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Coming in June and July

June 6th, Interclub Fun Fly, Pratt's Wayne Woods, 9:00am Trim Flights, 10:00am First Pilot Off

June 14th, Membership Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

June 20th, Fun Fly #2, Pratt's Wayne Forest Preserve, 9:00am Trim Flights, 10:00am First Pilot Off

July 12th, Membership Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

July 18th, Fun Fly #3, Pratt's Wayne Forest Preserve, 9:00am Trim Flights, 10:00am First Pilot Off

BARNSTORMERS WHIP THE PROPMASTERS

By Mert Mischnick

In our 25th annual interclub rivalry; the Barnstormers won the spot landing competition! This year, the Barnstormers were hosts, and the Prop Masters devised the challenge. At the Pratt's-Wayne field, the 3 in. long, 'short' grass makes every landing a short stop. The trick was to make the first wheel touch as close as possible to the spot target, after flying a circuit above the field for a random time.

The time started after the first lap of the short grass, and the duration was determined by the roll of a single die, times 15 seconds. Minimum time, 15 seconds, max. time, 1 1/2 minutes. At the expiration of the elapsed time, the starter blew a horn, and the pilot had to idle a wet engine, or shut off an electric motor, then make a 'dead stick' spot landing. The distance to the spot was measured by a pair of judges (one from each club). The 5 closest spots from each club were tallied and the smallest total (5 closest) was the winner. Prop Masters total, 89 feet, Barnstormers total, 77 feet! Barnstormers Win !!!



We had 16 pilots from each club sign up to fly. The high gusty wind made the dead stick landings as much a matter of luck as a test of skill. Several of the 'first string' Barnstormers were disqualified when they called out that they were throttling up to avoid a crash landing in the weeds when the wind made their final approach unusually hazardous. Safety first, save the plane for another day! Several planes were wiped out during the pre-competition set-up flights. The wind was a real hazard, but it was a hazard for everyone, and you just take a chance when your name comes up.

Super lunch for everyone. Bratwurst, Italian Sausage, Hot Dogs, Pork and Beans, Soda, and all kinds of chips. It was delicious, and I promise I will not mention it to my Doctor!

A big thanks to Scott and Jessi Stanfli for handling the food, with a big assist from Deb Howe.

Good food, good fun, good friends. A winning combination whether you win, lose or draw...but it sure is nice to win!

Notes of the Suburban RC Barnstormers Membership Meeting

May 14, 2010

ATTENDANCE

There were 42 members present including Jimmy "Da Fish" Marconni.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Mert Mischnick presided over the meeting. Mert said the Library staff had spoken to him about meeting times. The library closes promptly at 9:00pm but they would like us to be out of the meeting room by 8:45pm. We will need to keep this in mind for meetings that are running long.

Vice President: Mike Maciejewski said the new rollover prize for tonight's meeting was an Ultra Sport 60 kit. This is a very nice flying airplane and well worth the building effort. The door prize was a choice between a T-bar sander and several paper kit plans (you supply the wood ☺).

Treasurer: Bob Elsner reported that field permits had been applied and paid for and that he would be picking them up tomorrow (5/15). Bob added that Mike Spencer had reminded him that there is a limit of 200 sq ft of canopy coverage for any one event. Also, the gate would be left open for all events, but cars are not to drive out onto the field. Cars can drive up to the end of the path and unload, but then must back up down the path without driving on the grass.

Secretary: Scott Taylor said he had both some spare newsletters and AMA identification tags for use inside planes. The tags are 15 cents each. Although use of these tags is not required, they serve as an easy way to comply with the AMA insurance requirement to have owner information inside the plane.

To those winners of static awards at the April meeting, Scott presented a memento of their participation in the event. Each winner received a framed photograph of themselves, their entry, and event information. Thanks to all the participants!!

COMMITTEES

Fun Flys – Jeff Peca discussed the rules for the Interclub Fun Fly event to be held on June 6th. The

event would involve taking off, flying in a pattern beyond the edges of the field, and after a randomly determined time, cut their engines and dead stick land to a spot. The winning club would have the shortest total distance from the top 5 pilots of each club.

