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Coming in January and February

January 1st, Frozen Finger Fun Fly, Pratt's Wayne Woods, Noon Photo
January 10th, Membership Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm
January 13th, Dome Fun Fly, White Pines Golf Dome, Bensenville, 11pm
January 15th, Dome eNiter, White Pines Golf Dome, Bensenville, 11pm – 5am
January 24th, Board Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

February 14th, Membership Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm
February 17th, Dome Fun Fly, White Pines Golf Dome, Bensenville, 11pm
February 28th, Board Meeting, Bloomingdale Public Library, 7:00pm

Frozen Finger Fun Fly

Despite the bone chilling winds and temperatures, 21 members made it to the field for the Noon photo opportunity. Mert brought some coffee to warm our stomachs, but the conditions still made for an anxious crowd. The photo was taken precisely at Noon and the group quickly dispersed. Several members, Marty Schrader, Nick Chrysogelos, and John Kubitz missed the shot by seconds and minutes, but were there to support the club! Both our apologies and thanks to everyone! Yes there are smiling faces behind those hats, hoods, and scarfs! ***P.S. A model even flew!***



Notes of the Suburban RC Barnstormers Membership Meeting

December 20, 2010

ATTENDANCE

There were 53 members at our Christmas meeting along with many of the member's spouses and family. A great turnout!

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Mert Mischnick presided over this, our last meeting of the decade, and last meeting of his Presidential term. (ed. Many thanks to Mert for his service!) Mert welcomed and introduced the spouses and family members that came to enjoy our meeting.

Vice President: Mike Maciejewski will be assuming the Presidential responsibilities at the next meeting.

Treasurer: Bob Elsner reported on the financial results from the last eNiter. Admissions were down a bit, but as usual, the raffle ticket sellers (Keith Egging and Mike Cannata) did a great job! Profit from the event was about \$375.

Secretary: Scott Taylor said some members that receive their newsletters by mail, have either not received their newsletters or received them damaged. Scott reminded members that newsletters will normally be posted on our website the Thursday before the meeting. If they do not receive a hard copy or they do not receive an email notification please check the website.

COMMITTEES

Fun Flies – Ron Hilger said he was “off the hook” for describing the next dome fun fly, since it happened last week (12/16) instead of the normal Thursday after the meeting, due to the meeting change.

Nighthawk Flying – Stan Warden said there was no dome flying on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Also, there would be no flying on New Year's Eve, but the dome would be open for flying on New Year's Day.

Safety – Tom Lyons asked everyone to drive with care after the meeting due to the slippery conditions. Tom also wanted to thank the dome flyers for following the rules and making for safe flying so far this season. Thanks!

Flight Instruction – John Howe reported

OTHER BUSINESS

Elections – Mert mentioned that officers were elected at the last meeting, but that we had not filled open Board positions. We will elect Board members in January.

Bloomington Wish Tree Raffle – Debbie Howe explained the workings of the Wish Tree Raffle. She thanked the many members that generously donated items to be included. Keith Egging volunteered to sell the raffle tickets to be used for the raffle. Because our meeting was later than usual, a representative from the Bloomington Wish Tree organization attended our meeting so we could present the profits in time for Christmas. Many thanks to the members for their generous donations. We collected \$801 for less fortunate local families.

Dome eNiter – Stan Warden said he had flyers for the January 15th Dome eNiter. Please pick some up if you have a place to deliver them. And of course, we will need volunteers for the event. There will be a planning meeting for the event on January 7th before the Fun Fly, at 9:45pm. All volunteers are invited to attend.

Club Raffle – Everyone was a winner in the club raffle! This year, prizes were bagged to add a little mystery. Some of the bags contained tickets for the bigger prizes.

PLANES

There were no planes for show due to the raffles.

RAFFLES

There was no rollover raffle or door prizes this evening due to the club and Wish Tree raffles.

December / January Fun Fly

By Ron Hilger

December

Twenty-seven Barnstormers braved the cold to fill their bellies with pizza, pop and also to test their skills at rounding the pylons. The micro foamies rounding the pylons were a blast to watch and Magic Dave easily won the event with his super fast Beast. We had two groups of Slow sticks. Art was the winner of group one and Jeff Mrachek was the winner of the second group, Jeff won the fly off. The everything else event was won by Marty Schrader. For kicks we had a fly off between the winners of all three events and the micro Beast guided by Magic Dave trounced the

competition. The gamblers all had bad luck with the dice and the T-38 Trojan will move on to the January event.

January

Just to make sure we get it right at our upcoming E-Niter we will do a repeat of the micro foamie and slow stick pylon race. Just to make it more interesting we will do one lap on the ground and five in the air. As before we will split into groups of five and the ultimate winner will be determined by a fly off. As a reminder there will be no pizza or pop served.

