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Coming in November and December

November 4th, Members Only, Dome Opener, White Pines Golf Dome, Bensenville, 11pm – FREE

November 8th, Membership Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm (Turkey Coupons!)

November 11th, Dome Fun Fly, White Pines Golf Dome, Bensenville, 11pm

November 20th, Dome eNiter, White Pines Golf Dome, Bensenville, 11pm to 5am

November 22nd, Board Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

December 13th, Membership Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm (Christmas Meeting)

December 16th, Dome Fun Fly, White Pines Golf Dome, Bensenville, 11pm

December 20th, Board Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

Next Meeting, “Pocket Turkeys”!

By Scott Taylor

Last year, we started something new for the turkey raffle, and this year, we continue the “new” tradition.

The trouble with frozen turkeys is they are heavy, cold, and take lots of room in the freezer. The solution? The “Pocket Turkey”! What is a “Pocket Turkey” you say? Why, it is a grocery store gift card that will cover all or part the cost of a frozen or fresh turkey, or any other food item you might like.



There are lots of advantages to the new “Pocket Turkey”. First, it fits in your pocket! No bulky item to take home and no freezer space taken up, until you decide it’s time. Another advantage? You don’t need to be

present to get your turkey. In the past, you needed to be present at the November meeting to pick up a turkey you had won during the year. But now, can’t make the meeting, no problem! Simply check you mail after the meeting, and it’s Thanksgiving time!

So, if you can’t make it to the meeting, your turkey is safe. But we hope you make it! Below are the members that won at meetings through the year. A “Pocket Turkey” is yours!

Willie Cowgill
Stanley Crowe
Katie Howe
John Howe
John Janninck
Tom Lyons
Steve Thill
David A. West
Arthur E. Wojda

There will also be other “Pocket Turkeys” to be drawn at the meeting. Don’t miss it!

Notes of the Suburban RC Barnstormers Membership Meeting

October 11, 2010

ATTENDANCE

There were 44 members attending the meeting and visitor Vanessa Scahill.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Mert Mischnick presided over the meeting.

Vice President: Mike Maciejewski said there was still one 3/4" tap left, free for the taking.

Door prizes for the evening were 5-minute epoxy and a sanding block. The rollover raffle prize is a Tower Hobbies electric powered glider. Ready to fly with receiver (ch 43), servos, motor, and batteries. At the last meeting, Dave West (Winged Shadow Systems) sweetened the deal by throwing in both a How High AND his new Thermal Scout!!

Treasurer: Bob Elsner said now was a great time to renew your membership. Also, Bob had some discount coupons for the hobby show on October 23rd/24th.

Secretary: Scott Taylor had tags and newsletters.

COMMITTEES

Fun Flys – Scott Stampfli said we had a great fun flying season and volunteered to take charge of events next year. Just one catch, he needs a stand-in for dates when there are Giant Scale events.

Dome Flying – Stan Warden said dome flying begins November 4th. This is a "members fly free" night. The season flying prices will remain the same as last year, with both a season pass and discount card available. Stan said mind the "Boss", the Dome Boss that is. There will be four, Stan Warden, John Kubitz, Marty Schrader, and Mike Watkins.

Safety – Mike Maciejewski had a few tips for flying in the dome (or outdoors). Don't buzz the flight line, don't taxi in/out of the pits, when

recovering a plane, return quickly to the flight line.

Glenn LaRocco added he felt we had an unsafe condition with helicopters flying behind the flight line while planes are in the air. After some discussion, the best approach seemed to be for the helicopter and plane pilots to agree to allow only one type of aircraft in the air at one time. All would fly in front of the flight line.

OTHER BUSINESS

Bloomington Wish Tree – Debbie Howe said she would organize a raffle at the Christmas meeting with the proceeds going to the Wish Tree charity. Thanks Debbie!

Dome eNiter – Stan reminded everyone the Dome eNiter will be from 11pm until 5am on November 20th. He is looking for help and tables. Mert talked about the raffle prize for the event. It was decided at the last Board meeting that the Spektrum DX-8 would be our raffle prize this year. This radio has lots of amazing new features. Don't miss your chance to win this one!