Flight Instruction – John Howe said there was no recent training activity. If anyone is interested in training, please give him a call.

Swap Shop – A raffle was conducted for the benefit of the volunteers that helped at this year's Swap Shop. Numerous items were collected from vendors at the event and all volunteers had the opportunity to pick from the stash. Thanks again for the great turn-out to help this year!!

OTHER BUSINESS

Video Tapes – John Howe said that **Jim Scahill** had donated a number of new videotapes to our library. They were available to be borrowed. We hope to convert the tapes that are still of interest to DVD to make the collection more compact and up to date.

PLANES

Bob Sarley showed the members his Park Zone Corsair. He has flown a couple times but was looking for suggestions on how to hand launch it. He also talked about his plans to utilize the flaperon feature of his radio to make takeoffs and landings easier.

Marty Schrader was showing the members a plane he called a Surge. However the plane was not the focus of his discussion. He was using the plane to explain a repair he had made to a rather flimsy section by filling the void with foaming Gorilla glue. This greatly stiffened the section without much added weight.

RAFFLES

Art Wojda was this month's turkey winner. **Jeff Peca** had his choice between the sanding bar and plans. The plans will be back! There was no rollover winner.

Photos from the 2010 Interclub Fun Fly

Jessie Stampfli and Scott Taylor



Top 5 Flyers from Each Club

Barnstormers

Steve Dietrich (11.1)
Mike Cullen (19.0)
Dan Naumowicz (15.7)
Jeff Peca (16.1)
Scott Taylor (15.8)

Prop Masters

Bill Hickey (19.6)
Jack McPherson (18.9)
Tom Camp (25.1)
Larry Dudkowski (3.0)
Dave Engle (20.1)

Show Me a Sign!

By Mert Mischnick

I mean it !! Show me a sign that we can put on our transmitter stand at P/W to alert all pilots, Barnstormers or not, to stay clear of the 'No Fly' zone over the Dog Run area.

Stan Warden suggests that we add a little encouragement to the non-Barnstormers who fly at P/W, and remind the members who tend to 'forget' the rule. The sign will show the DuPage Rangers, and the dog walking 'complainers', that we have a rule, and, as a club, we are doing our best to enforce it.

Instead of a placard, we could use the Transmitter Impound Stand as the medium, and put the letters directly on the stand, between the ledges that hold the transmitters. Big letters, easy to see, giving a short, direct, forceful message. If it gets wordy, (like this request) it will be ignored.

We need your input. 15 words or less, if possible that gives notice that flying over the 'Dog Walk' area to the South of the short grass is prohibited. The 'No Fly' zone starts at the markers about 100 yards to the South of the short grass field. This makes it VERY tight to take off toward, or land from the South.

The open wetland, and long distance to the trees to the South of our field makes the airspace over the Dog Walk very inviting. You

don't hear the dogs, or the dog walkers until they come to our field complaining about the how the nasty airplanes frighten their animals, or worse yet, send the Rangers to do the complaining for them.

These "Dog Walkers" pay a fee to the Forest Preserve just like we do, and they expect to be able to walk their dogs in the designated area without being disturbed by the noise of the airplanes. Likewise, we expect to fly in the area designated by our permits. Unfortunately for us, our toy airplanes (especially the bigger ones) tend to encroach on the rights of the Dog Walkers if the airplanes are not restrained. If we all flew only gliders, no one would object. They wouldn't care. They wouldn't know we were flying, and neither would the dogs.

Mufflers did a lot to alleviate the problem, but until your muffler makes your DA 150 sound like a Toyota Prius, somebody is going to complain. Keeping your airplane out of the South sector of the P/W flying site is the next best thing.

Let's see or hear your suggestion for a Sign/Notice/Warning (15 words or less) for our Tx stand to warn every flyer at P/W to observe the 'No Fly' zone South of the short grass. Send it to Mert at mert914@att.net or bring you suggestion to the next meeting.

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