New Meeting Format

By Dave West

Hello Barnstormers! Dave West here – your new Vice President. One of the tasks of this office is to organize entertainment at the club meetings. Years ago we had two meetings a month; one business, one entertainment. These were combined into a single monthly meeting and then further compressed when the library moved up our end time. With your help, President Mike Maciejewski and I will attempt to bring a little more entertainment back into the meetings. Don't worry, we're not making the meetings longer or more frequent – we're just changing the format a little.

The meetings will start with 30 to 45 minutes of club business, followed by a 5 minute coffee break, then concluding with 30 to 45 minutes of "entertainment". To make this work we've really got to keep things moving along. Everyone can help by being on time (the meetings start at 7:00), keeping discussions on topic, paying attention, being respectful of those speaking, and avoiding disruptive side conversations.

Entertainment

The entertainment section of the meeting will include old favorites (member airplane show-and-tell, a door prize and turkey drawing, and roll-over raffle) and some new features:

Crash-of-the-month – (This idea stolen from the Prop Masters) Anyone who had a mishap in the last month will briefly describe what happened, why, and how they might prevent it in the future.

The club will vote on the best crash story and the winner will get a "special prize". It is said that it is a wise man who learns from his mistakes. Well, it is an even wiser man that learns from the mistakes of others.

Glue-of-the-month – Adhesives play a big role in our hobby. Each month we will feature a different glue with the members sharing opinions and tips on its use. That special prize for the crash-of-the-month winner? A sample of the glue-of-the-month of course! The glue for January is foam-safe CA.

Featured Speaker – At each meeting I would like to have someone share their experience or expertise on some aspect of our hobby. Most of the time this will be a club member (I am looking for volunteers). This is not a long-winded ultra-detailed exposition, just a 15 to 20 minute look into something of interest to our membership. Members wanting more details can contact the speaker at a later time or if there is wide interest we can have the speaker back at another meeting.

For January, our featured speaker will be John Howe (perhaps with assistance from Jeff Peca). John and Jeff acquired fiberglass molds for two giant-scale fuselages. John will share his experience with laying up fiberglass parts and show us the mold and finished product.

See you at the meeting!

The Way it Was

By Keith Egging

Before ARF'S, foam, electric flight, super glue, die cutting, or laser cutting, "REAL" modelers had to have patience and real skills to do the things you wimpy-spoiled "modelers" take for granted.

No gyros, computer radios, LiPo's, epoxies, iron on films, or hot melt. The only digital things you owned were your fingers.

Most of you probably never had to make your own tube radio from scratch, or your own escapement (rubber band powered 3 position servo). In the "good ol' days" you got a box with some balsa blocks, balsa sheets with parts printed on them, a bunch of strips of balsa, some tissue (for the covering) and a sheet of instructions that said to cut out parts, glue parts together, cover and dope to look like the picture on the box.

Armed with some Ambroid glue, a pack of Gillette Blue Blades, a piece of sandpaper, (Do you even know which side of the sandpaper to use?), some dope, some pins, you would end up with an "airplane" that in your minds eye was the most beautiful thing ever to grace the sky, even though in reality it looked like crap and flew even worse.

But, your next one looked and flew a little bit better. And so on and so on. After many years/decades of arduously and tenaciously building, you developed knowledge and skill sets from many different disciplines that served you very well through life as well as modeling. There's no question, "REAL" modeling is the second most enjoyable thing in life.

Today, the most demanding task in modeling seems to be going to the store (or Internet) to

pick it up. There was a time when the only thing that came from China was fireworks. Now to get something actually made in the U.S.A. is the demanding task.

Do I sound like my Grandfather as he prattled on about the good ol' days and 25 cent dinners? Yeah, probably. The last receiver I bought cost \$9 more than the first car I bought. Do I sound anti-progress, probably do, but in reality I love the advances that we made. I can't imagine building and not using MonoKote, CA, or a 2.4 radio. Every once and a while I'll still use some Ambroid, usually as a fillet, just so the memories (and aroma) will flood back to a simpler (albeit more challenging) time.

Those of you that are the "modern modeler" should take a minute to realize that you stand on the shoulders of giants of many that went before that made your hobby of today possible. Mostly I envy you. Being able to have the best plane at the field your first time out with no effort other than skillful use of a credit card. In other ways I pity you, as you will probably never learn the arts of the past that made the hobby truly enjoyable to many modelers.

For a great view of the past, the following links offer a world modeling history. Actually, the whole site is great, but the following 3 are "Must See"

Enjoy,
Keith Egging

http://www.collectair.com/Model_Airplanes.html
<http://www.collectair.com/vintageengines.html>
<http://www.collectair.com/index.html>

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 Phone: 630-351-7194

Rumour Has it...

There is a recall on all Futaba 7Cs with serial numbers beginning with the first two digits 07. There is a problem binding with a receiver that has previously been bound. There is a free firmware fix at Futaba Support.

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