Elections – Every two years, we elect new Officers and Board members, and this is an election year. Nominations were taken for the Officer positions with the following results:

President: **Mike Maciejewski**
Vice President: No candidate
Treasurer: **Bob Elsner**
Secretary: **Scott Taylor**

Nominations for office and Board will also be opened at the November meeting, with elections to follow.

RAFFLES

There was no winner in the rollover raffle, so we will draw until the glider goes at the next meeting! **Katie Howe** won the turkey. John Kubitz won the sander door prize and Tom Littlejohn took home the glue.

UPDATE ON “NIGHTHAWK” WEEKLY FLYING

By Stan Warden

NightHawk flying at the Dome has started and we're hoping for another season of safe, indoor flying. I know we all thank Mert for being the Iron Man of the Dome for the last 5 years. Plus, we can't forget the other club members who started our association with the owner, Mike Munro, and kept it going. Folks, we have a great resource in the White Pines Golf Dome; one most other clubs in the country would **love** to have.

Mert met this summer with Mike Munro and went over the new season. Basically, most things stay the same as before, with a few adjustments that both parties suggested and agreed to. For example: We got a commitment that the temperature in the Dome would stay at the normal setting later into the night than before. We'll set the thermostat down to its "night time" setting about 12:45 AM. (Heating is a significant overhead cost for the Dome)

Mike applauded our group for NOT using the emergency Exits over the years, so we want to keep it that way. (Some other groups were partial to going in and out of the Emergency Exits, which can be a serious problem for the Dome structure. Those groups don't get to use the Dome anymore.)

Golfers, who are the reason for the Dome's existence, appreciate it when there is **not** a lot of extra noise and commotion when they are practicing. Mert and I said the flyers would keep the noise down before 11:00 PM, and that we would NOT ENTER THE PITS until 11:00. Please do not stage your equipment in the pits until 11:00

PM, but instead, place it along the back wall. To "reserve" half of a pit, go to the SRCB signup desk and fill in the Sign-In sheet as in years past. The Pit Number you write down will be your reservation. As before, we always reserve Pit #15 as a "pass-through" and for use by club officials.

The Dome leases space to other golf-related businesses, I'll call them all Golf Pros, who set up their tents and cubicles inside the Dome. We need to make sure that none of us damage their business equipment. So, please never make any repairs to your aircraft without using a piece of cardboard or a matt to protect the counters, tables, trash cans, chairs and floor. Also, we need to get people to use safety containers for all battery charging to avoid damage from an overcharging incident.

There are some minor changes to the rules this season, so please read all the rules. We need you club members to set a good example for non-club members by following those rules, and helping to enforce them.

Taking over for Mert this year as rotating "Dome Bosses" will be John Kubitz, Marty Schrader, Tom McAvoy, and Mike Watkins. Please give these gentlemen a round of applause, and cooperate with them to keep NightHawk flying fun and safe for everyone.

Stan 102910

November 11th Fun Fly

By Ron Hilger

The November 11th fun fly will be the kick off of the winter season events. There will be no planned event and the only objective is fly and or just stay awake and enjoy the mayhem. There will be an ample amount of pizza, pop and three hundred bucks in raffle prizes. Even the admission is free. Take a nap and come on down.

I scored big at the Woodland Aero swap meet and was able to pick up some real bargains on new and slightly used aircraft. Following is a partial list of items that will be on the raffle table.

Gambler Option: Slightly used E-Flight T- 38

The rest of the stuff is all brand spanking new, what a deal

- Edge Extream
- Marrionette
- GWS Tiger Moth
- Shock Flyer
- Cap- 580
- Yak -55
- GWS
- 12 volt charging battery

And of course there will be a couple of mystery boxes.

