Raffle Meeting on Monday December 20th**

*By Scott Taylor*

Our meetings at the Bloomingdale Library are considered secondary to meetings that support the city of Bloomingdale. As such, our meetings can be preempted. This was the case for our December meeting that was originally scheduled for December 13<sup>th</sup>. So much for our lucky number!

We were given the option of several alternative dates. These included Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup>, Monday the 20<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup>. The alternative choices were discussed at the last membership meeting, and although the SRCB Board meeting was originally scheduled for Monday the 20<sup>th</sup>, it was felt this was the best alternative.

So, Santa will be a little late this year. Plan to stuff your stockings on Monday December 20<sup>th</sup>!

Also, remember we will be holding a Wish Tree raffle at the Christmas meeting. Donations are down this year, so if your stocking are a little too full (or your basement), and you have items you might donate, please bring them to add.

And if your hungry, we plan to have some food and goodies as we have the past few years. If you have some cookies, cheese/ cracker/ sausage tray, fruit, etc. please bring it along to share! The clubs will supply sandwich rings and coffee.

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## **No Dome Flying December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**

Due to the Christmas holiday the dome will be unavailable for flying on Christmas Eve (December 24<sup>th</sup>) and Christmas Day

(December 25<sup>th</sup>). The Thursday club member night will go one as usual.

# November / December Fun Fly

## November

There was no planned event and all attending had a great time. The dice were cold and the T-28 was not claimed. The gamblers will get another chance in December. Very few raffle prizes were left over and the hot pizza was history in a matter of minutes.

## December

Gentlemen start your engines. The next event will test your skills at rounding the pylons. There will be two classes and possibly a third, time permitting. Class one will be unmodified E-Flite type micro fommies such as the T-38, P-51 and Sukhoi. Class two will cover the simple GWS and the infamous JP blue type sticks. Class three will cover everything else. The rules will be simple and the same for all classes. The first to cross the finish line after completing five laps without cutting a pylon will determine the winner. Each pilot will have a lap counter and the honor system in regards to

cuts will prevail. There will be five planes to a group and the ultimate winner will be determined by a fly off. The race will start from the ground and all planes must have wheels. **Please note:** due to budgetary reasons the December fun fly will be the last indoor event that pizza and pop will be furnished by the club.

## Short list of freebies

- Gambler option- Park Zone T-28 Trojan
- Mystery boxes (3)
- Rare yellow GWS Slow sticks (5)
- Spectrum DSM 2 compatible 6 channel receivers (8)
- Many additional hobby related items and possibly a couple of shower heads will also find a new home

Ron Hilger

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## Notes of the Suburban RC Barnstormers Membership Meeting

*November 11, 2010*

### **ATTENDANCE**

There were 45 members at our Thanksgiving meeting.

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

**President: Mert Mischnick** presided over the meeting. Mert reported on John Janninck's recovery after knee replacement surgery. When he made it to the next room and realized he forgot his walker, he knew he was getting better.

**Vice President: Mike Maciejewski** said the door prizes for the evening were a Barnstormer cap and some carbon fiber rod donated by Dan Naumowicz.

**Treasurer: Bob Elsner** said the Library had informed him there was a conflict with our meeting on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Our options for alternate dates were Thursday December 16<sup>th</sup>, Monday December 20<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday December 21<sup>st</sup>. Via a motion and vote, the members choose to stay with Monday and hold the meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup>. This conflicted with the Board Meeting, so the Board Meeting was cancelled.

**Secretary: Scott Taylor** had tags and newsletters.

### **COMMITTEES**

**Fun Flies – Ron Hilger** said the November dome Fun Fly would be "Just Show Up!" Bringing a plane will get you an extra ticket for the raffle, and Dave (West) will bring the pizza. The date for the December fun fly is unchanged and will be on Thursday December 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Nighthawk Flying – Stan Warden** said the Nighthawk flying has begun. Flying will happen on Friday and Saturday with Thursdays for members only. Fun flies will be on the Thursday following the meeting (with the exception of December).

**Safety – Tom Lyons** had some further discussion on the helicopters flying at Pratt's Wayne Woods. The bottom line was the Forest Preserve allows helicopters at the field, but we must make sure all pilots are flying in front of the flight line. Also, it is in the best interests of both helicopter and plane pilots to agree on the airspace use when both will be in the air at the same time.

**Flight Instruction – John Howe** reported instruction is winding down for the season. However, he has been training with Brandon Kerr and noted he had made his first landing!

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Elections** – There was a slate of single candidates for each of the officer positions. Those running were **Mike Maciejewski** for President, **Dave West** for Vice President, **Bob Elsner** for Treasurer, and **Scott Taylor** for Secretary. There was a motion to accept all candidates with a single vote. The motion was second and all candidates accepted with a unanimous vote.

**Turkeys** – A dozen members were treated to grocery gift certificates to add to their Thanksgiving feast. Winners included Willie Cowgill, Stanley Crowe, Katie Howe, John Howe, John Janninck, Tom Lyons, Steve Thill, Dave West, Art Wojda, Scott Stampfli, Ron Hilger, and Mike Cannata.

**Bloomington Wish Tree – John Howe** talked about the Wishtree raffle to be held at the Christmas meeting. The proceeds will be used to help needy local citizens. We are in need of some additional prizes, so please clean out the closets and bring any items you might like to add. Last year we raised \$1001. This would be a great year to top that!

**Dome eNiter – Stan Warden** is looking for volunteers and tables for the Dome eNiter on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Keith Egging Embarrasses Self!** – Keith said he was given a hard time for embarrassing Ruth on her birthday at the meeting, so he promised her he would embarrass himself on his birthday. And he did a marvelous job!!

**Paved runway – Marty Schrader** asked about the possibility of a paved runway at our field. It was pointed this had been discussed before and in the past most members did not want a paved runway. However, a new vote was taken on the subject. The result, 39 opposed the runway, 6 were in favor.

**Thank You – Ralph Niedzwiecki** thanked the membership for their support and flowers after the passing of his mother.

#### **PLANES**

**Art Wojda** showed the members his Eflight Pogo. The plane weight about 3 pounds 4 ounces and flies about 10 minutes with an 11.1v pack. While it flies nice, it is not as fast as he expected.

**Marty Schrader** picked up a mini biplane from Radical RC at the October swap. It was originally setup for a geared motor, but Marty has switched it to direct drive with good results.

#### **RAFFLES**

**Leno DiDonna** took home a hat door prize and **Art Wojda** won the carbon fiber rods,

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## **Nighthawk Weekly Dome Flying**

*by Stan Warden*

The NightHawk flying is going well, with attendance equal to or just slightly below previous years. Your new Dome Bosses, John Kubitz, Tom McAvoy, Marty Schrader and Mike Watson are doing a great job, especially considering the transition from one person to four. Cross-communication has been an important tool to keep things going smoothly. The White Pines Golf Dome owner, Mike Munro, and his Desk Managers (Kevin, Walter and Lenny) tell us they have not had any problems with the changeover, which means we've been – and you've been - successful.

We all want to thank you club members for your cooperation in not putting any of your gear

into the pits before 11:01. Ditto on keep the noise down and staying clear of golfers when they are practicing. Mike Munro asked us to help on that point, and I think you've kept the golfers from complaining about noise and commotion.

One reminder; we want to keep the 3D flying and hovering in the corners of the Dome, and not near the center nor near the Flight Line. A few planes are straying outside of the corners and flying 3D right in front of (or above) our pilots standing on the Flight Line. This is a safety problem that we all need to adhere to our rules on it. Thanks to everyone for their cooperation.

## **Holiday Dome E-Niter, January 15, 2011**

*By Stan Warden*

Our Holiday E-Niter is in 5 weeks. We're hoping to get more pilots this time from people who received aircraft gifts, and from beginner pilots who have no one to help them trim their planes or try that nefarious "first flight".

We plan to install a big-screen Flight Simulator inside the existing Golf Simulator Tent, and move the pizza station somewhere else. We're also planning at least one dedicated, protected area for "Force" helicopters, Micro Heli's, and other 1 oz. heli's.