“NIGHTHAWK” DOME FLYING RULES

1. **Sign-In** and Fee payment is required each night, prior to each pilot's first flight. Pass holders must sign in each night. Record your Name, Dome-Discount OR Season Pass number (if applicable), frequency, and your expected Pit Number on the Sign-In sheet.
2. **Current Year's AMA** card, or paid receipt, required **IN HAND**, at nightly registration.
3. **AMA** rules apply unless otherwise specified. Every person who flies **MUST** be in the AMA.
4. **Call Out** "Taking off", "Landing", and "On the Field" to warn other pilots of your intentions, especially when entering or when anywhere near the Heli/3D flight areas on the sides.
5. Flying and **pit entry** will **begin** only at the whistle or other signal from SRCB Dome Boss.
6. **Normal Flying** should begin at 11:01 p.m., and will **cease** at 1:00 a.m. unless otherwise specified. **Please, do not store or stage your equipment next to any golfer until after 11:01.**
7. **Spectators** are free. Spectators who fly any aircraft in the Dome become pilots, and are required to have a current AMA card; they must register, and must pay the flying fee.
8. **Buddy Box** and **Student** pilots require permission from the NightHawk Dome Boss.
9. **Frequency Clip** required on all transmitters **except 2.4 GHz**, before starting Transmitter.
10. No Smoking, Alcohol, or Controlled substances allowed in Dome during flying, per the AMA.
11. **Electric Powered** Aircraft and Helicopters only. **No Ground vehicles permitted, at all.**
12. The "**Flight Line**" is defined by the edge of the shadow of the Upper Level Structure on the floor, and the projection of that shadow line distance to the sides and upwards to the ceiling.
13. All aircraft, fixed and rotary wing, must fly beyond, i.e., in front of, the Flight Line.
14. **Flight Pattern** for fixed wing aircraft is normally **Counter Clockwise** in a 'Donut' beyond the Flight Line. Think of it as making LEFT HAND turns, same as many auto racing ovals.
15. **3D aerobatics** and Hovering of Fixed Wing models is limited to the left and right corners of the flying area outside of the flight pattern 'donut', at a minimum distance of 10 feet from the pilot. Again, remember to keep aircraft IN FRONT OF THE FLIGHT LINE at all times.
16. **Fixed Wing Limits:** 2# weight limit, 150 watt power limit. Reasonable and prudent speed and aerobatics depending on conditions and traffic, at the discretion of the NightHawk Boss. Other weights and power require the SPECIFIC approval of the NightHawk Dome Boss.
17. **Combat**, "All-Heli-Fly", Speed, Reverse Direction or any other special or unusual flight maneuvers must first be cleared by the NightHawk Dome Boss, and must be announced.
18. **Helicopter** hovering and other flight aerobatics are **limited to the left and right 'corners'** of the flying area. Helicopters are permitted to fly the entire Dome when "Helicopter Only" times are called. We try to do this at least once per night, often between 12:00 and 12:10.
19. **Heli Limits:** Micro & Mini Heli's only. **Max.motor size 450.** Max. Rotor dia. 28" or 700mm.
20. **No Carbon Fiber or Fiberglass main rotor blades are allowed.**
21. All Pilots will be aware of individuals retrieving downed models, and stay clear of them. When you retrieve a model, watch for craft flying near you; be ready to take evasive action.
22. **No one is permitted on the flying field during flying operations**, except for the minimum time required for model retrieval. During Combat Flying, no one allowed on the field **at all!**
23. The NightHawk Boss will make the final decision in **all** cases not covered by these rules.
24. Please show courtesy towards the golfers who have paid for their practice time, and be quiet till they are done. The Dome is a unique resource for indoor flying in winter, and we do not want to forfeit it. You reserve "part" of a pit before 11:01 by Signing In at the Freq. Desk.
25. Put a piece of cardboard or other protective material underneath your aircraft if you want permission to glue or make repairs. The Dome leases space to multiple Golf Pro businesses, and the Golf Pros leave their equipment and furniture out for the use of THEIR customers, and don't want it damaged. If you do not have a protective surface, do not make repairs.
26. Pilots are encouraged to charge their batteries within a fire retardant container or envelope.
27. Be aware of locations of all 3 extinguishers and 4 Emergency (**only**) Exits.
28. Pit #15 is always reserved for "public" access to the Flight Line and for SRCB officials.

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