We'll set the first one up surrounding the Dome's Putting Green using standards and a hanging, flexible barrier. Also, we hope to run multiple pylon races for regular foamies, and one pylon race for Ultra Micro (1.3 oz) planes. Whew! Who knew?

We need your help! We still have Holiday E-Niter posters to hand out to a few of our local hobby shops. Over the next 4 Thursdays, we need to practice techniques and equipment-

handling so we are ready to roll in January. We need club members to bring and fly their Ultra Micro aircraft and Micro/Force helicopters to the Dome on Thursdays so we can practice events, setup, break-down, and trouble shooting. Also, we need to practice using our club Buddy-Box.

We need two club members who can come to the Dome at 4:45 AM on Sunday, January 16, 2011, to help us clean and break down equipment. I'll have the E-Niter Sign-Up Sheet ready for you to sign at Thursday Club Flies, the two remaining Thursday Fun Flies, and the two remaining Monday Membership Meetings.

Finally, we need you computer-type-guys to sign on to WattFlyer.com, RCUniverse.com and RCGroups.com and search for our E Niter postings – and then make a comment on them! Yes, you can do it! It's easy, it's free, and it's better than making merry.

Signed, Mary, er, a Stan.

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## **2011 Budget Reviewed and Approval**

Each year at our December meeting, the budget for the upcoming year is reviewed with the membership. If acceptable, the budget is approved by the members and used as the operating basis for the year.

Because of limited space in the newsletter and because the newsletter is posted on our public

website, the details will not be included here. However, if you have a valid email address with the club, you will receive a copy of the budget with your notice of newsletter availability. A limited number of copies will also be available at the December meeting.

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**LOST AND FOUND** – Mike Cannata lost a blue 6S 5000 MAH battery on the middle edge of the South side of the field. This happened in mid-November. The battery was not visible after several attempts of searching. If anyone finds or has found this item, please let Mike know. Email: [MCCannata@aol.com](mailto:MCCannata@aol.com) Phone: 630-351-7194

# **HOLIDAY DOME E-NITER**

White Pines Golf Dome, 500 W Jefferson Ave, Bensenville, IL.

Saturday Night, **January 15**, 2011.

Doors open 11:15 PM, close 5:00 AM.

All-Night, heated, indoor, RC electric flight.

**Bring your Christmas indoor aircraft for First-Flights, Fun-Fights, and Fun-Races!**

**All Spectators, \$5. AMA-only Pilots, \$15**

1. **NEW**-Ladies Pilot training, New-Pilot training, New-Plane trimming.
2. **NEW**-Fly our Buddy-Box to train, or try a Simulator for new pilots.
3. **NEW**-Signup for AMA card that night. Old 72 MHz radios welcome.
4. **NEW**-Isolated, dedicated, screened-off space for micro-heli's!
5. **NEW**-For your "Force" heli's, we'll hold a "Force" Combat Box!
6. **NEW**-Pylon races for differing size planes, along with usual events!
7. **NEW**- Ultra-Micro Pylon races. Bring any Ultra-Micro T28, Sukhoi, Venom, P51, Champ, Vapor or any similar 1.3 oz. Micro airplanes!

Also, we'll have battery and aircraft vendors, \$1 Pizza, free coffee, tea, pop, H<sub>2</sub>O. We'll have a great raffle, a special survey prize, pilot prizes, gift certificates, race prizes, combat prizes, and trophies.

Come fly in the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest golf dome in the USA. 100' ceiling, 300' wide, 300' deep. Go to our club site, [SuburbanRCBarnstormer.com](http://SuburbanRCBarnstormer.com) for White Pines Golf Course map, E-Niter rules, and details. Please contact Stan at frenchstan@att.net or 630-654-8476. Take Route 83, Kingery Expressway, to Bensenville, just west of Chicago's O'Hare airport. Turn east from Rt. 83 onto Oak Meadows Drive/3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, and continue 3 blocks. Enter White Pines Golf Course's only entrance and continue inside to the lighted Dome. A tip: To prevent damage, don't take your equipment with you initially; go register first, and then go back and get your equipment.

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